

The Family Ministries Team at Mulberry is excited to begin the Lending Library for the 3K class at the Mulberry Children's Center for the 2024-2025 school year. The Lending Library meets each Thursday at 10:00 in the daycare. Our volunteers bring the mobile library cart downstairs and help the children choose two books to take home to read with their families. After check-out the volunteers read a story with the children.

This ministry has become extremely important to those of us who volunteer and to the children and teachers of the daycare. We would like to invite you to join this ministry with us. These are ways you can help:

- Each child has received a personalized "book satchel" in which they place their two library books. If you'd like to make a donation to help cover the cost of the children's book satchel it would be greatly appreciated.
- The books on the library cart are a collection of Old and New Testament Bible stories from our Mulberry Sunday School as well as books that have been donated by families and circles. If you or your family have books that are appropriate for pre-readers please consider donating those books to our ministry.
- We will also be participating with our local library program 1000 Books Before Kindergarten which encourages families to read to their pre-school children. As part of this program children are "rewarded" at 100 book milestone achievements. We would like to offer small rewards such as bookmarks or other small tokens when the children reach those milestones. If you would like to donate to help provide these rewards it would be appreciated as well.
- We also need more volunteers to help with check out and story time. We want to have enough volunteers so that we all only volunteer once a month. We need you to consider helping with us.
- Our team of librarians includes Mary Anne Gaudry, Anne McCrary, Nita Smith, Cecile Mitchell, Jodi Palmer, and Mildred Howard. Julia Magda and Erin Darley are our faithful team leaders and Linda Cloaninger is our great encourager.

It is a blessing to spend time weekly and share our love of books, Jesus and children. If you would like to join our team or help out in any way listed above please notify Nita Smith at [smithevelyn248@gmail.com](mailto:smithevelyn248@gmail.com) or 478-361-3928. We will have a planning meeting on Thursday, August 22 at 10:00 a.m. in the Children's Blue Room on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor and we invite you to join us.