

QUARTERLY REPORT

The latest news and updates



A Season of Growth and Connection

As we welcome spring, we're seeing meaningful growth across our programs and in the community partnerships that make our work possible.

Our Reading Soul Mates program continues to give students the confidence they need to become strong readers. We recently shared its impact with the Rotary Club of Gastonia and YMCA area directors, highlighting how one-on-one mentoring is helping young readers build confidence and strengthen their skills.

We're also looking forward to our Meet the Author Luncheon on April 22nd, a celebration of literacy and a vital source of support for our programs.

At the same time, demand for our ESL program remains high. We are working to assess and place new learners while reducing our waiting list and expanding access to instruction.

As always, thank you for being part of this work. Whether you volunteer, attend events, advocate for our mission, or support us financially, you are helping build a more literate, confident, and connected Gaston County.

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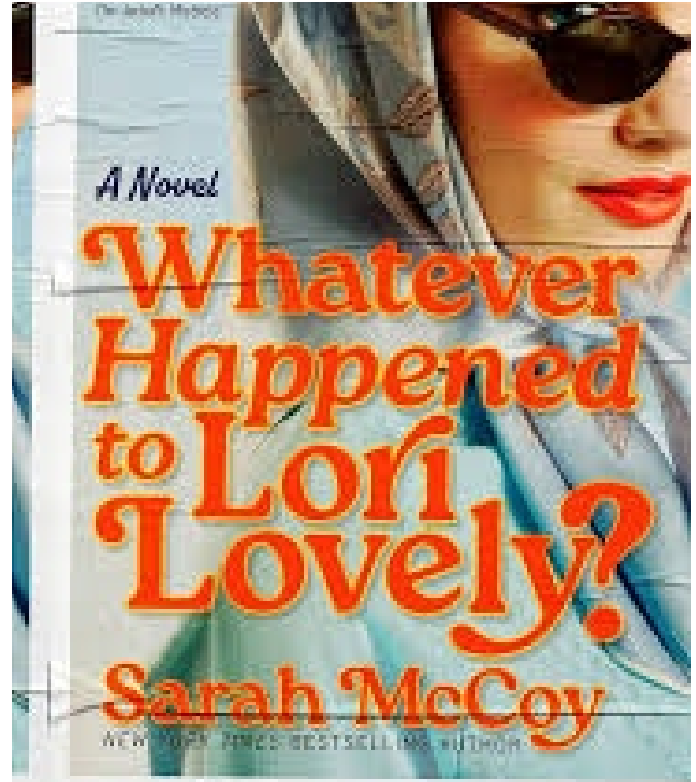
18th Annual Meet the Author Luncheon

Join us on April 22, 2026, at Gaston Country Club for our annual Meet the Author Luncheon, featuring acclaimed author Sarah McCoy. This special event brings our community together to celebrate the power of stories and the impact of literacy across Gaston County.

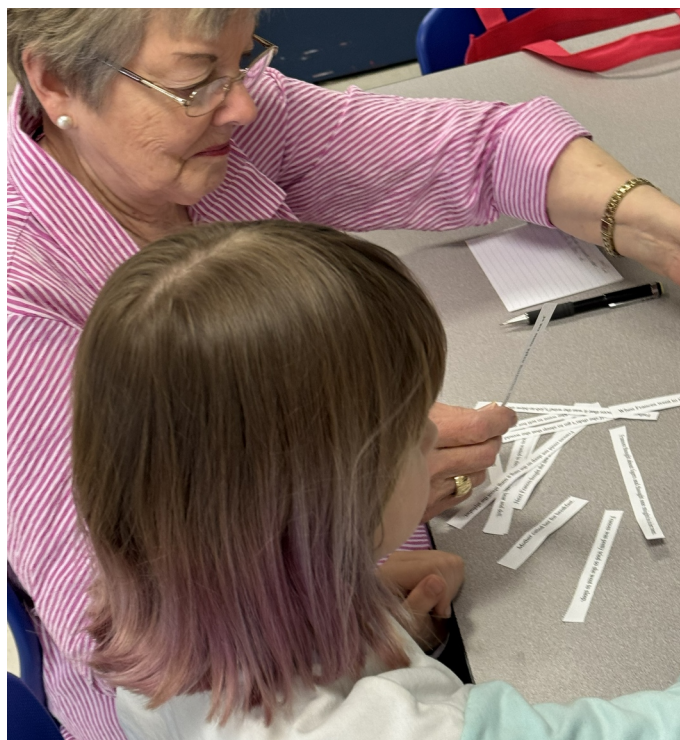
Guests will enjoy a delightful luncheon, an engaging presentation from Sarah McCoy, and the opportunity to participate in our silent auction, featuring a curated selection of unique items and experiences.

Proceeds from this event directly support our literacy programs, including Reading Soul Mates, ESL, and Adult Literacy, helping children and adults build the skills they need to succeed.

Tickets are still available! Scan the QR code to purchase.



Transforming Lives Through Literacy



Partnering for Readers: Our Work with Gaston County Schools

At the heart of Reading Soul Mates is a simple but powerful idea: every child deserves someone in their corner.

Through our partnership with Gaston County Schools, Reading Soul Mates pairs trained volunteer mentors one-on-one with second graders who are reading below grade level building not just skills, but relationships rooted in encouragement and belief.

This year, we serve approximately 280 students across 18 schools. But an estimated 100 more second graders are still waiting for a Reading Soul Mate of their own.

We are pursuing grant funding to help close that gap, and individuals can make a difference too. Your gift helps place books in students' hands to build their home libraries and equips our volunteers with the training materials they need to show up ready for every child they serve.

Volunteer. Give. Help us reach those 100 kids.