Bridging the Gap with The Boxmobile
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A Little About Me

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Laying the Foundation

• Time to Read Program
• Family Success Alliance Partnership
• LSTA Grant Process
• School and Community Center Meetings
Our Goals for Outreach

• Books and learning opportunities for underserved children
• Develop new and strengthen existing partnerships with organizations serving children and families
• Build a foundation for children’s outreach services
Why a Boxmobile?

• It’s not a Bookmobile 😊
• Orange County Access Divide
• Achievement Gap
• Time to Read* program limitations
• Community initiatives
• Community Center interests
• Student Easy Access Accounts
How does having/not having a Bookmobile impact your Outreach services?
Building the Boxmobile

- Equipment Needed
- Space
- Books
  - High Interest
  - Windows and Mirrors
  - New Titles
The Inevitable Road Blocks!

- Student Account Delays
- Meeting Difficulties
- Timing

I needed to take a new route
How have you had to adjust or adapt a program/service in order to overcome barriers or issues?
Media Centers to Afterschool

• 393 Books from Nov-Feb
Bumps in the Road

- Communication with Parents
- Names
- Automatic Notices
- Technology
Community Centers

- Program Planning
- Open Checkouts
- Attendance
- Efland Cheeks staff changes
- Tutoring at Cedar Grove
- Book Drop Boxes
How do you use community spaces other than your library building to reach children and families?
And then came Covid...

- Closings
- Changing Priorities
- Safety
- Lack of Closure
- Summer Learning
Summer Book Giveaways

• Community Centers
• Summer Lunch Program
• Safety Protocols
How have you been able to continue Outreach to children/families during Covid?
Future of the Program...

- Grant Year Two
- School Expansion
- Zoom Meetings
- Strategic Planning
- Navigating Covid
Questions for Me
Is there anything else you would like to share with the group?
Thank You