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WABE Partners with Metro Atlanta Indie Bookstores and Libraries for “Read Across Atlanta” Event

Simultaneous Storytelling Sessions Celebrate Launch of New WABE Studios Show *The Podcast Where They Read Stories*

Atlanta (February 26, 2024) – March is National Reading Month, and [WABE](#), Atlanta’s choice for NPR and PBS, is organizing a citywide READ ACROSS ATLANTA storytelling event, uniting independent bookstores and public libraries across the metro Atlanta area. The event, scheduled for Saturday, March 16 at 11 a.m., celebrates the debut of a new storytime series for WABE's youngest listeners, [THE PODCAST WHERE THEY READ STORIES](#).

Participating bookstores and libraries span Carroll, Cobb, Cherokee, DeKalb, Douglas, Fulton, Gwinnett, Haralson, Heard, Henry, Paulding, Rockdale, and Walton counties. A full list of locations is at [EVENTBRITE.com](#), where people can register for the event in advance for the chance to win free WABE swag.

"WABE's inaugural READ ACROSS ATLANTA event is intended to not only connect our community to the power of storytelling but also to amplify the role area bookstores and libraries play as gathering spots for all," said Aisha Greenlee, WABE Director of Community Outreach & Partnerships.

At each WABE READ ACROSS ATLANTA location, readers designated by the library or bookstore will share stories from children’s books from local authors such as *The Magician’s Hat* by Malcolm Mitchell; *You Only Live Once*, *David Bravo* by Mark Shapiro, and *My Jasper June* by Laurel Snyder and children’s classics like *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz* by L. Frank Baum, *My Father’s Dragon* by Ruth Stiles Gannett, *Alice’s Adventures in Wonderland* by Lewis Carroll,

and *The Jungle Book* by Rudyard Kipling. Select locations will host a notable Atlantan as a special “Mystery Reader.”

The Podcast Where They Read Stories, which premiered Tuesday, February 20, is a twice-weekly storytime podcast featuring notable Atlantans and local performers reading children’s books, plus mini-explainers for vocabulary words, historical figures, or other big concepts that deserve a “story within the story.” *The Podcast Where They Read Stories* is available on [WABE.org/podcasts](https://www.wabe.org/podcasts) and other podcast platforms.

About WABE

WABE is Atlanta’s original, independent, non-profit source for news and local stories and the choice for NPR and PBS. Our stations deliver fact-based journalism and inclusive, engaging, cultural content that informs, inspires, reflects, and empowers the millions who call the Greater Atlanta area home. In addition, WABE’s programs, podcasts, and events make Atlanta’s stories and storytellers accessible and relevant across various platforms for our diverse audience of listeners, viewers, visitors, and members. WABE original programming, along with national NPR and PBS content, is available on WABE 90.1FM, WABE.org, WABE TV (PBS-30), and WABE-HD1/ WABE-HD2 as well as streaming on the WABE Mobile App, Hulu + Live, YouTube TV, Chromecast, PBS.org, Local Now, Roku, Android TV & mobile, Amazon Fire TV & tablets, iOS, tvOs, Android TV live streams. Go to [wabe.org](https://www.wabe.org) for additional information.

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