

NANCY HART LITERACY COUNCIL

THE 14TH Hart County Spelling Bee, sponsored by the Nancy Hart Literacy Council, was held on March 12 at the Hart County Adult Learning Center. Six teams participated in the event. The first place team was the Episcopells, sponsored by St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, with members Ann Harper, Kathryn Allen and Charles Rushing. Second place was the Spellbusters, sponsored by the Hart County Chamber of Commerce, with members Ruth Austin, Cheri Meitz and Nicki Meyer. The winning word was "instauration".

The event raised approximately \$13,000 to benefit the Adult Learning Center.

Betty Hulsey
 Executive Director



Spelling bee winners (L-R) Charles Rushing, Anne Harper and Kathryn Allen.



The wining team for best costume was Dalmation Divas, sponsored by the Nancy Hart Garden Club. Members: Ashley Crooks, Megan Cobb and Amber Smith

CLINCH COUNTY CLCP

CLINCH COUNTY HAS 7 new Little Free Libraries where residents can take and exchange books. The libraries came about as a collaborative effort among several community partners, including the local city government. The construction materials were purchased with funds donated by the County Sheriff's Department. The libraries were constructed by the Clinch County High School Shop classes and painted by members of the Homerville Service League with the design guidance of the community's Main Street Manager.



Books for the libraries were provided by the surplus of the Clinch County Public Library and the surplus of the Clinch County Elementary and Middle schools. To date, the project has received more than 400 books.

Each library has a voluntary steward assigned to do weekly checks, re-stock, and assure that the libraries stay in good condition. There is a folder in each library with instructions (take/return, take/keep, and drop off books), flyers for GED classes, and a sign-in sheet to track how many books are being exchanged.

Many of the libraries are being installed in parks because they are visited by both children and parents, allowing the adults the opportunity to read to their children and model reading for other children.



Jennifer Smith
 Executive Director

LITERACY VOLUNTEERS OF TIFTON-TIFT COUNTY

LITERACY VOLUNTEERS of Tifton-Tift County board members Dr. John Hamm, Treasurer Klinton Guess, Director Bonnie Sayles, and President Sharonda Murphy-Henton joined David Evans, Vice President of Operations, on July 1 at the unveiling of the new sign at Southern Regional Technical College, Tifton, formerly known as Moultrie Technical College, Tifton Campus.



(L-R) Dr. John Hamm, Klinton Guess, David Evans, Bonnie Sayles, and Sharonda Murphy-Henton

LITERACY VOLUNTEERS of Tifton-Tift County and the Tifton Hispanic Soccer League joined forces with the Tiftarea YMCA for Literacy Volunteers' fourth annual Soccer for Literacy Tournament on May 17.

Team *Hidalgo* (Spanish for "gentlemen") won the final Men's Championship. Winning the Women's Championship was *Divinas* (Spanish for "divine"). Team Banana won in the 6 to 8-year-old children's group and the older Team Banana won the 8 to 10-year-old competition. Scholastic Reader children's books featuring soccer were distributed to the players.



The Soccer for Literacy 2015 winning men's team: Hidalgo

"We do this event to support and show our appreciation for the language programs of Literacy Volunteers," said Cruz Olalde, who, with Francisco Perez, coordinated activities between the Hispanic Soccer League and Literacy Volunteers.

Dr. John Hamm, event chairman, Literacy Volunteers board member and ESL tutor, said, "We had a successful tournament and fundraiser, thanks to the Hispanic Soccer

League and the YMCA. We also were able to get our services advertised among the Hispanic community."

The event had a festival atmosphere with vendors selling authentic Mexican food and fruit drinks. All vendors shared proceeds with Literacy Volunteers.



Dina Willis (L) and Victoria Horst (R) of the Tifton-Tift County Public Library read "Martina, the Beautiful Cockroach" in Spanish and English to children at the soccer tournament.

Sponsors were Alan Parrish Farms, Bell Plantation, Lewis Taylor Farms, Quality Employment Service Inc., Southeastern Federal Credit Union, and Tift Regional Medical Center. Their support provided promotion costs for the event and workbooks for the English language instruction classes held Monday and Wednesday evenings at Our Divine Savior Catholic Church.

Bonnie Sayles
Executive Director

SUMTER COUNTY LEARNING FOR EVERYONE, INC.

LEARNING FOR EVERYONE, Inc. (or LEAP) is grateful to receive \$12,000 from the Mattie Marshall Foundation to continue promoting Adult Education and providing volunteer mentors for students in the Sumter County School System.

IN JUNE, the Dollar General Literacy Foundation awarded Learning for Everyone, Inc. a \$5,000 grant to support adult literacy. "Addressing adult illiteracy is vital to the success of our community and local economy," said Brittany Dawson, Executive Director of LEAP. Rick Dreiling, chairman and CEO of Dollar General, said, "It's exciting to see the Dollar General Literacy Foundation's outreach in action as we partner with organizations to further education and literacy and make a real difference in people's lives."

Learning for Everyone, Inc. provides GED Testing Scholarships and transportation vouchers to students enrolled in Adult Education classes at South Georgia Technical College. These incentives ease the path toward earning a GED diploma.

Brittany Dawson
Executive Director

GAINESVILLE/HALL ALLIANCE FOR LITERACY

THE ALLIANCE is once again providing books for the annual Cooley Drive Summer Reading Program. Children attending are able to pick out a new book to take home after each session.

ON MAY 12 the Alliance hosted its 24th annual Brain-Teasing, Crowd-Pleasing Good-Time Romp of a Spelling Bee. Nine teams participated in the event and raised about \$12,000 for literacy efforts in Hall County. The event was featured in a news story in the *Gainesville Times*.



Photo by Erin O. Smith, *Gainesville Times*

Dorothy Shinafelt
Executive Director

DECATUR COUNTY CLCP



(L-R from back) Shymiracle Reid
Brett Scott, Stephen Starr, Aaron Horne, Deandre Gadson
Nastassia Cheeks, Desiree Hascue, and Emily Cunningham

Bainbridge State College's Adult Education program held its 2015 GED Graduation on May 14, at the Charles H. Kirbo Regional Center, with eight graduates participating in the ceremony.

Debbie McIntyre, Director of Adult Education, welcomed the graduates and the audience. Dr. Rodney Carr, Vice-President of Student Affairs and keynote speaker for the evening shared the struggles he

CLCP Websites:

Athens-Clarke	www.athensliteracy.org
Baldwin County	www.milledgeville.communitiesinschools.org
Calhoun-Gordon County	www.calhouncountyliteracy.org
Catoosa County	www.catoosacitizensforliteracy.org
Cobb County	www.cobbworks.org
Columbus-Muscogee	www.theliteracyalliance.org
Coweta County	www.clickcoweta.org
DeKalb County	www.dekalbcouncil.org
Forsyth County	www.literacyforsyth.org
Habersham County	www.vflhabersham.com
Hall County	www.allianceforliteracy.org
Jackson County	www.jacksoncountyclcp.org
Lumpkin County	www.lumpkinliteracy.org
Macon County	www.literacycouncilofmaconcounty.weebly.com
Peach County	www.peach-leap.org
Sumter County	www.learningforeveryone.org
Tift County	www.tiftlv.org
Troup County	www.troupcclcp.org
Winder-Barrow County	www.adultliteracybarrow.org
State CLCP website	www.clcpga.org

LITERACY EDUCATION FOR ADULTS IN PEACH (LEAP), INC.

FAMILY CONNECTION partnered with LEAP and about 20 more agencies to host a Community Resource Fair in June. It was a successful event with more than 200 in attendance. Valuable information was shared by various agencies along with recruitment for ESL, and Adult Education classes. Children received educational gifts, free books, and safety lessons from the Peach County Fire Department and they enjoyed snacks and a bounce house.

Plans are under way to collaborate with the City of Fort Valley and other organizations for a Back to School Bash in August.

Mildred Lindsey
Executive Director



(L-R, front) Wilma Williams, Melissa Ross, Sondra Franceil (L-R, back) Martha Bright, Mildred Lindsey (CLCP/LEAP Executive Director), Mary Ann van Hartesfeldt, Angela Warren, and Sheila Rahim (Peach County Family Connection Coordinator)

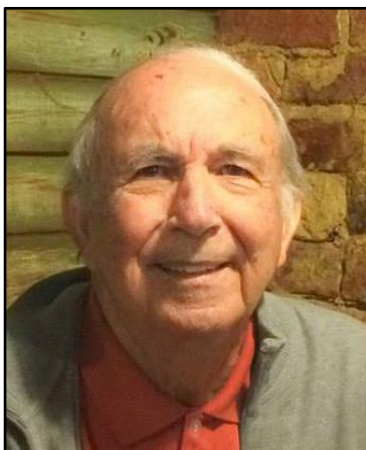
experienced while in college, and appreciated the enormous effort each student met to be at graduation.

“Celebrate today by placing a milestone marker in the ground saying this is where it all started—and where you learned you can do whatever goal you set for yourself,” he said.

Dr. Richard Carvajal, President of BSC, presented each graduate with a certificate of completion and the Decatur County CLCP hosted a reception following the ceremony.

Debbie McIntyre
Executive Director

CALHOUN-GORDON COUNCIL FOR A LITERATE COMMUNITY



Lamar Wayne Minshew
June 9, 1936–April 29, 2015

BOARD MEMBERS OF the Calhoun-Gordon Council for a Literate Community voted unanimously to rename one of its legacy events in honor of Wayne Minshew, who passed away in April after several months of declining health. As a lasting tribute to the memory of the Council’s second Executive Director, the GEDD Wall of Honor will become known as the Wayne Minshew Wall of Honor.

The GEDD Award was only one of Wayne’s many contributions, but it was his personal favorite. He took great pleasure in celebrating the accomplishments of former students and considered the award the Council’s “Oscar”.

The award is presented each year to a Georgia Northwestern Technical College alumnus who has accomplished significant professional success after earning the GED diploma.

THE CALHOUN-GORDON Council for a Literate Community sponsored the Gordon County Chamber of Commerce Booster Breakfast on May 29 in the Georgia Northwestern Technical College conference center. Gretchen Corbin, Commissioner of the Technical College System of Georgia, was the guest speaker.

“The Council was thrilled to have Gretchen Corbin as our guest speaker and is very grateful to Kathy Johnson, President of the Gordon County Chamber of Commerce, for her gracious assistance in securing Corbin’s appearance,” said Kim Brazell, President of the Calhoun-Gordon Council for a Literate Community and Director of Marketing for Gordon Hospital. “We knew this would be a successful, well-attended event and that Commissioner Corbin’s comments would be interesting to the business community.”

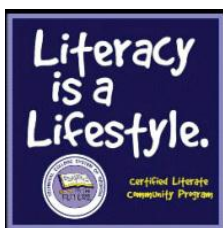


(L–R) Billie Izard, State Director of the Certified Literate Community Program; Pete McDonald, President of GNTC; Gretchen Corbin, Commissioner of the Technical College System of Georgia; and Kathy Johnson, President of the Gordon County Chamber of Commerce

Joni Thomas Harbin
Executive Director

CLCP Information

CLCP is an innovative program designed to promote community literacy and improve literacy levels throughout Georgia. If you are interested in starting a CLCP in your community, **Contact Billie Izard at 404-679-5256** or bizard@tcsg.edu or CLCP, TCSG, 1800 Century Place NE, Suite 300, Atlanta, GA 30345.



CLCP PROGRESS

TEN CRAWFORD SCHOLARSHIPS have been awarded for 2015. The recipients are:

- Karen Duncan and Santa Farris, nominated by Pickens County CLCP
- Derek Wade Grimard, nominated by Taylor County CLCP
- Jasmin Heard, nominated by Coweta County CLICK
- Regina Hendrix and Daniel Troutman, nominated by Literacy Action
- Nathaniel Orr, nominated by Upson County READ
- Vivian Purvis, nominated by Jackson County CLCP
- Cassandra Rutledge, nominated by Chattooga County Literacy Council
- and William-Michael Worley-Johnson, nominated by Catoosa Citizens for Literacy

The recipients will be attending Chattahoochee, Georgia Northwestern, Lanier, Southern Crescent and West Georgia Technical Colleges, Georgia Perimeter College and Atlanta Metropolitan State College. Each will receive a \$575 scholarship.

SEVEN SHIRLEY CARVER MILLER Scholarships have been awarded for 2015. The recipients are:

- Brigitte Accary and Amanda Gail Smith, nominated by Hall County Alliance for Literacy
- Karen Duncan and Santa Farris, nominated by Pickens County CLCP
- Derek Wade Grimard, nominated by Taylor County CLCP
- Vivian Purvis, nominated by Jackson County CLCP
- and William-Michael Worley-Johnson, nominated by Catoosa Citizens for Literacy

The recipients will be attending Lanier, Chattahoochee, Southern Crescent and Georgia Northwestern Technical Colleges. Each will receive a \$500 scholarship.

CLCP CALENDAR

Spelling Bees

Athens-Clarke County..... August 23
Lumpkin County.....September 24
Hart County.....March 10

Dancing for a Cause

Gainesville/Hall County.....August 29

GED Graduation

Gainesville/Hall County.....September 17

Lip-Synch for Literacy

Pierce County.....September 29

CLCP Director's Meetings

Grand Hyatt Atlanta.....September 29
Annual Retreat (location TBA).....March 29–31

Newsletter Submission Deadlines

October Newsletter.....September 30
January Newsletter.....December 11

Award Nomination Deadlines

Georgia Press Association Award.....December 18
CLCP Honor Roll.....January 29

CLCP Annual Reports Due:

FY 15.....September 30
Calendar Year 2015.....January 22

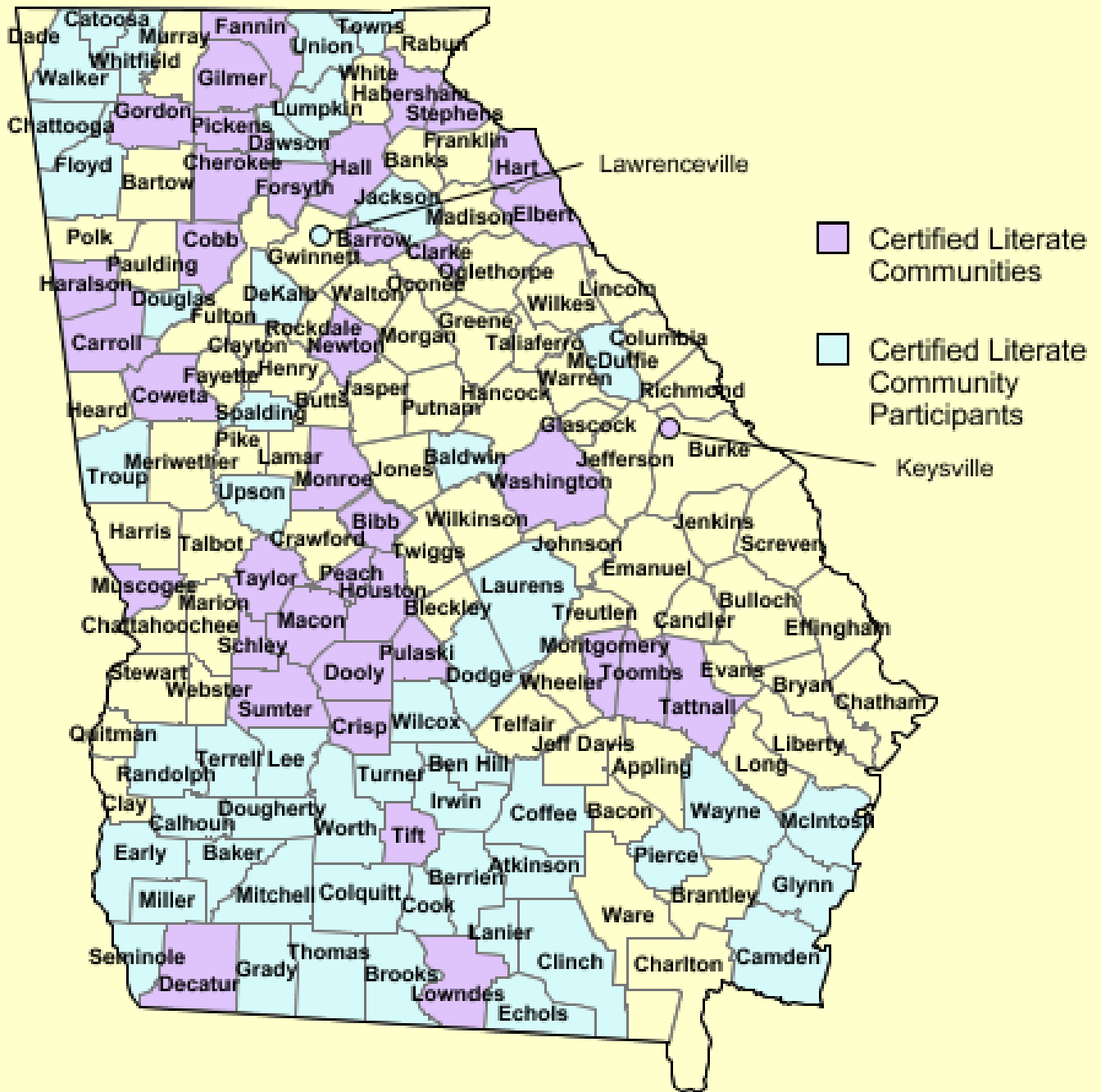
Certified Literate Communities

Barrow County / Adult Literacy Barrow / Dr. Ron Saunders / 770-531-3363
Bibb County / DREAM Team / Phyllis Dorn / 478 960-2804
Carroll County / Literacy Is For Today and Tomorrow (LIFT) / Alicia Michael / 770-214-9300
Cherokee County / Cherokee Education Enhancement Foundation (inactive)
Clarke County / Athens-Clarke Literacy Council / Annice Ritter / 706-254-9877
Cobb County / Cobb Literacy Council / Judy Venable / 770-528-4617
Coweta County / Certified Literate is Coweta's Key (CLICK) / Dianne McConnell / 678-423-2000 x339
Crisp County / Crisp County CLCP / Faith Collins / 229-273-1565
Decatur County / Decatur County CLCP / Debbie McIntyre / 229-248-2517
Dooly County / Dooly County CLCP / Bernetta Childs / 478-957-6340
Elbert County / Community Partnership of Elbert County (inactive)
Fannin County / Fannin Literacy Action Group (FLAG) / Amanda Callihan / 706-946-3524
Forsyth County / Literacy Forsyth / Rebecca Eller / 770-876-2011
Gilmer County / Gilmer Learning Center / Dan Meadows / 706-276-1110
Gordon County / Calhoun-Gordon Council for a Literate Community / Joni Thomas Harbin / 706-602-1370
Habersham County / Volunteers for Literacy of Habersham County / Joy Purcell / 706-776-4063
Hall County / Gainesville/Hall County Alliance for Literacy / Dorothy Shinafelt / 770-531-3358
Haralson County / Learning Always Means Progress (LAMP) / Betty Candler / 770-537-6059
Hart County / Nancy Hart Literacy Council / Betty Hulsey / 706-376-5534
Houston County / Houston County Joint Certified Literate Community Program / 478-218-3288
City of Keysville / Visions of Literacy (inactive)
Lowndes County / Valdosta/Lowndes CLCP / Karil Brockington / 229-247-8100
Macon County / Literacy Council of Macon County / Spring Rosati / 478-472-2777
Monroe County / Monroe County Adult and Community Education (ACE) / Lisa Lee / 478-954-0714
Muscogee County / Columbus Literacy Alliance / Barbara Moushon / 706-748-2610
Newton County / Newton County Community Partnership / Laura Bertram / 770-786-0807
Peach County / Literacy Education for Adults in Peach (LEAP) / Mildred Lindsey / 478-825-9407
Pickens County / Pickens County CLCP / Amy Denney / 678-314-4077
Pulaski County / Hope, Education, Learning and Progress Network (HELPNetwork) / Vera Clark / 478-783-2918
Schley County / Schley County CLCP / Linda Adams / 229-937-5708
Southeastern (Montgomery/Tattnall/Toombs Counties) / Southeastern CLCP (inactive)
Stephens County / Stephens Education Literacy Foundation (SELF) (inactive)
Sumter County / Learning for Everyone...Avenue to Progress (LEAP) / Brittany Dawson / 229-924-9443
Taylor County / Taylor County Striving to Teach Adults to Reach for Success (STARS) / Alton Ford / 478-847-5168 x5168
Tift County / Literacy Volunteers of Tifton-Tift County / Bonnie Sayles / 229-391-2527
Washington County / Washington County Alliance for Literacy / 478-240-2092

Certified Literate Community Participants

Baldwin County / Baldwin County CLCP / Sandy Baxter / 478-452-3408
Catoosa County / Catoosa Citizens for Literacy / Shirley Smith / 706-965-8275
Chattooga County / Chattooga County Literacy Council / Rose Kohler / 706-734-2206
Clinch County / Clinch County CLCP / Jennifer Smith / 912-487-5799
Coastal Georgia / Coastal Georgia CLCP (inactive)
Dawson County / Reading Education Association of Dawson (READ) / Sandra Lipkowitz / 706-579-1771
DeKalb County / DeKalb Council on Literacy / Lucie Johnson / 678-733-0887
Dodge County / Dodge County CLCP / Debbie Connell / 478-374-1997
Dougherty County / Dougherty County Literacy Council (inactive)
Douglas County / Learning for Every Adult in Douglas (LEAD) / Janice Johnson / 770-942-5022 x12
Early County / Early County Literacy Task Force / Gwen Houston / 229-723-5122
Floyd County / Rome/Floyd County Alliance for a Literate Workforce (inactive)
Jackson County / Jackson County CLCP / Sandra Fite / 706-367-8574
Laurens County / Laurens County CLCP / Jackie Pittman Curtis / 478-277-4582
City of Lawrenceville / Lawrenceville Certified Literate Community Coalition (inactive)
Lumpkin County / Lumpkin County Literacy Coalition / Julie Leibel / 706-867-9607
McDuffie County / McDuffie County Partners for Success / Miriam Smith / 706-595-3112
Pierce County / Pierce County CLCP / Stephanie Bell / 912-449-8480
Randolph County / Reading Educates And Delivers Success (READS) / Kuanita Murphy / 229-732-3796
Southwest Regional / Southwest Regional CLCP / Jessica Jennings / 229-522-3565
Spalding County / Griffin/Spalding Certified Literate Community Commission / Terri Huddleston / 770-228-0729
Terrell County / Reading Here Is Number One (RHINO) / Margaret Halbrook / 229-995-2011
Towns/Union / Towns Union Literacy Instills Pride (TULIP) (inactive)
Troup County / Troup County CLCP / Debbie Burdette / 706-756-4645
Turner County / Turner County CLCP / Greg Millette / 229-567-3413
Upson County / Renewed Education and Adult Development (READ) / David Koplun / 706-601-5551
Walker County / Walker County Alliance for Literacy (inactive)
Wayne County / Wayne Literacy Alliance / Margaret Jacobs / 912-427-5818
Whitfield County / Education is Essential Foundation (inactive)
Wiregrass North / Wiregrass North CLCP / Alice B. Hobson / 229-468-2278
Wiregrass South / Wiregrass South CLCP / Judy Stewart / 229-468-2207

Certified Literate Community Program of Georgia



Certified Literate Communities: 37 counties / 1 city
Certified Literate Community Participants: 50 counties / 1 city