**Nineteenth Book Nook Confirmed in Whitfield County:**
Readers to Leaders’ 19th Book Nook, or children’s bookshelf placed in a waiting area in the community, will be placed at the Whitfield Correctional Facility in the upcoming weeks. Combined, all 18 current Book Nooks have distributed more than 2,500 books to area children.

**Readers to Leaders Receives Grant:**
Readers to Leaders have received a $600 grant to help pay for one of its newest literacy initiatives. Ms. Frizzle, popular storybook teacher from The Magic School Bus, will “visit” four Dalton City Schools in October. Ms. Frizzle made an appearance at the recent Readers to Leaders Book Blast this summer, and she will be back by popular demand but this time in the classroom. A picture of Ms. Frizzle with her class pet, Liz, at this summer’s Book Blast can be viewed below.

**Whitfield County Selected as an Early Education Empowerment Zone (E3Z) Grant Recipient:**
Announced from Bright from the Start on September 10, 2014, Whitfield County has been selected as an Early Education Empowerment Zone grant recipient. The grant will bring 1.2 million dollars (over a three year period) into the Dalton-Whitfield community for Early Education purposes and will be shared with four other counties in our area - Catoosa, Murray, Gilmer, and Gordon. The selected zones will promote early education system reform initiatives that support better outcomes for young children. This is great news for our region, as well as Georgia. Archway Professionals Katy Green and Melissa Lu collaborated with multiple local organizations to host the E3Z award committee’s visit to Dalton-Whitfield County on July 29.