

# Putnam Reads

Special Issue



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## Special Eblast

### Cathy's Corner

Dear Friends:

Perhaps many of you, especially those of you who live in the lake area, have heard of The Victory Train in Greene County. The Victory Train's mission is to empower parents to provide essential learning experiences for their children from birth to kindergarten. This is important because kindergarten-readiness is a key predictor of a child's future academic and economic success.

I have often hoped for such a program here in Putnam County, and now we hope to start a Victory Train in our county. Theresa Kemp developed the program approximately 10 years ago for Greene County, and the community there has come together to embrace and take ownership of the vision. Theresa is coming to **The Plaza Arts Center on Tues., Mar. 3 at noon** to share details of this amazing program and how we can bring it to the children and families of our county.

If you would like to learn more about The Victory Train and how our community can significantly improve school readiness and academic performance of the children in our county, please see the link in the flyer below to sign up for lunch and Theresa's presentation. Lunch will be served at noon, and when everyone has been seated, Theresa will talk to us for about 20 minutes and then take questions. If your schedule is tight and you cannot stay the entire time, please join us for as long as you can that day.

The link below will also allow you to leave your email to receive further details about the Victory Train movement if you are unable to attend our session on March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please feel free to share this information with others who might be interested in supporting The Victory Train in Putnam County.

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## All aboard The Victory Train® bound for Putnam County!

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Interested in strengthening kindergarten readiness in Putnam County? Join us to learn about Victory Train® and how you can help start a local affiliate. Lunch will be provided.

**Tuesday, March 3, 2026 | 12PM - 1PM**

Plaza Arts Center • 305 N. Madison Avenue • Eatonton, GA

RSVP via the QR code by February 23rd.



<https://forms.gle/hEfzuN9VxWUzNsA2A>

We look forward to welcoming you aboard!

For more info on the program, visit [victorytrain.org](http://victorytrain.org).