For 20 years, Bydester Hall has brought the library to Fairfield's outlying areas

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LAKE WATEREE - For approximately 20 years, Bydester Hall of Winnsboro has been driving the Fairfield County Library's Bookmobile, bringing books to children, seniors and shut-ins.

"Miss B," as the children call her, or "By," as she is known to adults, leaves the Winnsboro library at 10:30 a.m. for her Ridgeway/Wateree route. She alternates her delivery of books from three days one week to two days the next week.

All the people on "By's" route were concerned for her when she was sick recently, and are happy to see her back and doing so well.

Hall loves her job, and as the mother of two daughters herself, delights in seeing the children visit the bookmobile to select their books.

One of Hall's many stops is the home of Paul and Shirley Gra-

ham on Dutchman Road at Lake Wateree. The Graham children, Joseph, 5, and twin girls Charlotte and Emily, 8, are so excited when the bookmobile arrives. Joseph likes books about bugs. The girls enjoy the "American Girl" series, and are members of an American Girls club comprised of home-schooled students, who meet once a month in Camden. There, the girls discuss the books, and many times act out a particular event that has taken place in the book, such as a tea party or making a craft.

Emily also enjoys books about cats and what the girls call "chapter books." The children are allowed certain books and an occasional video.

The Graham children are being home-schooled by their mother, who enjoys being with her children all day and having lunch with them. She has been home-schooling for four years, using

classroom videos in the beginning, but now utilizing the "Bob Jones Curriculum by Satellite" for the past two years.

The Grahams have four other children, one a high school cheerleader in a Camden school and three older ones living in Florida. Mrs. Graham said it is very busy when they all get together at holiday time. The family moved here from Columbia three years ago and lived in a mobile home while their permanent home was being built. Mr. Graham, employed by K-Mart pharmacy, travels daily to outlying areas.

The family attends St. Timothy's Lutheran Church in Camden, and "they (the children) get very upset if they have to miss Sunday school for any reason," Mrs. Graham said.

The Fairfield County Library has a book sale each year in May. Please save any books you no longer want and donate them for the next book sale.

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