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Oconee County Public Library and KOBA team up to help cut plastic waste

The Oconee County Public Library, in partnership with the Keep Oconee Beautiful Association, is now offering paper bags at all its branches for patron to carry out their books, videos and other library materials. The paper grocery-style sacks with handles were generously provided by KOBA. KOBA Board members Phil Soper (Treasurer) and Lois Martin (AAS Coordinator and library employee) coordinated with Library Director Blair Hinson to get the program implemented. The library system hopes to be able help cut the plastic waste that fills the landfill and can also be found on the side of the road, in natural areas, and so on. The library does have a small supply of plastic bags remaining so library users will have a choice of bags before the library phases them out completely; however, after that KOBA and the library are hoping library users will use and reuse these paper bags to cut down on plastic use.

“We know there are trade-offs. It takes trees and a lot of energy and water to produce paper bags. However, it seems that the bigger problem right now in most of our communities is the plastic bags you see littering the streets, waterways, parks, and elsewhere. That’s why we partnered with KOBA to get paper bags at the library,” stated Hinson. The library appreciates KOBA and their generous support. Make sure to ask for a paper bag for your library items the next time you check out!

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