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Nashville Public Library Rolls Out New Bookmobile

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Nashville Public Library (NPL) has taken another step toward even more access to books, learning, reading, and discovery — and, this time, that step was a roll.

Following a morning debut at Rocketship United Academy, NPL's **brand new, custommade Limitless Libraries bookmobile** is ready to hit the road and revved up to serve an additional 13,000-plus students at Metro Nashville Public Schools (MNPS).

"Libraries are about meeting people where they are, and today's event was a wonderful illustration of just one of the ways we fulfill that mission," NPL Director Terri Luke said. "This bookmobile takes our commitment to accessibility even further, bringing books directly to even more schools so that every student has the opportunity to learn and explore."

Reaching Even More Students, Right Where They Are

NPL already serves more than 80,000 students and educators through its **awardwinning Limitless Libraries lending partnership with MNPS.**

Students order from NPL's catalog of two million-plus books, curriculum resources and digital materials right from their school libraries and receive them during weekday deliveries to schools. In fact, more than 67,000 books and other materials circulated from NPL to MNPS last school year alone.

Now, the new Limitless Libraries bookmobile will bring a **mobile collection of up to 8,800 books and audiobooks**, curated for Pre-K to 12th grade, to MNPS charter schools that do not currently receive on-campus deliveries.

Powered by Community Support

The Dollar General Literacy Foundation (DGLF) has played a crucial role in the program's success, with funding for the bookmobile's purchase and support for Limitless Libraries' mission for more than 15 years.

"At the Dollar General Literacy Foundation, we believe every Nashville student deserves access to a quality education and reading materials," shared Denine Torr, the executive director of the Dollar General Literacy Foundation. "The Dollar General Literacy Foundation is thrilled to celebrate the launch of the bookmobile, with our longstanding partners at the NPL, to help lay a foundation for lifelong love of reading. We look forward to seeing the meaningful impact this will have on the Greater Nashville community."

"Dollar General Literacy Foundation has been an invaluable partner to Nashville Public Library," said Shawn Bakker, **Nashville Public Library Foundation** President. "Through their steadfast commitment to library programs like Adult Literacy, Bringing Books to Life, Limitless Libraries, and now, their Bookmobile, Nashville is truly a more literate city."

Founded more than 30 years ago, the DGLF provides grant funding to support literacy and education initiatives serving individuals of all ages, funding nonprofit organizations, public schools and libraries within a 15-mile radius of Dollar General stores and distribution centers across the country.

Since its inception in 1993, the Foundation has awarded more than \$250 million through its adult, youth, family, summer reading grant programs, enabling more than 21.8 million people to achieve their goals and pursue their dreams.

"The circulation of the Bookmobile will be a powerful new tool, enabling the library to reach out into the community and connect our neighbors with critical resources," Bakker added. "We are so grateful for their generosity." For more information about the bookmobile and about Limitless Libraries: <u>limitlesslibraries.org.</u>

About Nashville Public Library

With more than 2 million books, movies and music items to choose from — plus great programming and resources to improve early and adult literacy, STEAM, ESL and other key skills — NPL is Nashville's gateway to some of the best resources our city has to offer. Every year, across our 21-location system, thousands of visitors discover how our library lives up to our philosophy: at NPL, books are only half the story.

Learn more: library.nashville.org

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