

BOOKMOBILE-PEDIA, ANYONE?

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WHAT IS A WIKI?

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Bookmobile

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A **bookmobile** or **mobile library** is a large [vehicle](#) designed for use as a [library](#). They are designed to hold books when the vehicle is parked the books can be accessed by readers. They usually have sufficient space that people can read books inside them. Mobile libraries are often used to provide library services to villages and city suburbs. They also service those who have difficulty accessing libraries, with retirement homes being common stops. They may also carry information or [computer](#) equipment, such as might be found in a library. Some libraries also use their bookmobiles to carry such as audio books and large print novels, to homebound patrons who don't have anyone to go to the library.

The first Bookmobile in the United States was developed by [Mary Lemist Titcomb](#)^[1] (1857-1932). While employed by the [County, Maryland Free Library](#), Titcomb was concerned that the library was not reaching all of the people it served and she planned for a book wagon. In 1905 the Washington County Free Library provided the first book wagon in the nation, which delivered the books directly to their homes in remote parts of the county.^[2]

The [Gerstenslager](#) company specialized in building mobile libraries and similar vehicles in the 1950s.

The Internet Archive Bookmobile prints out-of-copyright books on demand, and in whatever type size is desired. It has inspired off similar efforts elsewhere in the developing world.^[3]

Other mobile libraries

Bookmobiles are used in many countries, but a mobile library can be run without a vehicle. Examples include

- A Camel Library Service in [Kenya](#). This service which is funded by the Kenyan government and as a charity was started in October 1996 and had twelve in 2006 delivering 7000 books,^[4] daily in both English, [Somali](#) and Swahili. It is known as "Bookmobile" by [Masha Hamilton](#).
- A [Donkey-drawn mobile library](#) in [Zimbabwe](#)^[6] is being used to not only deliver books, but also to deliver other educational materials.
- The [Biblioburro](#): another donkey-drawn travelling library in Colombia.

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This is a great craft to make with children. It's messy, requires a little elbow grease, and results in a useful and attractive end product. [Read on...](#)



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Bookmobile

A bookmobile is an outreach service in the form of a mobile library that serves as a way to bring library service materials to people who are not able to visit static libraries. Usually, a bookmobile is in the form of a motor vehicle, a trailer, and a trailer. This type of mobile library is used in order to address the problems of equality of access when people, particularly those in rural, remote communities, are not able to visit static libraries. Though the name is an image of times past, bookmobiles are still popular all over the world from "Azerbaijan to Zimbabwe" (Ruurs :

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History

The original idea for the bookmobile is credited to Mary Lemist Titcomb who in 1905 filled a Concord Wagon with books and drove it throughout Washington County in Maryland to deliver books to those in its rural communities. The original beneficiaries of Titcomb's service were not sure what to think of the book wagon and called it a "book car" (Levinson 1991, 43). However, after the first six months of activity, the bookmobile had checked out 1,008 volumes to people who otherwise would not have been able to visit the county's public library. This original bookmobile was in existence until 1910 when, as it was attempting to cross some railroad tracks, it was destroyed by a freight train. The driver and horses survived the wreck, Titcomb's book wagon did not. In 1916, following this original bookmobile, the community of Plainfield, Indiana used a modified touring car, which could carry about 400 books at a time to bring library materials to its community. As the idea of the bookmobile spread, the popularity of bookmobiles grew quickly, and by the 1930s, there were hundreds of bookmobiles delivering books to people across the United States.

Current Trends in Bookmobiles

BENEFITS

- Easy to edit
- Fast
- Collaborative

THE BOOKMOBILE WIKI

<http://olos.ala.org/bookmobiles>



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Conferences

[ABOS Annual Conference](#)

News Digests/Aggregators

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Headlines

HANDBOOK FOR MOBILE SERVICES STAFF



Prepared for and includes presentations from the
American Library Association Annual Conferences

New Orleans in 2006
"Our New Bookmobile Has Arrived!
What Do We Do Now?"

Washington D.C. in 2007
"Mobile Outreach: Access at its Best!"

Anaheim in 2008
"Mobile Libraries: Driving Library Services Into the Future"

Handbook sponsored by



Mailman -- Mailing List for Bookmobile and Outreach Services.

About Mailman

English (USA)

This mailing list is supported by ABOS: the Association of Bookmobile and Outreach Services (www.abos-outreach.org) to encourage discussion among public library staff providing outreach services to the public.

To see the collection of prior postings to the list, visit the [Mailman Archives](#).

Using Mailman

To post a message to all the list members, send email to mailman@abos-outreach.org.

You can subscribe to the list, or change your existing subscription, in the sections below.

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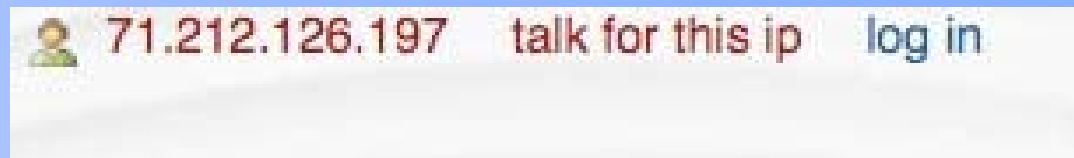
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Pick a password:

HOW TO EDIT A PAGE

- Log in



- Click “Edit”



Editing Bookmobiles Wiki

Note: This page has been locked so that only registered users can edit it.



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=== Conferences ===

[http://www.abos-outreach.org/annual_conference.htm [ABOS](#) Annual Conference]

=== News Digests/Aggregators ===

[http://news.google.com/news?svnum=10&as_scoring=n&hl=en&ned=us&aq=f&aq=f&aq=f&aq=f&aq=f&aq=f&q=allintitle%3A+bookmobile+OR+mobile-library+OR+mobile-libraries+OR+traveling-library+OR+traveling-libraries&btnG=Search Latest Bookmobile Headlines from Google News]

[<http://www.lisnews.org/taxonomy/term/10> Latest Bookmobile Headlines from [LISNews.org](#)]

=== Headlines ===

[<http://www.wickedlocal.com/natick/news/x2015099549/The-excitement-created-by-the-Morse-Library-s-bookmobile-is-palpable> The excitement created by the Morse Library's bookmobile is palpable] (Wicked Local, 7/31/09)

[<http://www.ala.org/ala/newspresscenter/news/pressreleases2009/april2009/olosbookmobile.cfm> Celebrate National Bookmobile Day during National Library Week 2010] (ALA, 4/15/09)

[<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/africa/7777560.stm> Donkeys boost Ethiopian literacy] (BBC, 1/9/09)

[<http://www.guampdn.com/article/20081107/NEWS01/811070305/1002> Have books, will travel: Mobile library brings books to villages] ([Guampdn.com](#), 11/7/08)

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Description	You type	You get
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Bold text	<code>'''bold'''</code>	bold
Bold and italic	<code>''''''bold & italic''''''</code>	<i>bold & italic</i>

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Numbered list	#One #Two #Two point one

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Description	You type
Internal link (within Bookmobile Wiki)	<pre>[[Name of page]] [[Name of page Text to display]]</pre>
External link (to other websites)	<pre>[http://www.example.org Text to display] [http://www.example.org] http://www.example.org</pre>

USEFUL RESOURCES

- **Wikipedia:How to edit a page**

More detailed editing instructions and examples

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:How_to_edit_a_page

- **MediaWiki:Editing pages**

http://www.mediawiki.org/wiki/Help:Editing_pages

- **Wikipedia Sandbox**

Practice using the MediaWiki editor

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Sandbox>

YOUR TURN

1. One thing you know about bookmobiles/outreach
2. One thing you would like to know about bookmobiles/outreach

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