

MOBILE SERVICES

Office sited on Lower Level of the Davis Library
6400 Democracy Blvd, Bethesda, MD 20817



About this Library Service Area: Bookmobiles and Vans have been part of Montgomery County library service (MCPL) since the library system was unified in the nineteen fifties. As MCPL has evolved so has the Mobile Services unit. First intended to serve the County's extensive rural population, Mobile Services soon expanded into the schools, senior centers and elsewhere, always serving the populations least likely to be able to use library branches.

During renovations at the Long Branch and Bethesda branches, the Mobile Services Bookmobile provided interim services to those communities.

At this time the Van only provides services to children in vulnerable areas of the County and to childcare providers. Day care centers are visited in the mornings, where story times are presented to classes while teachers check out books on the Van.

Afternoons are spent bringing the Van to low income housing communities, where books, videos, magazines, picture books, and homework assignment materials are available for check out. The Mobile Van serves communities such as the Judy Center and Parkway Woods.

The Van represents MCPL at many county celebrations— on “truck days” at schools, at the Summer Reading Kickoff and at parades.

Usage Snapshot: Statistics collected in both FY08 and FY09 show that from July 2008 through February 2009 the Mobile Services Van had a more than 16% increase in circulation compared to the year before.

Legislative Districts: All Montgomery County Districts— State, Federal, Local