

## All libraries are closed Monday, 5/27

Libraries are closed in observance of the Memorial Day Holiday  
Your eLibrary is always open!

### Mobile Library



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### The Mobile Library hits the road

Ventura County Library boasts having the first mobile service in California, dating back to 1924 when Elizabeth Topping, then County Librarian, loaded saddlebags on horseback to deliver books throughout the county.

Almost a century later, the Ventura County Mobile Library hits the road in May 2019. Playing an important outreach role, the Mobile Library is connecting new users and raising awareness of library services throughout the county. The Mobile Library also is a great opportunity to introduce the love of reading to children and to discover the benefits of lifelong learning.

The Mobile Library offers a full range of library services, including:

- Popular materials for all ages and in multiple formats: books, DVDs, audiobooks
- Checkout and return
- Free Wi-Fi
- Wireless Printing
- Laptop lending
- 3D Printing
- STEM & Makerspaces activities
- Storytimes
- Class visits
- Participation in community events

*“The mobile library is such a great opportunity for our Nyeland families who do not have access to even the closest library (Solis)”*

-- Monique Garcia  
BGCOP Nyeland Unit Director

#### How was the Mobile Library funded?

The Ventura County Mobile Library was completely funded through grant and donated funds. It was funded through a generous donation from the Ventura County Library Foundation, which included significant donations from Premier America Credit Union and the Port of Hueneme. In addition, the Ventura County Mobile Library project was also funded through a Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services and awarded through the California State Library.

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The Mobile Library provides service to the underserved areas where many people have little or no library service due to lack of transportation or mobility issues which may prevent residents from having access to library buildings.

The Mobile Library offers a full range of library services including: Free Wi-Fi, Wireless Printing, Laptop lending, 3D Printing, STEM & Makerspaces activities, Storytimes, and Class visits. The Mobile Library serves communities with collections that include materials for children, teens, adults, and seniors in English and Spanish. Patrons may also request material.

### **How big is the Mobile Library?**

The Mobile Library is 312” long (26 feet), 95.5” wide (8 feet), and 120” high (10 feet). The interior height is 78.2” high (6.5 feet). It holds approximately 2000 books, DVDs, and audiobooks depending on the type.

### **Is the Mobile Library Fuel Efficient and Green?**

The Mobile Library uses clean diesel fuel, a type of fuel highly refined to improve combustion efficiency and reduce harmful emissions. In addition, electric power in the vehicle is supplemented by solar panels on the roof of the vehicle which work to recharge the vehicles batteries during the day.

### **How does the Mobile Library work?**

The Mobile Library visits stops once or twice a month and materials are checked out until the following month.

### **What does the service cost?**

Mobile Library service is free to all community members in Ventura County. Library cards are free.

### **Where will it go?**

The Mobile Library will travel Countywide primarily serving those underserved populations who may experience barriers or limited access to brick and mortar libraries. To see a current list of stops and special events, check out the Mobile Library calendar at <http://bit.ly/VCLmobile> (the schedule is in process of being finalized).

### **How long does the Mobile Library stay at each stop?**

1-2 hours, depending on the stop.

### **How do I request a stop?**

The Ventura County Library will accept suggestions or recommendations for regular stops or special events. Sites are evaluated based on safety, space, attendance, available staff time, and Library goals. To request the Mobile Library for your event, contact [Dana Vinke](#), Deputy Library Director **(805) 677-7153**

### **Can you get a Library card on the Mobile library?**

Yes. As in the Library, you just need to bring an ID and something that verifies your address, to get a card.

### **How long do materials check out from the Mobile Library?**

Most Mobile Library materials can be checked out for three weeks and renewed for an additional three weeks.

### **Do I have to return materials checked out from the Mobile Library to the Mobile Library?**

Materials checked out from Mobile Library can be returned to the Mobile Library or any Ventura County Library location. Fines are charged for late, lost and damaged materials.

### **If I see something in a branch that I want, can I place a hold to pick it up at the Mobile Library?**

Yes. When you place a hold on the website, select Mobile Library as your pickup location.

### **Can I pay my fines at the Mobile Library?**

No. You can:

- pay your fines at any library building location
- sign in to your account and pay your fines online

### **When is the Mobile Library closed?**

- New Year's Day
- Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- Presidents' Day
- Memorial Day
- Independence Day
- Labor Day
- Veterans Day

- Thanksgiving Day
- Christmas Day

**What happens in bad weather or unforeseen emergencies, including road closures, etc.?**

Some inclement weather or other emergencies may prevent the Ventura County Mobile Library from operations such as severe storms. In such cases, all materials will be renewed and there are no charges.

**What if the Mobile Library doesn't stop at its usual time and I have items to return?**

You will not be charged overdue fines if there is an interruption to regular Mobile Library service.

**Can I contribute to the Mobile Library?**

If you wish to make a donation to keep the Mobile Library on the road, please visit [www.vclibraryfoundation.org](http://www.vclibraryfoundation.org).

## Thank you

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We would like to thank the following organizations for contributing to the Mobile Library!

