

Rural South Georgia Bookmobile

Background

At the heart of libraries are people dedicated to serving their communities. Although digital services are essential, the neighborhood presence of resources keeps libraries relevant and meaningful. Access to brick and mortar facilities is limited in rural southern Georgia. Throughout the world, bookmobiles continue to be an effective in-person service to isolated communities.

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Purpose

Patrons enhance their lives through free library services. As a local institution in the public interest, it preserves equity in learning. Outreach discovers new opportunities to meet people where they are.

Concept

The Coastal Plain Regional Library System seeks a versatile outreach vehicle to serve our 2000 mi² area across six counties. Onboard public use will be focused on technology workstations. The service will include an exterior “pop-up” library for outdoor use or transfer into community centers. Operation should be possible by a single staff member. Stop duration will be from 30 minutes to daylong events. Outreach services will be a functional library branch with a circulating catalog in the Georgia interlibrary consortium.

Constraints

- Budget is no more than \$100,000 for the vehicle and upfitting.
- Fuel efficient and maneuverable
- Onboard workspace with climate control and power source.
- “Pop-Up” library configuration exterior to the vehicle



Historic Coastal Plain Regional Library System Bookmobiles