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“Digital Bookmobile” To Showcase Library’s Electronic Collections During Stops at Central Library, March 3, and Mid-Valley Branch, March 4

***The 71-foot, 18-wheeler is a high-tech update of
the traditional bookmobile***

It’s no secret that music, cameras and even television have gone digital, yet many people are surprised to learn that library collections have gone digital as well. The Los Angeles Public Library will showcase its extensive downloadable electronic books, audiobooks, music and videos when the Digital Bookmobile visits the Central Library at 630 W. Fifth St. on Wednesday, March 3, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and the Mid-Valley Regional Branch Library at 16244 Nordhoff St. in North Hills on Thursday, March 4, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The 74-foot, 18-wheel tractor-trailer is stopping at the Los Angeles Public Library as part of a national tour designed to raise awareness of libraries’ electronic resources.

“We’re excited to bring this high-tech update of the traditional bookmobile to L.A. and help people discover the Los Angeles Public Library’s free downloadable collections,” said City Librarian Martin Gomez.

Inside the Digital Bookmobile, readers of all ages learn how to download digital material from the library through interactive demonstrations and high-definition instructional videos. A gadget gallery featuring iPod, Zune and Sony Readers help visitors discover how best to download the library’s electronic media on the latest gear.

The vehicle is also equipped with broadband Internet-connected PCs, high-definition monitors, premium sound systems and a variety of portable devices, all of which help visitors explore the Los Angeles Public Library’s download services. Interactive learning stations give visitors an opportunity to search the library’s digital media collection, use mobile devices and sample digital books and more.

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Patrons can take advantage of the Los Angeles Public Library's download service 24/7 by visiting the library's website at www.lapl.org. From there, they can browse the growing collection of best-selling, new release, and classic titles, and check out digital titles with a valid library card. Once downloaded, digital titles can be enjoyed on a computer or transferred to supported portable devices. Many audio titles can also be burned to audio CD. At the end of the lending period, titles will automatically expire and are returned to the digital collection. There are never late fees or damaged items.

About the Digital Bookmobile

The Digital Bookmobile, developed inside a 74-foot, 18-wheel tractor-trailer, is a high-tech update of the traditional bookmobile that has served communities for decades. The one-of-a-kind community outreach vehicle creates an engaging download experience with the host library's 'Virtual Branch' download website and digital collection of eBooks, audiobooks and more. The Digital Bookmobile is operated by OverDrive, which powers download websites at more than 10,000 libraries worldwide. www.digitalbookmobile.com

About the Los Angeles Public Library

The Los Angeles Public Library serves the largest population of any library in the country through its Central Library, 72 branch libraries, collection of over six million books and other items, and its Web site (www.lapl.org). These resources and its more than 18,000 public programs provide everyone with free and easy access to information and the opportunity for life-long learning.

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