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FRANKLIN COUNTY LIBRARY HAS A NEW BOOKMOBILE

Franklin County, October 25, 2021: *The Franklin County Library is pleased to announce the delivery of a new Bookmobile, **Franklin Voyager!** The 170-inch, diesel engine, Mercedes Sprinter Van has been specially fitted as a multimedia bookmobile by Matthews Specialty Vehicles of Greensboro, North Carolina. The vehicle is compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act. The Franklin Voyager uses multiple technology assets for recreational and educational engagement including public announcement, Wi-Fi broadcasting, and multimedia presentations. Books and print materials will be rotated for specific events and audiences. Books may be checked out with the presentation of the patron's library card. In addition to books and Wi-Fi, Franklin Voyager will soon include laptops to provide access to computer services. Franklin Voyager offers new opportunities to expand beyond item circulation as it will enable programming for audiences of all ages in any Franklin County neighborhood.*

Franklin Voyager will be at Frankenfest on Main in Franklinton on October 30th. Library personnel are currently scheduling the bookmobile for public events in November and December. If your organization, community, or municipality would like a visit by Franklin Voyager, go to FranklinVoyager.com to schedule a visit.

The official debut with introductions to the team of people that made this project possible will be held at Owens Park located at 499 Massenburg Baker Road, Louisburg on Friday, November 5th at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. The public is invited to attend, browse, connect, and explore! Join us as we voyage beyond traditional library service and offer enhanced, cutting edge technology to our community.

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