

Ventura County Library Foundation celebrates launch of new mobile library



Who could not be happy accepting a \$100,000 check?

On May 7, at the Ventura County Government Center, nonprofit Ventura County Library Foundation (VCLF), in partnership with the Ventura County Library launched their new mobile library at a ribbon-cutting.



The mobile library is a 26-foot vehicle stocked with many of the same services found in a traditional library, including popular materials in multiple formats. Professional library staff will share story time, schedule class visits, and provide computer and Wi-Fi access, printing, and more. The mobile library has been scheduled for many community events in the upcoming months, sure to gather attention with its bold graphic design and open doors.



VCLF raised more than \$100,000 from individuals in the Ventura County community, as well as \$50,000 from Premier America Credit Union and \$5,000 for each of the next five years from the Oxnard Harbor District, to sponsor the mobile library. The \$100,000 donation enabled the Ventura County Library System to receive a matching grant from the California State Library.

“We believe it’s incredibly important to provide an extension of the library to the citizens of Ventura County, especially those who are not able to visit the library,” said Sandy Berg, the foundation’s chair. “With this amazing resource, the library will be able to travel to underserved communities in our county, and will offer technology and print collections with materials for children, teens, adults and seniors in both English and Spanish. This is just the first of many literacy outreach programs that VCLF is supporting.”

Following a brief presentation by VCLF board members and donors convened in the outside to tour the mobile library and enjoy STEM activities and demonstrations on the services, such as 3D printing.

To learn more about VCLF and its other funding initiatives, including STEAM Innovation Labs, Operation READ and READ Adult Literacy, please visit <http://www.vclibraryfoundation.org>.

The Ventura County Library Foundation is a nonprofit organization that enhances countywide access to quality library services, materials, and programming for children and adults by securing funding and other resources from private and public donors. Its vision is to create a community where all people are engaged, literate and empowered to participate in society. To learn more about VCLF, please visit <http://www.vclibraryfoundation.org>.