

Franklin Co. bookmobile outfitted with WiFi, more upgrades on the way

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Wednesday is National Bookmobile day and hometowns are celebrating by getting their rolling libraries on the road.



A Franklin County woman checks out books on the bookmobile Wednesday, April 13, 2016. The Franklin County Library is looking to upgrade its bookmobile to provide more services to those in the county. Shayne Dwyer/WDBJ7

The Franklin County Public Library said its bookmobile is a valuable asset to residents who live far from town or can't drive. The bookmobile rotates stops and logs about 700 miles on the road on an average month.

The library will soon be upgrading the bookmobile to make it more than just a rolling bookshelf.

"We're really kind of working on some ideas now that will take us to what we've termed as a pop-up library concept," Franklin County Bookmobile Driver Wayne Keith said. "This kind of becomes the heart of that concept, obviously this carries the books so that's a good piece, but a place where we can take many, probably almost all of the library services into the community."

The pop-up library will feature WiFi and possibly picnic tables and chairs. The county hopes to get the upgraded bookmobile rolling by this summer.