

MIDLAND COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

BOOKMOBILE HOST SITE AGREEMENT

The Midland County Public Library Bookmobile serves members of the community outside of the physical library with emphasis on those who are underserved due to physical, economic, social, geographic or other barriers. The Bookmobile is a branch of the Midland County Public Libraries and operates under library policies as well as those listed below.

Location

The host site is responsible for providing a safe and secure environment.

The host site is responsible for providing a paid staff member, or dedicated volunteer, to assist the library with patron management during the duration of each scheduled stop.

The Bookmobile must be open and accessible to the general public during its stop. The bookmobile does not stop at private residences.

The host site understands that full operability of the bookmobile requires a 30amp power source within 30 feet of the designated stop. In the absence of 30amp power, the duration of a stop and availability of special programming will be limited as the vehicle will be required to idle during the duration of the stop.

Proximity to traditional service points or existing bookmobile stops will be a factor in evaluating potential stops unless a specific outreach goal would be reached by adding the stop.

Weather

In the event of inclement weather Midland County opens and closes in conjunction with Midland ISD. If school is canceled on a Friday, then Saturday routes are automatically canceled.

If a weather protected location has not been identified the library may preventatively cancel bookmobile service at the threat of inclement weather.

Scheduling

The library retains the right to make changes to the bookmobile schedule and route at any time without cause.

As a condition of continued service the host site and library will meet occasionally to evaluate usage statistics. If a host site repeatedly fails to meet usage targets the library will reassign the bookmobile.

The library will compile and distribute usage statistics to host sites on a regular basis.

The host site may request additional services from the library on a stop by stop basis by submitting a Bookmobile Service Request Form.

The bookmobile is unavailable on Sundays.

Stop time and location must be able to be advertised/promoted by the library.

Other

While the library maintains a fine-less borrowing policy, the bookmobile is unable to collect or process payments for lost or damaged materials. All payments for lost or damaged materials must be made at the Downtown or Centennial libraries.

The library upholds the American Library Association's Patron Bill of Rights (see reverse side), and utilizes the bookmobile as an extension of its provision of equitable materials and services to the community.

Library Bill of Rights

The American Library Association affirms that all libraries are forums for information and ideas, and that the following basic policies should guide their services.

- I. Books and other library resources should be provided for the interest, information, and enlightenment of all people of the community the library serves. Materials should not be excluded because of the origin, background, or views of those contributing to their creation.
- II. Libraries should provide materials and information presenting all points of view on current and historical issues. Materials should not be proscribed or removed because of partisan or doctrinal disapproval.
- III. Libraries should challenge censorship in the fulfillment of their responsibility to provide information and enlightenment.
- IV. Libraries should cooperate with all persons and groups concerned with resisting abridgment of free expression and free access to ideas.
- V. A person's right to use a library should not be denied or abridged because of origin, age, background, or views.
- VI. Libraries which make exhibit spaces and meeting rooms available to the public they serve should make such facilities available on an equitable basis, regardless of the beliefs or affiliations of individuals or groups requesting their use.

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