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## Kanawha County Public Library Retires Mobile Library

Effective immediately, KCPL has retired its Mobile Library due to ongoing maintenance issues. Bookmobile service will not be available until a replacement vehicle can be purchased.

"The Library has struggled to keep the Mobile Library on the road as it has aged," said KCPL Regional Manager Anthony DeMinico, "and unfortunately, we can no longer offer Mobile Library services due to the condition of the vehicle. In the meantime, we are planning new outreach services for the areas of Kanawha County without a local library branch."



The current KCPL bookmobile was purchased in 2010 and has served the county by providing library services in underserved areas for 11 years. KCPL plans to replace the current Mobile Library with a new, smaller vehicle, allowing the Library System more versatility in providing bookmobile service to the county.

Meanwhile, KCPL is finalizing plans for new outreach-based programs, designed to provide rural Kanawha County communities with library services.

## **About the Kanawha County Public Library**

The Kanawha County Public Library is the largest public library system in West Virginia. The Main Library in downtown Charleston and its 9 branch libraries and Mobile Library serve more than 92,000 card holders. While most of the library patrons reside in Kanawha and Putnam Counties, residents from all 55 West Virginia counties are represented in the cardholder database. Patron visits to all libraries in the system total nearly 340,000 per year, and approximately 750,000 library items circulate in a year's time. Nearly all KCPL library services are FREE to the public. For more information about the Kanawha County Public Library, please visit us online at <a href="https://www.kcpls.org/">https://www.kcpls.org/</a>.