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Charlotte's Web Mobile Children's Library Celebrates First Year of Service *In 2016, more than 7,700 bookmobile visitors checked out more than 5,000 books*

LOMPOC, CA, January 18, 2017 – The Charlotte's Web Mobile Children's Library has had an exciting inaugural year, with more than 7,700 bookmobile visitors checking out upwards of 5,000 books in 2016.

Since the ribbon-cutting ceremony on March 11, 2016, the bookmobile has been in high demand all over the community, visiting places where children are less likely to have access to the physical library.

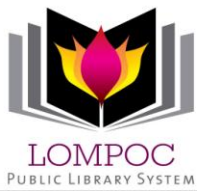
In 2016, more than 7,700 people of all ages visited the bookmobile. Over 5,000 books were checked out and more than 1,600 questions answered. The bookmobile was a huge hit during the annual Summer Reading Program, which enrolled 400 participants. In total, the bookmobile made 139 stops around the community in 2016.

Our community loves to see the Charlotte's Web Mobile Children's Library at local events! In 2016, the bookmobile attended Spring Fest, Old Town Market, Lompoc Valley Medical Center's disaster preparedness fair and the Children's Christmas parade, to name a few.

The Charlotte's Web Mobile Children's Library is committed to Charlotte Benton's vision of library services for children. The bookmobile strives to be where children are, providing library services across the Lompoc Valley and reaching children who cannot access a physical library.

Thanks to the generosity of Charlotte Benton and the other community supporters who donated funds over the years to this cause, the bookmobile is able to continue serving our community's children. The Charlotte Benton Trust funds the staffing and operations of the bookmobile, and will do so for the life of the vehicle.

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The Lompoc Public Library System engages, empowers, and enriches our community. The library has been serving the Lompoc Valley for more than 100 years and is committed to bringing quality programming and educational opportunities to people of all ages. All library programs are free and open to the public. For more information about the Lompoc Public Library System locations, hours and programming, visit us online at cityoflom poc.com/library.