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NEW "LIBRARY2GO" VAN READY TO HIT THE ROADS OF ERIE COUNTY

BUFFALO & ERIE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM EXPANDS MOBILE SERVICES

The Buffalo & Erie County Public Library System has unveiled its new *Library2GO* van, which will primarily be used to expand outreach services to senior living facilities. This 24-foot customized vehicle is equipped with WiFi and a specialized collection of reading materials for older adults, including new and popular titles with a focus on large print and audiobooks. Funding for the van was from Erie County. Scheduled stops at local senior living facilities will simplify drop-offs and pickups of Library materials for their residents. The vehicle will also make it easier to provide onsite programming by Library staff.

The *Library2GO* van joins the *Library on Wheels* large bookmobile, which started runs in 2016 to increase visibility of and access to Library services and materials for Erie County residents.

"The new *Library2GO* vehicle is a tremendous addition to our fleet. It will be used to enhance outreach services to communities that likely cannot travel to a library in person," said Interim Library Director Jeannine Doyle. "We are extremely grateful that Erie County lawmakers helped us make this expanded service possible."

To request a visit from either the *Library2GO* van or *Library on Wheels* bookmobile at community events, daycare centers, senior living facilities or schools, visit the Library System website www.BuffaloLib.org or call 716-858-7156.

Library2GO Fun Facts

- The van is custom-built and the colorful exterior illustrations were designed by the Library's in-house Graphics Team.
- The *Library2GO* van will travel all of Erie County, reaching many older adults who would otherwise not have library access.
- The van holds approximately 1200 items.
- The van is equipped with WiFi, and special programming will be available.
- Groups, including senior living centers, can request a visit from the *Library2GO* van via the Library System website (<https://www.buffalolib.org/locations-hours/bookmobile>) or by calling 716-858-7156.



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