The exterior design and logo on the LPL Bookmobile were created by Right Angle with library funds and input. The design is a wrap, or skin, that is applied over a white-painted undercoat on the exterior of the vehicle. The Lafayette Public Library Foundation paid for the production and application of the wrap.

The Bookmobile project was awarded to LDV Custom Specialty Vehicles in Burlington, WI. It took nine months to complete and the library paid a total of $255,900 for this custom vehicle. To deliver, a company representative drove it from Wisconsin to Louisiana.

The LPL Bookmobile is 32 feet long and holds more than 2,000 children, teen, and adult books and DVDs when fully loaded. The Friends of the Lafayette Public Library supplied funds for the Bookmobile children’s collection.

The LPL Bookmobile has Wi-Fi and a wheelchair lift.

The library system started Bookmobile service in 1948, but retired the last Bookmobile in the late 1990s. With our brand new Bookmobile, we now have the ability to bring the library to patrons, wherever they are. We understand that we have seniors and families in our parish interested in library services, but may not have the mobility or transportation to access the branch nearest them. The Bookmobile will be a way we can improve equity of library services across the parish.

Our Outreach Services department will operate the mobile branch. We plan to bring it to parks, daycares, camps, senior centers, community centers and special events. Where do you want to see it go? Let us know!

To contact our Outreach Services department, visit LafayettePublicLibrary.org/outreach