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San Pedro librarian pedals with books on mission to gather young readers

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SAN PEDRO, LOS ANGELES (KABC) --

A librarian in San Pedro is using a bike as her library as part of her mission to get more children to read.

A custom-made book bike is a conversation starter and the creative way Ednita Kelly connects the community with the job she loves.

"I believe in the magic of libraries and what we bring to people, I really wanted to show that off in a fun way," she said.

Kelly carries 250 pounds of books every time she hits the streets and cycles all over the city, spreading her love of Los Angeles' libraries and the joy of reading.

Since starting her one-of-a-kind program, Kelly has given away more than 5,000 books to readers of all ages.

Watch Leanne Suter's full report in the video above.



Become a Bookbike Pilot

April 25, 2012

www.downtowntucson.org/2012/04/become-a-bookbike-pilot/



Do you love books and bikes?

If so, you can combine these two passions by becoming a volunteer for the Pima County Public Library's Bookbike – a three-wheeled non-motorized bookmobile project.

Please attend the volunteer orientation at the Joel D. Valdez Main Library on Saturday, April 28 at 8:30 a.m.

Click [here](#) for the volunteer application and bring it to the meeting.

Please RSVP to get directions for the entrance to the training by contacting Toby Wehner at 594-5500 or via [email](#) or Karen Greene at 594-5295 or via [email](#).



DPL Connect: Denver's very own pedal-powered mobile library!

www.denverlibrary.org/blog/dpl-connect-pedal-powered-mobile-library-here

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Over the past few months, the Denver Public Library has been developing a new service to *connect* the library to the community outside of our physical locations.

We wanted to literally take our services to the streets and to meet you where you are -- in the neighborhoods, at community events, in the parks, the coffee shops, the skate parks, concerts, farmer's markets and more.

We are super stoked to introduce what we came up with: **DPL Connect** -- a pedal-powered mobile library and wi-fi hotspot.

DPL Connect will make its inaugural ride at its official launch on Wednesday, August 7 on 16th Street Mall. Our tricked-out trike will provide free wireless internet access and will be stocked with a rotating collection of books tailored to the bike's location (i.e. cookbooks and urban farming for farmer's markets, bike repair and Denver maps for bike trails, etc).

The librarian riding DPL Connect, armed with a tablet and an internet connection, will provide traditional library services, helping customers with digital downloads (eBooks, audio books, and digital magazines), offering reading suggestions, assisting with research and registering new customers for library cards. Down the road, we're working on DPL Connect's ability to operate as a full-service library, complete with the ability to check out materials. In the meantime, we'll be giving away featured books for people to read and hopefully share with others!

2014 Schedule Coming Soon

Visit us at these stops or follow us on [Twitter](#) / like us on [Facebook](#) for updates on the bike's whereabouts. And keep your eyes peeled throughout the fall as we plan to hit up more parks and farmer's markets around Denver. See you there!

DPL CONNECT is a pilot program conceptualized and executed by staff members Zac Laugheed and Jen Morris, winners of the Library's out-of-the box idea contest. The customized trike was designed in partnership with Joe Crennen, a local custom bike builder who works out of his shop [Pedal Positive](#).



Bike Library

oaklandlibrary.org/services/bike-library

Oakland Public Library staff are frequently out in the community, providing extensive outreach services and programs. The OPL Bike Library is a nimble outreach vehicle – a bike powered bookmobile – and allows for additional programming support for such outreach efforts by supporting online library card registrations, materials check-out, and demonstrations of online services such as ebooks and databases.

Follow the bike library on Twitter - [@OPLBikeLibrary](https://twitter.com/OPLBikeLibrary)



(Photo by Michael Cuffe)

The OPL Bike Library was designed by local builder, [Kick Trailer](#) in late summer, 2013. It features two sides of cascading bookshelves to display books face-out while in motion, a custom shelf for a Bluetooth speaker, and the pyramid structure itself opens up for storage and load carrying capacity.

We're hoping to send out the trailer to more events. Please contact Mana Tominaga, Main Supervising Librarian, at 510-238-6611 or mtominaga@oaklandlibrary.org if you are interested in hosting the OPL Bike Library at your upcoming event.