

## Harford County Public Library Unveils New Rolling Reader

Harford County Public Library unveiled its new Rolling Reader, a mobile library offering programs, reading materials, technology and other resources to underserved communities.

The Rolling Reader was introduced in 2001 and served the Harford community until it was retired in 2023.

The new Rolling Reader allows staff to bring more books, hands-on STEM activities, story times and engaging learning experiences directly to children. It will also be staffed by two librarians and will house books, materials, laptops, and iPads capable of accessing the Harford County Public Library catalog, databases and the internet. Families will be able to check out books, science kits and other items, and return them when it visits their community next.

Over \$30,000 was raised by the Harford County Public Library Foundation to purchase the vehicle. Funding included proceeds from the 19th annual Library Gala, a \$10,000 sponsorship donation from Harford Mutual Insurance Group and a \$5,000 grant from M&T Bank.

“Many of the young people we serve have transportation barriers, limiting their access to resources that support learning, literacy and exploration,” said the library system’s Chief Executive Mary Hastler in a news release. “The Rolling Reader bridges this gap by meeting children where they are.”

For more information, visit [hcplonline.org/rollingreader.php](https://hcplonline.org/rollingreader.php).