

## News

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## ST. TAMMANY PARISH LIBRARY TO HOLD RIBBON CUTTING FOR MOBILE BRANCH

**COVINGTON, LA** – St. Tammany Parish Library will celebrate the official launch of the new Mobile Library Branch with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Nov. 18. The ceremony will be held at 11:30 a.m. at the Lacombe COAST Center (61720 LA-434, Lacombe, LA 70445). Attendees can tour the Lobby Stop vehicle after the ceremony.

The Mobile Library was a product of Goal 3 of the Library's 2023 - 2028 Strategic Plan.

"**Goal 3**. The St. Tammany Parish Library will be a thriving, energetic community commons by complementing traditional library services with innovative new services, technology and digital resources."

Patrons have already responded positively to the new branch. In April, the Mobile Library's Lobby Stop vehicle began its route visiting COAST centers, nursing homes, and assisted living centers. Since then, the vehicle has made over 108 center visits, bringing the library to patrons who otherwise would not be able to travel to a branch.

The Mobile Library's first service began this past February with a pilot program, partnering with COAST (Council on Aging St. Tammany) to provide Books-by-Mail to Meals-on-Wheels' clients. Now, anyone who is a homebound resident of St. Tammany Parish can apply for Books-by-Mail.

Books-by-Mail applications can be found on the <u>branch's webpage</u>. Visit <u>sttammanylibrary.org/mobile</u> for more information or call (985) 837-2444, ext. 2400 to speak with the Mobile Branch manager.

The St. Tammany Parish Library has been serving the citizens of St. Tammany Parish for over seventy years. Our twelve branches offer over 542,000 loanable items including books, CDs, DVDs, audiobooks, and magazines. The library's website offers 24/7 access to downloadable audio and e-books, music downloads, research tools, magazines, and newspapers. Our programs and services are designed to meet residents' cultural, informational, educational, and recreational needs.