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Library associates Kat LeFevre, left, and Stacy Pickett, center, set up the Imagination Station on Wednesday with library Deputy Director Charlotte Frazier. (Photo by Kirby Lee Davis)

TULSA – The Tulsa City-County Public Library has added a new type of bookmobile. Gary Shaffer, CEO of the 24-branch system, said this Chevrolet truck, called the Imagination Station, deploys like a food truck to bring up to 1,000 library titles to events, parks, or wherever else potential readers are. Besides display windows on both sides, the three-employee mobile library provides Wi-Fi, tables and chairs for reader comfort, with the ability to sign up members on the spot.

Since its June launch, the library has targeted 15 or more visits each summer month, said Tracy Warren, manager of community outreach and literary services. Shaffer said the Tulsa library was the first in the nation to add this type of truck. The \$90,000 vehicle was acquired with funds from the Anne and Henry Zarrow Foundation.

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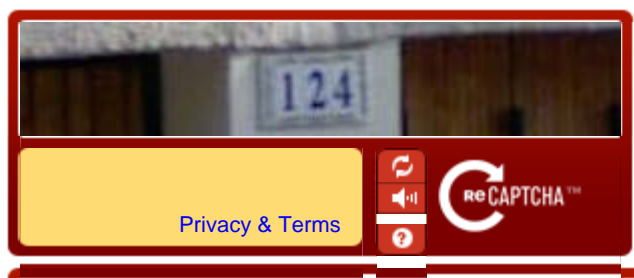
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