

A VISIT TO THE BOOKMOBILE



Before there was the internet, the bookmobile brought knowledge of the world to some of its quieter corners. In Southwest Washington, the two Fort Vancouver Regional Libraries bookmobiles still make their rounds, bringing about 2,000 items each Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday to patrons in Skamania and Klickitat counties. On Tuesday, one of the stops included Canyon Creek Middle School in Washougal, where Austin Belcher, 11, signed up for a library card.

Below right, Austin shows his book selection, "Bob, not Bob," to classmate Ryland Oerding.

Senior Library Assistant Jeanean Burgon said the trucks visit each location on their routes twice a week and are open to the public whether parked at a community event or school parking lot. "If you see us stopped, we're usually open; come in and check something out," Burgon said. More information on the program can be found at www.fvrl.org/bookmobiles.



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