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Experience the "Check Out Your Library" OverDrive Library Vehicle at Morris Area Public Library

MORRIS, IL – August 8, 2024 – The Morris Area Public Library is excited to announce that OverDrive's Library Vehicle (LV), previously known as the Digital Bookmobile, will be making a stop at our library on Saturday, September 7, 2024, from 10 AM to 2 PM. This event is part of the "Check Out Your Library" multiyear experiential initiative, aimed at re-establishing connections between communities and their local libraries.

OverDrive, the company behind popular digital content platforms such as Libby, Sora, and Kanopy, launched the "Check Out Your Library" initiative to reverse the decline in library visits that resulted from pandemic-related closures. The LV's coast-to-coast Fiction and Film tour is designed to promote the diverse offerings and transformative power of libraries.

Visitors to the Morris Area Public Library will have the unique opportunity to step inside the LV and explore how to check out ebooks, audiobooks, magazines, movies, TV shows, and more for free using Libby, Sora, and Kanopy. As subscription costs rise, these platforms help make digital content more accessible for everyone.

"We are thrilled to host OverDrive's Library Vehicle and be a part of the 'Check Out Your Library' initiative," said Resa Mai, Director of Morris Area Public Library. "Our library offers so much more than books, and this event is a wonderful way for our community to discover the full range of resources and services available to them."

At the event, visitors can:

- Learn how to access free ebooks, audiobooks, films and more using a library card.
- Get information about upcoming library events and resources available at the library.
- Participate in crafts and activities available throughout the event.

OverDrive is encouraging everyone to visit their local library, get a library card, and explore all the resources available to them. Libraries offer much more than books and digital content—they provide job and career services, library of things, seed libraries, museum passes, and more. At the heart of these programs are dedicated staff members committed to making a difference in their communities.

Join us at the Morris Area Public Library on September 7 and see for yourself how libraries are evolving to meet the needs of the 21st-century community.

Cultivate Curiosity, Enlighten the Mind, Strengthen the Community

About Morris Area Public Library: The Morris Area Public Library's mission is to provide materials, programming, and space to cultivate curiosity, enlighten the mind, and strengthen the community. We strive to offer diverse and enriching experiences for all members of our community.

About OverDrive: OverDrive is a mission-based company that stands with libraries. As a Certified B Corp since 2017, OverDrive serves more than 92,000 libraries and schools in 115 countries with the industry's largest digital catalog of ebooks, audiobooks, magazines, video, and other content. OverDrive empowers libraries and schools by expanding access for all through tireless industry advocacy and consistent innovation. Award-winning apps and services include the Libby library reading app, the Sora student reading platform, Kanopy, the leading video streaming app for libraries and colleges, and TeachingBooks.net, which offers one of the largest catalogs of supplemental materials that enhance literacy outcomes. Founded in 1986, OverDrive is based in Cleveland, Ohio USA. For more information, visit www.overdrive.com.

Stay connected with the Morris Area Public Library on social media using the hashtags #MorrisAreaPublicLibrary, #MAPL, #MAPLD, #morrislibrary, #MorrisIL, #morrisillinois, and #visitmorrisil.

For more information about the "Check Out Your Library" initiative and other events at the Morris Area Public Library, please visit our website at www.morrislibrary.com or contact us at 815-942-6880.

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