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### Santa Maria Public Library to Host Digital Bookmobile National Tour

The Digital Bookmobile National Tour ([www.digitalbookmobile.com](http://www.digitalbookmobile.com)) will showcase the free eBook service of the Santa Maria Public Library in the parking lot just north of the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) on South McClelland Street on Friday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2014 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. This is directly behind the 510 Event Center.

At this free event, readers of all ages will learn how to access eBooks from the library through interactive demonstrations and high-definition instructional videos. A gadget gallery—featuring Kindle® HD, iPad® Mini, Android™ Galaxy Tablet, NOOK™ HD+, Sony® Reader™, Kindle® Paperwhite, Windows® Phone 8, and more — will help visitors discover portable devices that are compatible with the library's download service. The Digital Bookmobile is owned and operated by OverDrive, Inc. and is visiting the Santa Maria Public Library to promote the use of the OverDrive digital book service.

The Digital Bookmobile is housed inside an 18-wheel tractor-trailer. This 74-foot community outreach vehicle is a high-tech update of the traditional bookmobile that has served communities for decades. The vehicle is equipped with broadband Internet-connected PCs, high definition monitors, premium sound systems, and a variety of portable media players, all of which help visitors explore the Santa Maria Public Library's digital service. Interactive learning stations give visitors an opportunity to search the library's digital media collection, use supported mobile devices, and sample eBooks and audiobooks.

Patrons can take advantage of the service 24/7 when they visit the library's digital website at (<http://blackgold.lib.overdrive.com/>.) From there, they can browse the growing collection of bestselling, new release, and classic titles, and check out a digital title with a valid library card. Once the digital titles have been checked out, they can enjoy them in the browser or transfer them to their computer or a supported mobile device. Many audio titles can also be burned to an audio CD. At the end of the lending period, titles will automatically expire and are returned to the digital collection. There are never late fees or damaged items.

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In addition to the OverDrive digital materials, the Santa Maria Public Library also has digital magazines, databases, and many other services which can be accessed through the city's website: <http://www.cityofsantamaria.org/210.shtml>

Questions may be directed to Lea Cryor in Reference Services, 925-0994.

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