

Public Policies - Sandy and Hoodland Mobile Library

Sandy and Hoodland Mobile Library provides access to library materials and services for people in the Library's service district. The Mobile Library will provide a variety of materials for checkout, including books and audiovisual materials, a Mobile Seed Library, and Library of Things items. Visitors can sign up for library cards, utilize a computer and printer, browse and check out materials for all ages, return library items, learn about resources, services, and programs at Sandy and Hoodland Libraries, and receive readers' advisory, reference, and technology assistance. Library programs including Storytime, STEM activities, and Technology Classes may be available on or in coordination with the Mobile Library. Mobile Library stops will be determined based on specific criteria and will be ADA accessible and safe for patrons.

1. Patrons are expected to follow the library's Code of Conduct policy. This includes allowing service animals only in the vehicle, no pets.
2. Patrons are not allowed to enter the cab of the mobile library.

Mobile Library Stops

Outreach Mission Statement

The Mobile Library provides a safe, welcoming, accessible, and empowering space where people of all ages are free to explore, discover, and connect.

1. All Mobile Library stops must occur within the Sandy and Hoodland Public Library service area which extends from Boring to Government Camp.
2. The Mobile Library shall prioritize stops in areas with populations who are historically underserved or face barriers to library access including:
 - Low-income neighborhoods
 - High density housing or geographically isolated areas
 - Areas with high proportions of multilingual residents
 - Locations with low numbers of library card holders or usage
 - Places with limited access to internet or digital services.
3. Mobile Library stops will be established in support of seniors living in community-based housing, local schools or other locations serving youth and families.
4. All Mobile Library stops will be evaluated for accessibility and safety. Priority will be given for locations that are ADA-accessible.
5. The Mobile Library will collaborate to provide stops with social, cultural, and mutual aid groups, community-based organizations, city events, and local partners.
6. Routes and services will be adapted based on input from community residents. The library shall use data to continually assess the Mobile Library's service range and adjust stops to serve high-need zones.

Inclement Weather

1. The mobile library will not operate during any active watches or warnings impacting the route area for flooding, hail storms, thunderstorms, tornados or winter weather.
2. The mobile library will not operate when a travel advisory impacting the route area is in effect.
3. For air quality decisions, the City will use the [DEQ Air Quality Index](#) rating of the closest monitoring station, Gresham Centennial High School Station. See Appendix A of this document.
 - If the AQI is at a level of 0-50: mobile library can continue to operate without restrictions.

- If the AQI is at a level of 51-150: mobile library can continue to operate without restrictions, but members of sensitive groups or employees who have underlying health conditions that are affected by air quality may request to limit working outdoors or will be provided appropriate PPE.
 - If the AQI is at a level of 151 or higher: All mobile library operations will cease.
4. For high heat decisions, the City will use the [Oregon School Activities Association \(OSAA\) Heat Index](#). See Appendix B of this document. If the heat index is forecast to be 100 or higher, mobile library operations will be canceled or if possible, relocated indoors.
 5. Library staff are empowered to close the mobile library at any time if they feel that the weather is creating dangerous conditions for staff or patrons. Library or City Management should be consulted.

Appendix A: Air Quality Index

Air Quality Index Levels of Health Concern	Numerical Value	Meaning
Good	0 to 50	Air quality is considered satisfactory, and air pollution poses little or no risk.
Moderate	51 to 100	Air quality is acceptable; however, for some pollutants there may be a moderate health concern for a very small number of people who are unusually sensitive to air pollution.
Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups	101 to 150	Members of sensitive groups may experience health effects. The general public is not likely to be affected.
Unhealthy	151 to 200	Everyone may begin to experience health effects; members of sensitive groups may experience more serious health effects.
Very Unhealthy	201 to 300	Health alert: everyone may experience more serious health effects.
Hazardous	301 to 500	Health warnings of emergency conditions. The entire population is more likely to be affected.

Note: Values above 500 are considered Beyond the AQI. Follow recommendations for the "Hazardous category." Additional information on reducing exposure to extremely high levels of particulate pollution is available [here](#).

Appendix B: Heat Index

