**Bookmobiles**

Bookmobiles are a great way to bring the library to its community. The first bookmobile was a horse drawn buggy in 1905. Today’s bookmobile has evolved into vans and bicycles. The Racine Public Library is a great example of a modern bookmobile that provides books, computer access, registration services, check out and return services, and technology to the community. Their slogan is, “Can’t come out to the library? We are where you are!”  The Racine Public Library makes weekly visits throughout Racine County, and stops at the parking lots of grocery stores, churches, or banks. The bookmobile is a great source of visibility in the community and is a great way to promote engagement with the library.

**Home delivery programs/Homebound patrons**

Patrons with physical disabilities or who are homebound need home delivery programs. Many libraries offer services such as free delivery and return of library materials, extended check-out periods, and librarian assistance with the selection of desired materials requested by patrons. Delivery programs may include virtual book clubs for homebound patrons who desire to connect with other patrons. Patrons who benefit from home delivery programs also include the elderly, someone who suffers from social anxiety disorder, or visually impaired individuals.

**Visits to homeless shelters**

The homeless community includes young and older adults, minor youth on their own, and children with homeless parents. Homeless people need access to computers to apply for jobs, housing, childcare, set up doctor appointments, maintain contact with social workers, and family members. While librarians are not social workers, many are proactive problem solvers. In 2009, The San Francisco Library hired an in-house social worker to address the needs of their homeless patrons. Positive outcomes included patrons attaining housing and connecting with social services.