

'Snow Mobile' Brings Books To Your Doorstep

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The pandemic has not stopped our loyal library users. Our curbside pick-up program is a bustling success and keeps us busy gathering materials for our patrons. Good customer service reigns at Snow Library.

A program where we also reach out to homebound patrons has been in existence since way before the pandemic arrived. The Snow Mobile (or the Snow Mobile program) has provided materials to borrowers with limited mobility for over six years.

This program is a collaboration between the Friends of Snow Library and the Orleans Council on Aging. I remember working with Holly Trevisan, a member of the Friends, a number of years ago keeping track of patrons and volunteers and materials.

The program has had years of many participants and years where there aren't so many. Some patrons devour books at a fast clip, as many as 10 or so a month, and others take a more leisurely pace of a book a month. Books, of course, are not the only things that circulate — audio books with CDs are also popular, as well as DVDs and Playaways.

At the reference desk, patrons are matched up with a volunteer from

the Friends of Snow Library and materials are selected. Sometimes we choose the materials and sometimes the patrons make specific requests.

There are patrons who enjoy reading an entire collection by one author — perhaps Agatha Christie or Mary Higgins Clark or James Patterson. We are glad to provide an author list so you can keep track of your items.

Snow Library has a large selection of large print books which many patrons prefer. As part of the CLAMS library network, we are able to borrow titles for

you from other libraries, too.

Materials taken out through the Snow Mobile program are checked out for a month at a time, ensuring there is no rush to finish that book in two weeks. Books are delivered at a time convenient to the volunteer and the patron.

This is a service we are happy to provide and we look forward to having more people participate. If you are interested or have a family member or neighbor who might benefit from the Snow Mobile, please let us know. To sign up for the Snow Mobile, please contact me at 508-240-3760.

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