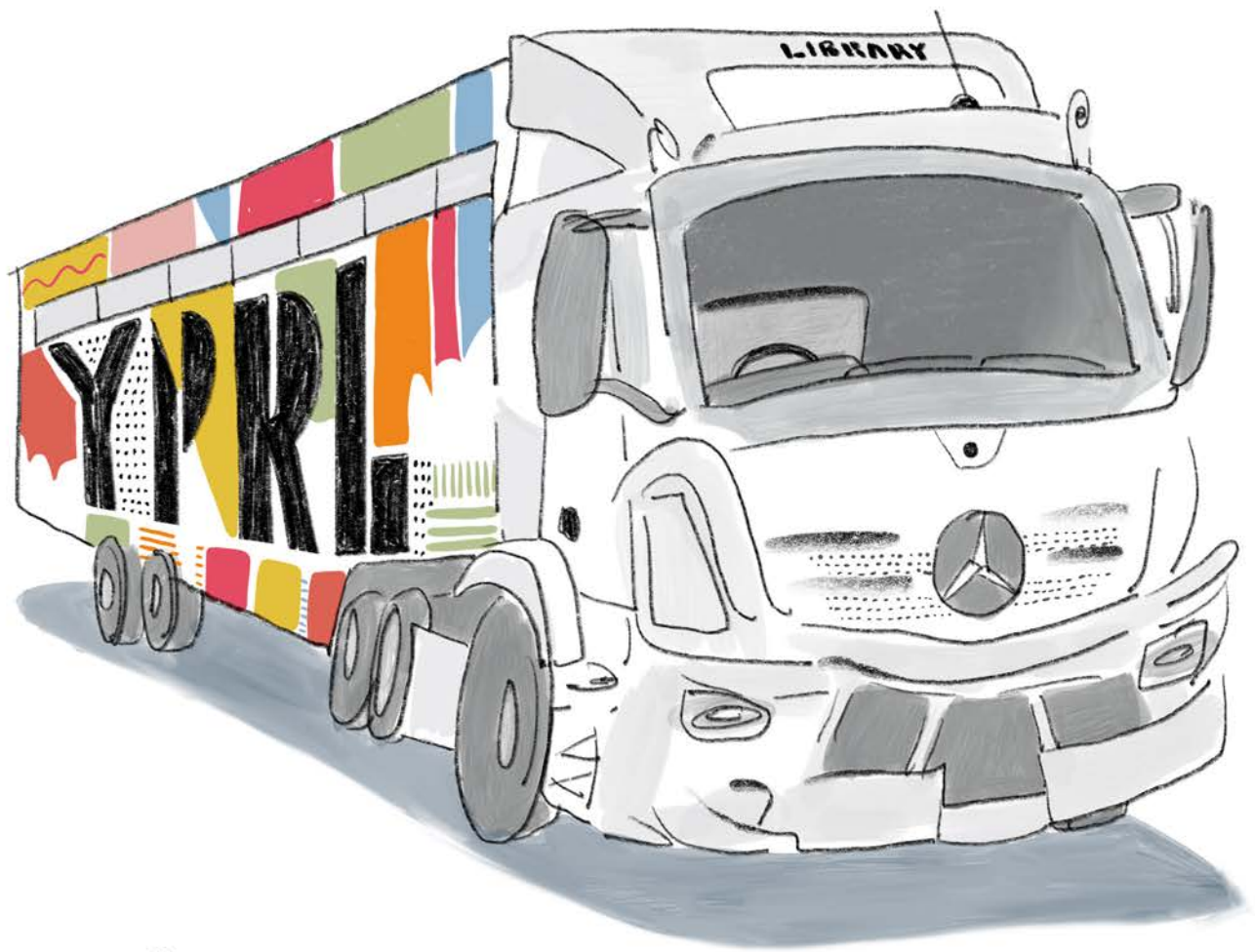


# ON THE MOBILE LIBRARY



A ZINE  
CELEBRATING  
70 YEARS  
ON THE ROAD

JODI WILEY

AUTHOR

TITLE

DATE DUE

BORROWER'S NAME

'It was decided, at the  
first annual meeting...  
in 1952, that a  
travelling library  
should be established.'

The Age, Oct 9, 1954, 'Books to the Backblocks'






**BOOKMOBILE SERVICE**  
**FOR EAST IVANHOE**  
**Commencing FRIDAY, 13th JULY**

AND  
 each ALTERNATE Friday  
 thereafter at Vacuum Oil  
 Co.'s Station near Wilfred  
 Road — 9.30 a.m. — 11 a.m.

At State School — 11.05  
 a.m. — 12.30 p.m. — For  
 PUPILS ONLY



Don't Print Press. (2/55)

INTERIOR OF ORIGINAL  
CITY OF HEIDELBERG  
BOOKMOBILE



FRED M. DAY, 1955



It is estimated a little more than 4000 books will be carried at a time, covering a wide range of fiction and non-fiction for both adults and children.

## Large Bus

THE vehicle in which these books will be transported and which will soon become a familiar sight on Heidelberg roads, is a rear-engine bus which has been specially converted to meet the requirements laid down by the library.

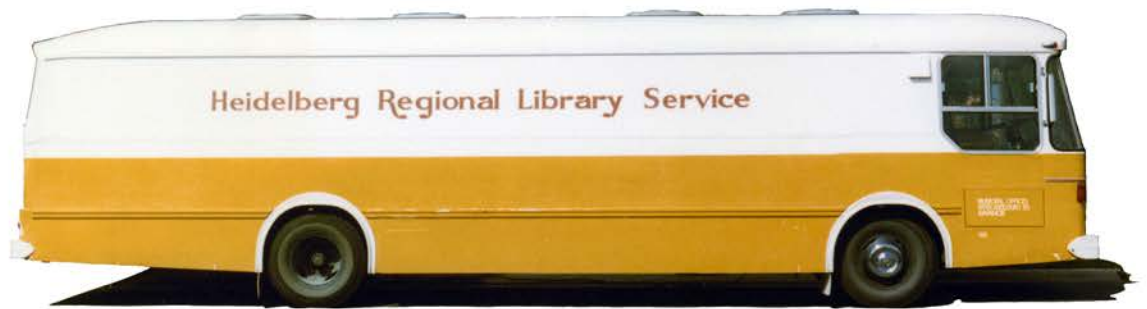


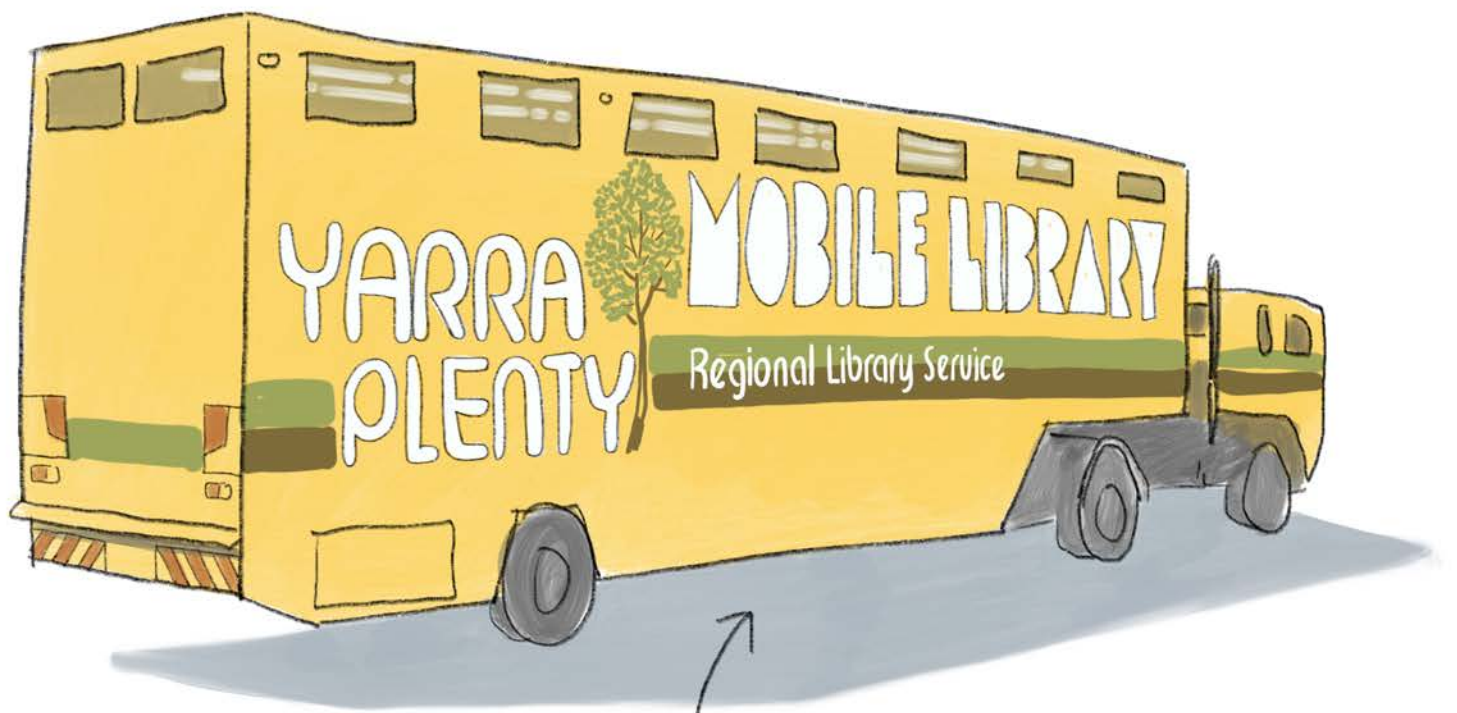
To be painted battleship grey on the outside and cream inside its approximate measurements are 32 feet long and eight feet wide inside.

To save space an ingenious arrangement has been worked out whereby the driver-librarian's seat can be swivelled around to face into the vehicle and become the seat at the desk.

So designed that people may enter it from either end to select their books, the interior of the bus will be lined with slanting shelves, each covered with ribbed rubber to prevent the books slipping during the travelling.

THERE HAVE BEEN  
SEVERAL VEHICLES  
OVER THE YEARS...

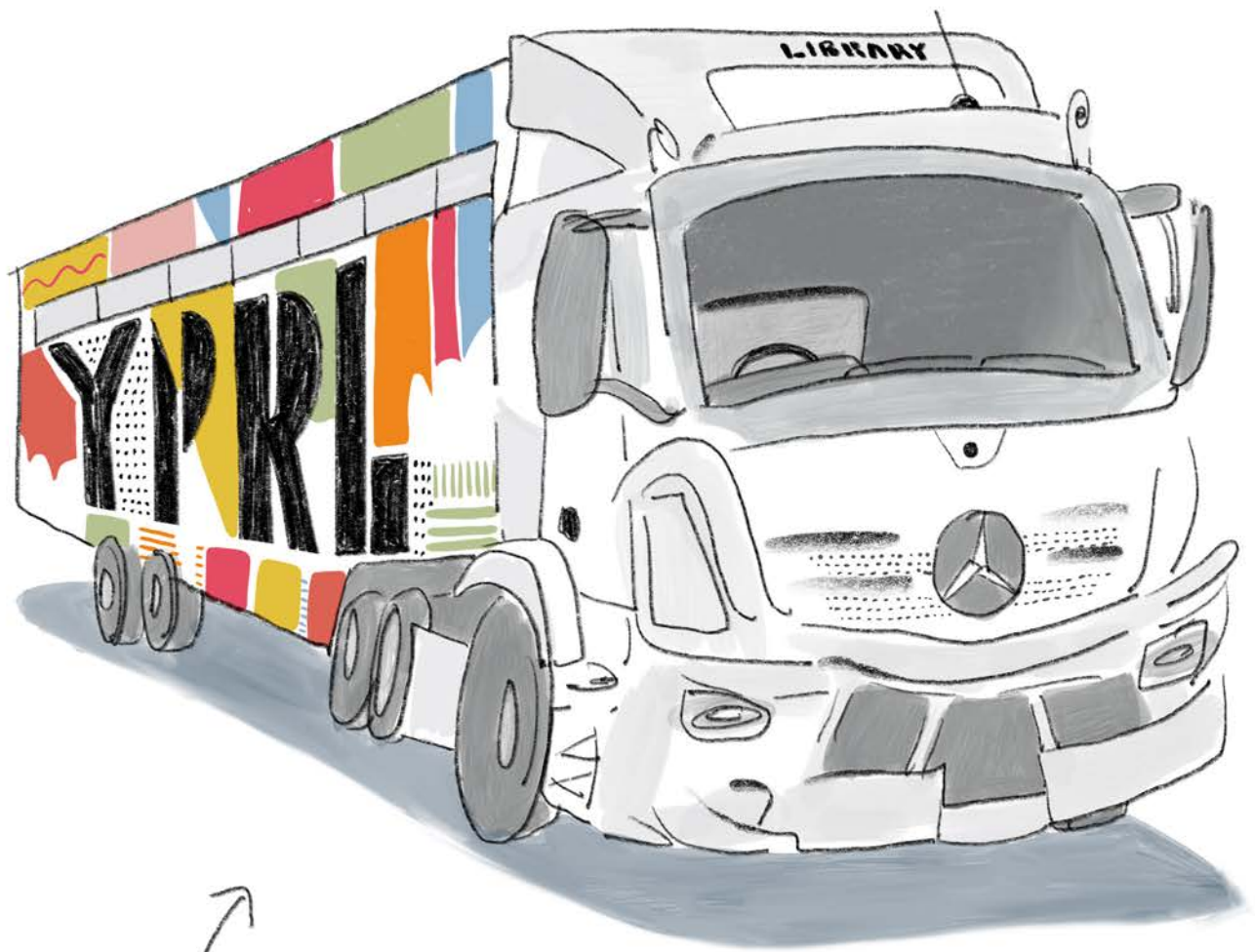




THIS ONE  
HIT THE ROAD IN  
1987



ON SEPTEMBER 25 2024 I SPENT  
THE DAY AS ARTIST IN RESIDENCE  
ON THE MOBILE LIBRARY, DRAWING  
FROM OBSERVATION AND LEARNING  
ABOUT THE SERVICE FROM STAFF  
AND VISITORS



THE CURRENT VEHICLE



THE MOBILE LIBRARY  
SERVICE OPERATES FIVE DAYS  
A WEEK AND TRAVELS TO  
15 DIFFERENT LOCATIONS  
IN BANYULE, NILLUMBIK  
AND WHITTLESEA



ST ANDREWS



I VISITED  
THESE THREE  
STOPS



DIAMOND CREEK



KANGAROO GROUND

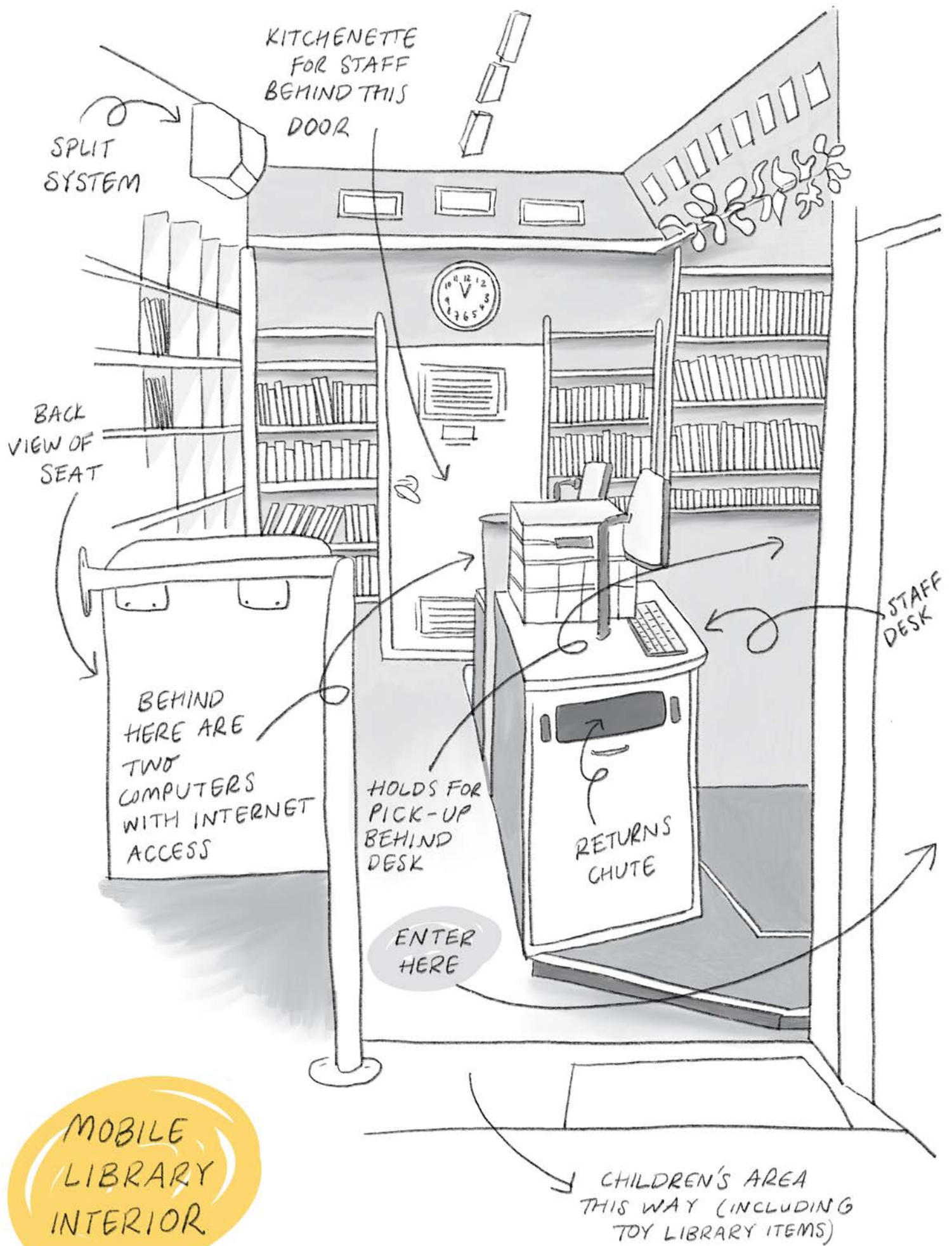




12,500 ITEMS IN STOCK  
ROTATED REGULARLY

INCLUDING:  
BOOKS  
DVDs  
MAGAZINES  
AUDIOBOOKS  
LARGE PRINT PUBLICATIONS  
TOYS





# MOBILE LIBRARY STATS

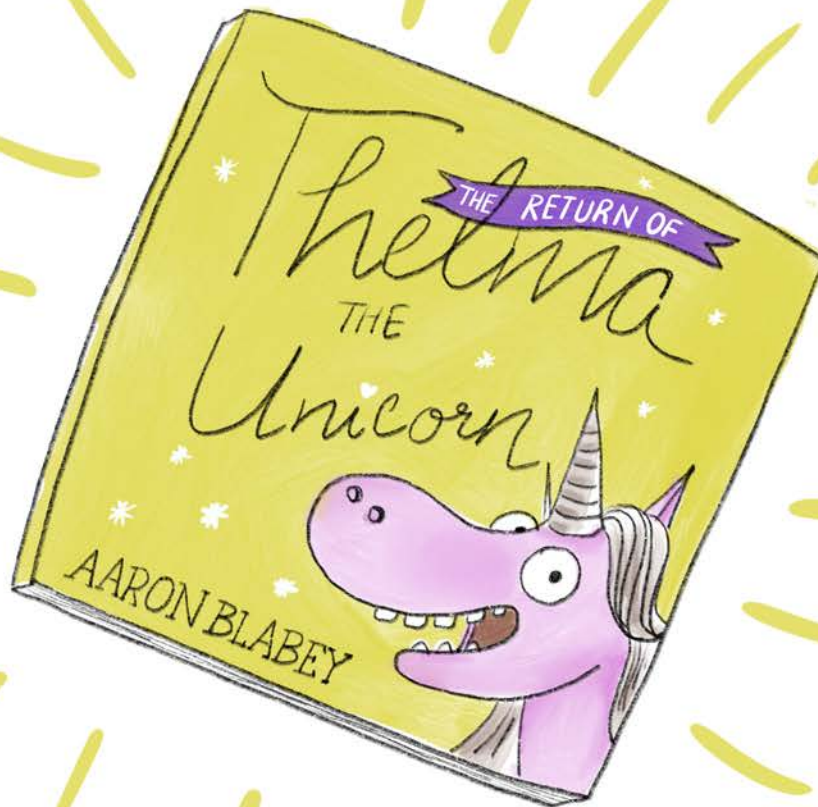
(11 AUG '23 - 11 AUG '24)

VISITATION TO  
MOBILE LIBRARY

30,111

LOANS

55,171

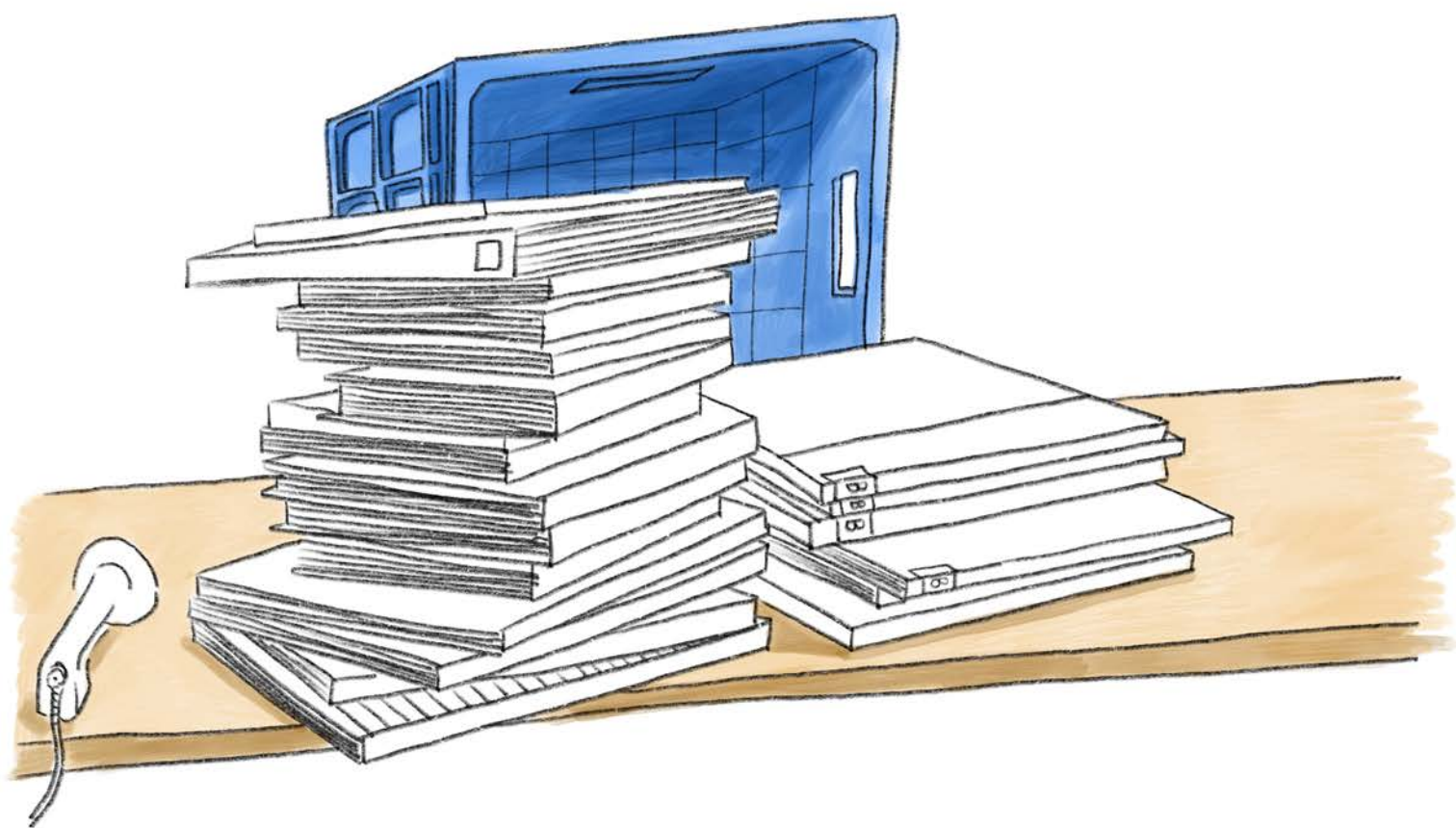


## TOP LOAN

(17 LOANS BETWEEN 1/7/23 - 30/6/24)



EVERY WEEK MULTIPLE BOXES  
OF BOOKS ARE COMPILED  
BY THE MOBILE LIBRARY TEAM

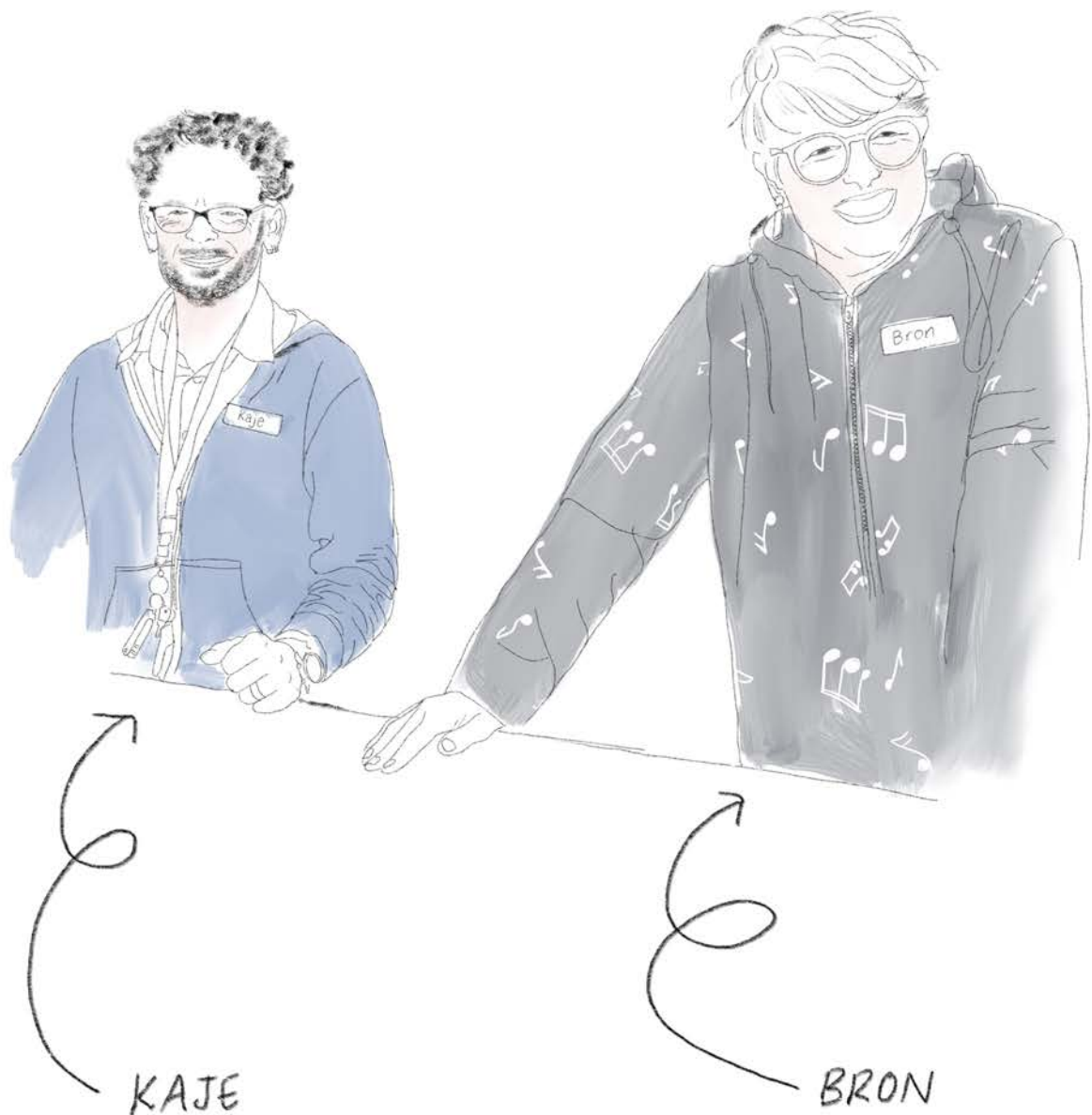


AND DELIVERED TO  
ALMOST 30 CHILDCARE CENTRES  
AND KINDERS ALONG THE  
VARIOUS ROUTES

MEMBERS OF THE MOBILE LIBRARY TEAM  
I MET DURING MY ARTIST RESIDENCY AND  
WHAT VISITORS SAID ABOUT THEM...

"THE STAFF ARE LOVELY"

"WE HAVE SOME BANTER AND  
YOU GET TO KNOW THEM  
BY NAME"

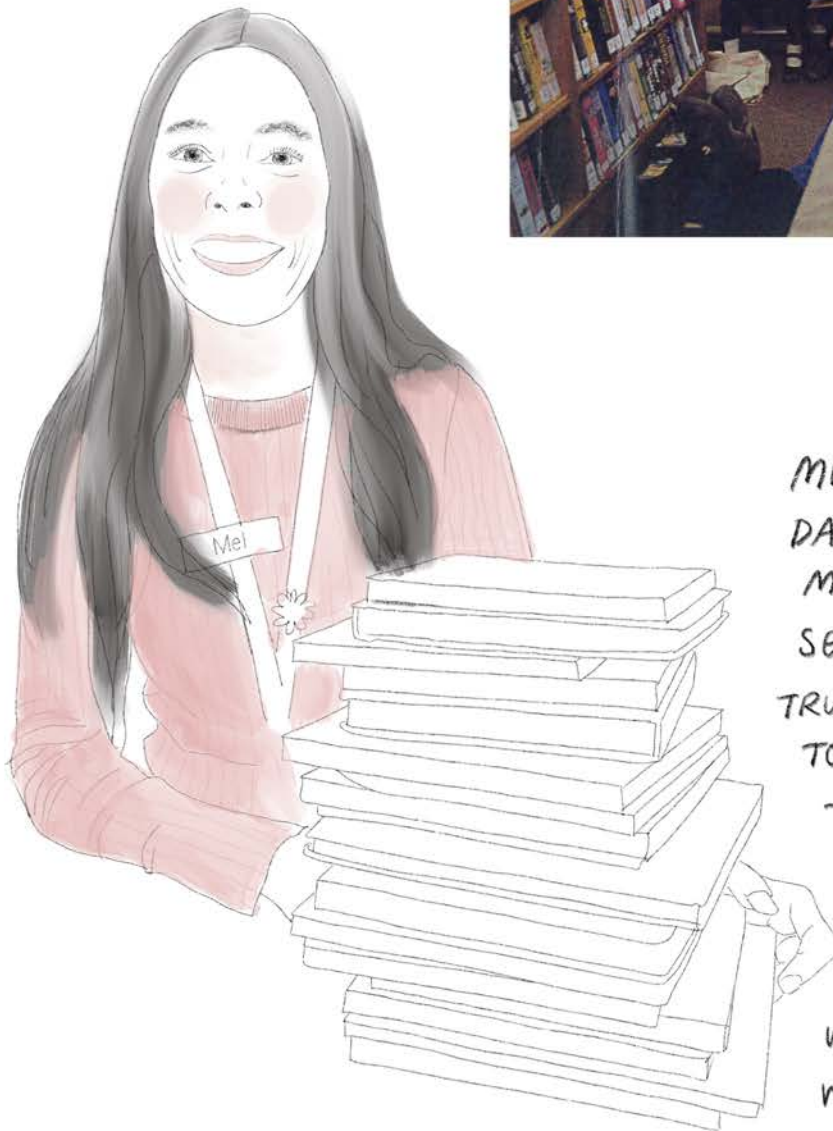




"FRIENDLY STAFF"

MEL'S DAD,  
ALAN

MEL



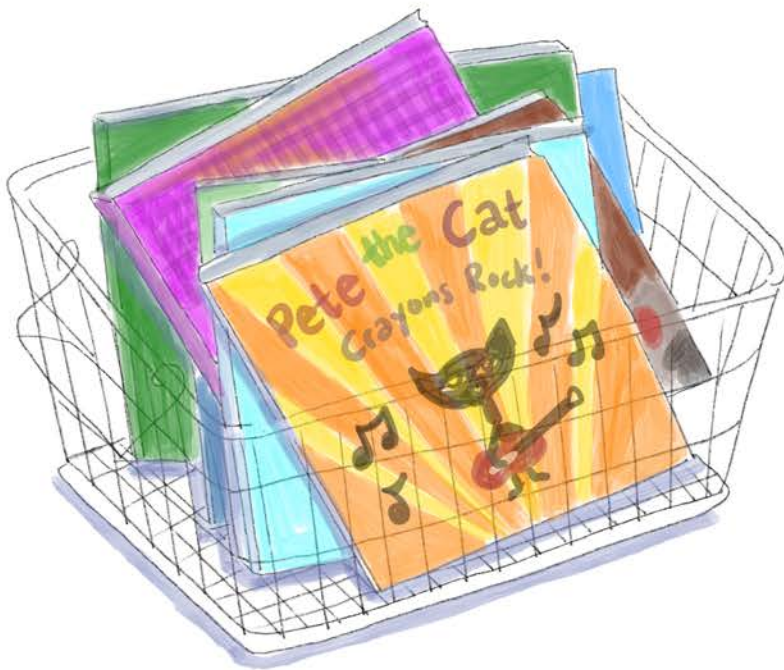
## MEL'S STORY

MEL TOOK OVER FROM HER DAD WHEN HE RETIRED AFTER MORE THAN 40 YEARS OF SERVICE. SHE ALREADY HAD HER TRUCK LICENCE AND AFTER SHE TOOK ON THE ROLE, ALAN TRAINED HER ON THE JOB.

SHE HAS HAPPY MEMORIES OF JOINING HER DAD ON THE 'LIBRARY BUS' WHEN SHE WAS A CHILD SO GETTING TO WORK WITH HIM WAS SPECIAL.

"MY DAD IS AWESOME"

PICTURE BOOKS



"IT'S REALLY COOL AND PRETTY"

TOY  
LIBRARY  
SELECTION





"I'M A VORACIOUS READER AND THIS IS CLOSER  
THAN MY NEAREST BRANCH AND EASIER FOR  
ME TO GET TO."

"IT'S A VERY CONVENIENT WAY TO BORROW BOOKS,  
NOW THAT I'M GETTING ELDERLY AND PROBABLY  
WON'T BE DRIVING FOR MUCH LONGER."



" I DEPEND ON YOU  
SO MUCH "





ON THE  
MOBILE LIBRARY

WILEY, JODI

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2024

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