



Mobile Library Reaches Out to Residents of Liwa, Madinat Zayed

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ABU DHABI — As part of its efforts to reach the remote communities in the emirate of Abu Dhabi, the national mobile library, titled 'KITAB Bus', will tour the Western Region, starting with schools in Liwa on December 20-21 and Madinat Zayed on December 22-24.

The mobile library aims at covering as much distance as possible and get as many people on board to benefit from reading their favourite books.

Launched in October, the mobile library takes books right to the people's doorsteps. The bus toured Al Ain in October and visited the city of Abu Dhabi stopping at schools and public places in November.

"Extending educational opportunities to all communities right across the emirate of Abu Dhabi is the only way to build a true knowledge-based economy. It is through joint venture projects such as the KITAB Bus that we hope to inspire people to develop a thirst for knowledge and greater learning," stated Jumaa Al Qubaisi, director of the National Library and the Abu Dhabi International Book Fair.

"Taking the KITAB Bus tour to the Western Region gets right to the heart of what KITAB is about, and that means creating opportunities for people in all of our communities to access books and reading. We hope that this tour will spread the book buzz right across the Western Region and capture everyone's imaginations," said Monika Krauss, general manager of KITAB.

"We have been overwhelmed by the positive feedback from visitors to the bus and inundated with requests from teachers and librarians right across the emirate who would like the bus to make a stop near them. Over the next year, the bus will expand its tour with the aim of fulfilling as many community requests as possible," said Krauss.

In 2010, KITAB aims to tour other communities in the Western Region and will participate in the Abu Dhabi International Book Fair 2010 from March 2-7.