

News Release

Brightspeed, Community Partners Unveil New Driving Simulator to Expand Workforce Education Opportunities in the River Valley

Hands-on training initiative expected to serve hundreds of individuals annually across five counties

CLARKSVILLE, AR — May 28, 2026 — A new workforce training initiative unveiled today at the Johnson County Public Library is helping open doors for more Arkansans pursuing employment opportunities, thanks to a partnership between [Brightspeed](#), the River Valley Adult Learning Alliance (RVALA) and local community leaders. The tool is a new driving simulator that will provide hands-on training for adult learners preparing to earn a driver's license, pursue a CDL certification or obtain farm equipment operation certification.

Housed at the Johnson County Public Library, the simulator will serve residents across RVALA's five-county region and is expected to support more than 300 individuals annually, helping more people gain the skills and confidence needed to pursue employment and advance their careers.

"Adult education is often about removing barriers and meeting learners where they are," said Executive Director of RVALA Meredith Moats. "This simulator creates a safe, accessible environment for individuals to develop essential driving skills, whether they're seeking independence, employment or additional certifications for career advancement or upskilling."

The initiative aligns with ongoing efforts across the River Valley to increase access to workforce development resources, particularly in rural communities where transportation challenges can impact employment outcomes.

"Reliable access to education and workforce training is essential for building strong communities and generating economic opportunities," said Lymari Munoz, local marketing manager for Brightspeed. "The driving simulator represents more than technology. It's an investment in people, helping individuals gain skills, confidence and access to the opportunities that can change their lives."

Community members attending the unveiling had the opportunity to experience the simulator and learn more about how the program will support residents.

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