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HICKORY COUNTY LIBRARY PURCHASES LIBRARY TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT

At a ceremony on August 17, 2010, Anita J. (Janie) Dunning, State Director, USDA Rural Development, presented a Certificate of Appreciation to the Hickory County Library.

The certificate represents recognition of the Hickory County Library and their efforts to stimulate the economy by utilizing grant funds of \$1,300 from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). The ARRA funds are from USDA Rural Development's Community Facility Grant program and will be used to finance the purchase of computers and workstations for the library. The Hickory County Library will provide \$1,128 of the total cost of \$2,428. The library serves all of Hickory County.

"This is a great partnership effort when everyone works together for a common goal of meeting the needs of a community," said Dunning. "This project mirrors USDA Rural Development's mission and President Obama's initiative of being committed to the future of rural communities. I want to personally thank everyone that has worked together to make this project a reality. I am pleased that Hickory County will benefit by having a library with the additional equipment to better serve its patrons."

Dunning added, "Appreciation is also extended to our federal elected officials for supporting the USDA Rural Development programs. They have been strong proponents for the necessary funding for essential services for rural Missourians."

Anyone seeking more information about USDA Rural Development programs may visit the homepage at <http://www.rurdev.gov/mo> or by contacting the Clinton Area Office at 1306 North 2nd Street, Clinton, MO 64735 or by calling (660)885-5567 ext 5.

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Pictured left to right, Hickory County Library: Jim Fitts, Mayor of Hermitage; Stacy Coulsell, Hickory County Library Director; Doris Frye, Library Board Member; Janie Dunning, Rural Development Missouri State Director; Eva Fae Cooper, Library Board Member; Gerda Fitts, Library Board Member; David Rauch, District Director, SW MO Office of Senator Claire McCaskill; Kim Burton Rural Development Area Specialist; Larry Wilson, MO State Representative, 119th District.