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USDA FUNDS NEW BOOKMOBILE FOR ROCK COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Kearney, Nebraska, Feb. 16, 2001-A new bookmobile will arrive in Bassett, NE at the Rock County Public Library. This news announced today by USDA Rural Development who will be assisting with \$18,800 in grant funds toward the bookmobile purchase. Additional funds will be derived from a \$19,676 contribution from the Rock County Public Library along with \$2,000 in local donations.

Lennis Hodgson, rural development manager for Nebraska USDA Rural Development states, "The library needs to acquire a new bookmobile as their existing unit is over 25 years old and no longer reliable. The new bookmobile will allow the library to continue to provide materials and services to the Rock County residents; and enable five Rock County rural schools/communities to retain their accreditation by the State of Nebraska."

USDA Rural Development is a credit arm of the U.S. Department of Agriculture whose mission is to provide financial assistance to rural communities who are unable to secure acceptable credit elsewhere for housing, community facilities, and business development. Assistance provided can be in the form of grants, direct loans, and guarantees on loans made by commercial lenders.

The USDA Rural Development grant funds for this bookmobile were provided through the Community Facility Grant Program. For additional information regarding USDA Rural Development Loan and Grant Programs contact Lennis Hodgson in the USDA Rural Development Office, 4009 North 6th Avenue Kearney, Neb. 68848 or phone (308) 237-3118. Website: www.rurdev.usda.gov/ne/.

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