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To editors, librarians and others who are interested
in the welfare of Nebraska:-

We ask you to assist in disseminating throughout the state, a wider knowledge of the opportunities for reading and study that the state affords all citizens through the work of this Commission. For your information, I enclose some statements concerning traveling libraries and special loans. Will you kindly use this for the benefit of your community? Such of the information as will lead the people of your neighborhood to avail themselves freely of the resources which are theirs for the asking is appropriate material for your news paper, and we will appreciate any efforts you may make to give this Commission a wider field for usefulness. We have, at all times, work enough to keep us very busy. The traveling library and special loans take up more than the time of one person--but we are enjoined by law to keep more than busy in working out the problem of "encouraging the establishment of libraries where none exist." During the summer, when the schools are not using them, we have traveling libraries to spare. These could be of great service to the people in the villages and in the country if they only knew the books were to be had. A fine collection of books on every branch of farm and home industries is also at the disposal of the people. A farmer wishing to read on alfalfa, animal industries, corn, creameries or a hundred other farm topics, or a woman interested in the care of the baby or the planning of a new house or the making of a flower or vegetable garden has only to write to this office asking for what is needed, and it will be sent, the borrower paying the postage or express.

By giving publicity to these facts, you will be making Nebraska a still better place to live in.

Sincerely,

Edna D. Bullock, Sec'y.