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Enclosed find the long delayed Circular of information and the application blank for our traveling libraries. Your informal application is number -- on our file, and applicants will be served in the order of application. If you have not already done so, kindly fill out the formal blank, which will take the place of your informal letter on our file. With the limited amount of money at our disposal, we cannot buy many books, and applicants for traveling libraries will have to await their turns.

The circular of information indicates ways by which your community can help the Commission to carry out the spirit of the law. Cannot your community, or some member or members of it, contribute money or books for one traveling library to the slender resources of the Commission? Such a collection of books, if given by a community, would be suitably marked with a book plate stating that fact. If given by an individual, the donor's name would appear on the book plate. It is customary in other states having traveling libraries for donors to contribute memorial libraries to the state library commission. Is there not some one in your community who would be glad to have a traveling library sent out with a book plate stating that the library was in memory of some departed friend? Can you not place the circular and this letter in the hands of some one who will secure the publication of the circular in the local papers, and seek out the friends of education and libraries in your community to urge some effort along the lines suggested? You can thus help your own community, and you can also help to make the Library commission a great educational force in the state.

We desire to call attention to the provision of the Commission that all residents of your community are entitled to use the books in the traveling libraries. If your library is not a free public library, you will find the traveling library a powerful argument for for the establishment of such a library, if you make good use of your opportunity. The chief purpose of our Commission is library extension. Command our services if we can, in any way help to establish a public library in a community that is without one. If you desire literature on the establishment of libraries, send to us for it. If you desire the presence and personal efforts of any member or officer of the Commission in your town to help arouse public sentiment, or to improve a library already established, we will be glad to serve you up to the limit of our ability.

Respectfully,

Edna D. Bullock, Sec'y.