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## State of Nebraska

NEBRASKA PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMISSION  
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The first Nebraska Bookmobile made its appearance in September, 1936 at the State Fair. It is the property of the Nebraska Public Library Commission, its purchase having been made possible through a gift of money from a group of Omaha business men.

The Bookmobile is ~~one~~ a one half ton truck with three shelves running full length of the body on both sides. Three hundred books show through the glass doors which open upward, and several hundred more can be carried inside the truck.

This "library on wheels" has traveled 4,000 miles over the state visiting county fairs, community celebrations, state and district conventions, schools and rural communities and has been a big factor in making people in Nebraska aware of the service which is available to them through the Library Commission. It has resulted in an increased number of requests for books. The Bookmobile also demonstrates the type of service which can be given by county or regional libraries and furthers interest in extending library service to the 50 % of the population of Nebraska which are without local library service.

The biennial report of the executive secretary shows that 95,019 books were loaned by the Commission from July 1, 1935 to Dec. 1, 1936. Of these 41,419 were borrowed by rural and small town schools. Ninety-two counties borrowed books from the Commission.

The Library Commission is composed of five members appointed by the Governor to serve without pay. They are: Mr. H. L. Webster, Tekamah, president; Mrs. P. L. Cady, Fremont, vice-president; Miss Annie C. Kramph, North Platte; Mr. John W. Delehant, Beatrice; Mrs. David Simms, Hastings. The staff consists of four trained librarians: Miss Nellie M. Carey, Lincoln, executive secretary; Mrs. Dorothy W. Lessenhop, Lincoln, reference librarian; Clarence Tilger, Hastings, assistant in charge of shipping and packing; and Miss Jessie Robertson, Plattsmouth, assistant in charge of community and school loans.

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