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## The Nelson Library Upgrades Its New Digs

The City of Nelson was given the old Masonic Lodge building for use as the City Library. This donated building contained short shelving units and was not accessible under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The city needed funding assistance for new shelving, other library furniture and equipment, and a new ADA accessible sidewalk.

USDA Rural Development assisted the City of Nelson by providing a \$17,000 Community Facilities Grant. The total project costs were \$31,000. The City of Nelson contributed \$14,000. The project included 23 new bookshelves, a work station, a new circulation desk, a computer carrel, custom loungers, a glass top display, and a magazine rack. Project funding was also used to bring the sidewalk leading to the building into ADA compliance. The new sidewalk was poured, making the design wider and thus more accessible.



*New shelves, improved layout, and new materials for the Nelson library.*

The library in Nelson is now ADA compliant and appropriate shelving and equipment now provide service to the residents of Nelson.

**Obligation Amount:** \$17,000 grant

**Date of Obligation:** 06/24/2014

**Congressional District:** Representative Smith, NE-3rd District; Senators Fischer and Sasse

**Partners:** City of Nelson

**Demographics:** Rural Town

**Impact:** Using existing facilities for a new purpose; revitalizing space for local residents.