



## Improvements to Farnam Library

The library in the Village of Farnam, Nebraska, needed rehabilitation. USDA Rural Development contributed a \$14,300 Community Facilities grant that was supplemented with a \$11,700 contribution from the village. This was used to replace five exterior windows, two exterior doors, shingles, siding, bathrooms and flooring, and installing an handicapped accessible ramp. The improvements to the infrastructure made the library more accessible to the wider public and made it more energy-efficient.



*The handicap accessible ramp at Farnam Library.*

Libraries serve diverse functions and needs in rural communities, often being gathering places for civic participation and social interaction. This library will continue to provide community members with in-town services and that will prevent movement to a nearby town to meet the same needs. Libraries are crucial infrastructures. This project was necessary to promote economic, social and sustainable development in the Village of Farnam.

**Obligation Amount:** Grant: \$14,300

**Date of Obligation:** March 1, 2011

**Congressional District:** Representative Smith, District 3; US Senator Deb Fischer and US Senator Ben Sasse

**Partners:** Village of Farnam

**Demographics:** Village of Farnam residents and library users from surrounding area.

**Impact:** A rehabilitated library for public access.