

## **Establishing Bookmobile Service Locations**

### **I. Purpose**

Goal 4 of the Library's Plan for Service is "to provide direct library service to residents of areas within the County's taxing jurisdiction not adequately served by other public libraries." Since its inception in 1968, the bookmobile service program has provided services to various communities throughout the non-exempt and largely rural areas of Dane County. During these many years of service, the bookmobile has served to introduce library service to many communities which later developed local library facilities. It has also provided continuous service to areas that cannot support permanent library facilities. Both of these purposes are supported by the *ALA Standards for Quality Library Service*.

### **II. Context**

The program of service of the bookmobile is, of necessity, limited because of the vehicle involved. The bookmobile can be in only one place at a time. This simple fact requires that, in order to maximize service, the bookmobile schedule must be designed to provide service in the locations where it is most needed, at times when it is most convenient, while at the same time, minimizing the amount of time devoted to travel.

### **III. Criteria for Establishing and Continuing Bookmobile Service Locations**

- A. All service points must be in areas taxed by Dane County.
- B. Establishment of stops which cannot be integrated into the travel pattern of existing stops in an efficient way will be discouraged.
- C. No stop will be established or continued for less than 6-10 borrowers.
  
- D. If reader interest declines and bookmobile use no longer justifies the time spent at a particular location, the stop will be discontinued or the time reduced.
- E. While stops will not be established or maintained at schools, attempts will be made to schedule visits to communities when school-age children are available and able to visit.
- F. Extenuating circumstances may justify the continuance of service at a location which does not meet the above general requirements. Such exceptions will be brought to the attention of the library board.

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