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#### LIBRARY GRANTS FOR WEST VIRGINIA

WASHINGTON, D.C. - U.S. Representative Nick Rahall (D-W.Va.) announced today the appropriation of more than \$237,000 to the West Virginia Library Commission by the U.S. Department of Education.

The Public Library Construction Grant, under the authority of the Library Services and Construction Act, Title II will in Rahall's words "help foster education" in the Mountain State.

"Reading is the key to education and education is the key to success," Rahall commented. "By funding our libraries, we will broaden the horizons of those who before may not have had the opportunities to enjoy books and other services provided by our public libraries."

The purpose of Title II is to construct new public library buildings as well as to acquire, expand, remodel or alter existing buildings.

Robert Klassen, Director of the Public Library Support Staff for the U.S. Department of Education, said \$237,067 has been allocated for West Virginia pending the state's submission of a spending package to the Department of Education.