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RAHALL SAYS WEST VIRGINIA LIBRARIES TO RECEIVE FUNDS TO EXTEND SERVICES

WASHINGTON - U.S. Rep. Nick Rahall (D-W.Va.) announced today that the U.S. Department of Education has awarded the West Virginia Library Commission funds to better serve the state's population.

Rahall said the state will receive \$234,588 in Title I funding which will help establish, extend, and improve public library services to areas that lack service.

"In addition to expanding to new areas, these funds can be used to help those individuals who, by distance, handicap, age or education, are unable to benefit from public library services," Rahall stated.

Rahall also announced that the state will receive \$169,175 in Title III funds. These funds are to establish, operate and extend local, regional or interstate networks of libraries and provide for the coordination of library resources and services through such a network.

"This will enable many conducting research to do so at their local libraries," Rahall said. " Through library loans and exchange programs, a person in a smaller community may no longer need to travel to the larger libraries far away from their communities."