

Bookmobile Service Is Important To Program

Bookmobile service is an important phase of any library program and so it has been in Branch County as school and community stops are made regularly.

In areas of the county where there is no unit library nearby, the bookmobile makes community stops every other week. At these places, the bookmobile is parked for a designated time for the area residents to come and select various types of library materials to use until the mobile unit arrives again.

If a book title, is not on the bookmobile shelf, or a magazine, record or film-strip is desired by a borrower, the request can be made by the patron for the driver to bring at the next scheduled visit.

Community stops for Branch County Library's bookmobile are at East Gilead, Batavia, California township and Butler.

Eleven schools are each visited once a month by the bookmobile, giving the students and teachers a chance to select materials to supplement the school libraries.

Bookmobile stops are made at the high school, junior high school and two elementary schools in Bronson; the high school, junior high school and elementary school in Union City; the high school and elementary school in Quincy; and at the Girard and Sherwood schools.

In spite of the fact that the 16-year-old bookmobile is only 16 feet long, there is provided for the book borrowers of all ages a variety of books from which to select. Periodic changes are made in the collection so new selections are available for each bookmobile visit.

Even though Branch county residents have had the Coldwater Public Library, Branch County Library headquarters at the courthouse in Coldwater, and the

Bronson, Union City, Quincy, Sherwood, Girard, Lakeland, Algansee and Kinderhook libraries from which to borrow books, the need for bookmobile service in the county has been proven by the circulation reports for the bookmobile division of the library.

According to William K. Smith, library director, circulation reports given by bookmobile drivers, Mrs. Cora Talant and Mrs. Dorothy Catey, show the wide use of bookmobile facilities



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