The purpose of the Bookmobile is to bring library services to under served communities in Rockingham County. The objective is to serve as a mobile library that provides a collection of current materials in a variety of formats. Patrons have full access through the Bookmobile to all circulating materials owned by the RCPL system, and to NC Cardinal, a collaborative library catalog.

All Rockingham County Public Library cards are available for use within our system and the entire NC Cardinal system.

The Bookmobile will visit each site on a regular monthly basis except during scheduled holidays or inclement weather. Although missed stops will not be rescheduled, materials due for return during these times will be renewed.

Since access time to Bookmobile services is limited at each stop, the Bookmobile staff will make every effort to facilitate easy renewals and to otherwise accommodate patrons with delinquent items.

Requests for new Bookmobile stops will be evaluated and scheduled as time and staffing permits according to the following criteria:

- **Proximity to a library facility and to established Bookmobile stops.** Currently all Bookmobile stops are located outside city limits with the exception of county nutrition sites or retirement communities where the Outreach Department judges Bookmobile service to be more expedient than Homebound delivery.
- **Patron usage.** Each Bookmobile stop must serve, on a regular basis, a minimum of three households. Priority in scheduling will be given to sites attended by larger numbers of the community.
- **Circulation Rate.** Decisions to continue stops which fall below minimum circulation rates of 40-50 items per hour will be made only in special circumstances such as geographical coverage, high patron count, or other library priorities.
Bookmobile sites are evaluated on a six-month's basis and adjustments to scheduling made where necessary in areas of below standard use.