ACCESSING THE ERC COLLECTION

- Materials are housed at the SELCO/SELS offices in Rochester.
- Using a Minnesota public library card, you can easily request items through the SELCO online catalog or MnLINK at libraries and school media centers, and they will be sent to your local library for pick-up.

Browse The ERC Library Collection:
http://www.selco.info/display/Lr/UMN+Experiment+in +Rural+Cooperation

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A sampling of Books from the ERC (Experiment in Rural Cooperation) Library Collection

From the Farm to the Table: What All Americans Need to Know About Agriculture
Gary Holthaus - Southeast Minnesota farmers challenge us to a better life.

Harvest of Hope
L. Garkovich, J. Bokemeier, Barbara Foote - A journalist and two sociologists paint a thought-provoking picture of contemporary family farms.

Agrarianism and the Good Society
Eric Freyfogle - “A critical yet hopeful guide for cultural change...” that will address America’s land-use crises.

Local Environmental Movements
P. Karan and U. Sugauma - Local leaders refuse to surrender the earth to a depleted fate.

The Positive Deviant: Sustainability Leadership in a Perverse World
Sara Parkin - Develop capacity to do the right thing regardless of your circumstances.

Revolution Down on the Farm
Paul Conkin - Viable options to America’s present system of “subsidized, large-scale, mechanized, chemically supported agriculture.”

WHAT IS THE ERC LIBRARY COLLECTION? WHAT IS THE EXPERIMENT IN RURAL COOPERATION?

The ERC Library Collection is a unique gathering of books, reports and videos supporting rural development and sustainability. The collection results from a partnership between Southeastern Libraries Cooperating and University of Minnesota Southeast Regional Sustainable Development Partnership, which is commonly known in Southeast Minnesota as The Experiment in Rural Cooperation. The SE Partnership (ERC) is a vital outreach arm of University of Minnesota Extension, working with residents in southeastern Minnesota to create and sustain healthy ecosystems, strong local economies and vibrant, self-reliant communities. ERC is committed to building partnerships that connect the residents of southeastern Minnesota to local assets and the research and educational resources of the University of Minnesota. The growing ERC Library Collection also includes a selection of project reports and books by Minnesota authors.

SELCO, Southeast Libraries Cooperating, and SELS, Southeast Library System, are sister organizations fostering cooperation among libraries not only in Southeast Minnesota but throughout the state.

Video Series
Rural Sustainability

In 2008, ERC and Southeastern Libraries Cooperating (SELS) organized a series of 10 free forums at rural libraries in southeast Minnesota. Each forum, held at a different library, was led by a field expert and targeted a pressing issue encountered by rural residents. These events informed and energized participants to work together to improve the quality of life in their communities. Program topics included asset-based communities, renewable energy, community vitality, agriculture, climate change impacts on forests, food systems and rural design.

Online video podcasts & details of each event are available at—
www.selco.info/display/ps/Rural+Sustainability