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QUOTA INTERNATIONAL OF BATH DONATES FOR LIBRARY HEARING LOOP FUND

Service organization Quota International of Bath recently presented Southeast Steuben County Library Director Pauline Emery with a check for \$250 for the library's Inductive Hearing Loop fund. The library hopes to have the loop installed in early 2012 Emery said.

Quota, which is known for its service to deaf, hearing and speech impaired individuals, voted to donate the money after reading about the loop project in the library's quarterly newsletter, *Between the Pages*. "Certain things we fund every year and other things come up that we vote on to fund," said Mary Kay Quiggle, Quota board member. The club annually supports many projects and groups including ARC of Steuben, Catholic Charities, Relay for Life and several others.

The inductive hearing loop is a class of Assistive Listening Devices (ALDs). It works with telecoil (T-coil) equipped hearing aids and cochlear implants to help individuals hear better than they would with their own devices alone. The loop is a wire which will circle the Laura Beer Community Room, connect to the sound system and transmit electromagnetic signals to hearing aids and implants. These signals will be interpreted as sound to the wearer.

For those who wear a T-coil hearing aid or cochlear implant, it will be as simple as flipping a switch in their hearing device to take advantage of the hearing loop. For those who do not have a T-coil equipped device, the library has three receivers to lend. In addition, the room will be renovated with acoustical tiling and modern sound equipment.

"The hearing loop will allow us to serve even more of our population as that population ages," Emery said. "There is no need to miss out because of hearing problems. We are so thankful to Quota for their donation to this project."

Assistant Director Brad Turner said the loop will be well-used at the library. "Thousands use the room annually," Turner said. The community room of the library is used for meetings, workshops, movies, classes and more.

In addition to serving those with hearing and speech impairments, Quota also serves disadvantaged women and children. Those interested in information about getting involved with Quota can call one of the following people:

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