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HEARING LOOP RENOVATION: MOVIES CANCELED AT LIBRARY IN APRIL

During the month of April the Laura Beer Community Room at the Southeast Steuben County Library will be closed while renovations are carried out.

The Free Friday Night Films, *It's Kind of a Funny Story* and *Secondhand Lion*, will be canceled for April. Also canceled for April are the Teen Screen and Family Movie Matinees.

Story times and all other programs will continue uninterrupted though they will be moved to other parts of the library.

The renovation will take place in the Laura Beer Community Room where a hearing loop will be installed. A hearing loop system has already been installed at our circulation, children's and reference desks.

The library has become the first in our area to offer people with hearing aids or cochlear implants the ability to make library transactions and have their questions answered without interference from background noises, and without having to request a special receiver.

Hearing loop systems use induction technology to excite tiny telecoils inside most hearing aids and virtually all cochlear implants. Sound that is picked up by a microphone at the Circulation Desk is transmitted directly into the listener's ears.

To use a hearing loop, one flips the telecoil switch on the hearing aid or cochlear implant. No additional receiver or equipment is needed. Hearing quality is enhanced automatically by the hearing aid or implant, which has been adjusted to suit individual needs.

Loop systems are just one class of Assistive Listening Devices (ALDs). Other classes of ALDs include FM systems and infrared systems. With inductive hearing loops, those with T-coil (telecoil) equipped hearing aids do not have to wear anything extra in order to connect to, and use, a loop.

Hearing Loops at the Southeast Steuben County Library are made possible through donations by library users, a generous donation from the Quota Club of Bath and through the encouragement and financial support of library volunteer and hearing loop advocate Suzanne Jeffrey, who also serves on the Southern Tier Library System's Outreach Board. Installation of the Hearing Loop in the Community Room will be made possible, in part, with New York State Construction Aid for Libraries.