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## **Summit County Library Brings Service to Henefer Through Remote Locker System**

*Remote locker system is first of its kind in the state, provides unique opportunity for rural residents to access library materials*

**Henefer, UT (September 5, 2018)** — Residents in Henefer can now access library materials without leaving town, thanks to a new locker system designed for exchanging library materials without having to travel to the nearest library. The Summit County Library recently received a Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grant to fund the remote locker system designed by Bibliotheca. This remote locker system is the first of its kind in the state and the Summit County Library hopes this project will serve as a template for other rural communities that don't have convenient access to a library.

"We're really excited to bring this service to Henefer. Right now the Bookmobile makes a stop in Henefer every other week for about an hour and a half. If residents are unable to visit the Bookmobile during that limited time, they are required to travel to Coalville to borrow and return library materials" said Dan Compton, Summit County Library Director.

To use the locker Henefer residents will first request library materials from the Summit County Library's website, [www.thesummitcountylibrary.org](http://www.thesummitcountylibrary.org), or by phone: 435-336-3070. They can select Henefer as their pickup location. Library workers will then deliver the materials to the locker in Henefer. Residents will be able to retrieve their items from the locker whenever it is convenient for them. They will also be able to return their library materials in Henefer instead of being required to make the 20-mile round trip drive to the nearest library branch in Coalville.

"Any resident who has a library card can take advantage of the book locker. We hope residents in Henefer will feel more connected with the Summit County Library through this project. Mayor Kay Richins, Robin Riches, and the rest of the Town Council have been so supportive and excited for the project. The entire Summit County Library collection is now just a phone call or a few mouse clicks away" Compton said.

Dan Compton saw a demonstration of the system at the American Library Association's Annual Conference in Chicago in 2017. He began meeting with Henefer officials last winter to see if they would be willing to provide a space for the locker. The town donated some space next to their Council Chambers and agreed to remodel the space, which had been used for storage, to accommodate the locker.

"I then applied for the LSTA grant and it was awarded on April 30, 2018. We are very grateful to the Utah State Library for administering this grant and providing this unique opportunity for the citizens of Henefer," Compton said.

The locker, which is located at 150 W. Center St. in Henefer, will be commemorated with a ribbon cutting ceremony on Wednesday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm. For more information about the locker system, please visit the Summit County Library's website: [www.thesummitcountylibrary.org](http://www.thesummitcountylibrary.org).

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