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Assisted Listening Systems Available at Henderson County Public Library Main Branch

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It only took one day to install a Hearing Loop in the Kaplan Auditorium and at the service desk of the Henderson County Public Library's main branch, but the results will benefit the community for years to come.

Hearing Loops provide a better listening experience for those with hearing aids or cochlear implants with a telecoil (t-coil). They are Assistive Listening Systems that transfer sound from a microphone or sound system directly to a hearing device or cochlear implant via a tiny and inexpensive receiver. By using it, individuals can avoid extra noise, wall bounce, echo and sound distortion during programs in the Kaplan Auditorium and when conversing with staff at the service desk.

To use a Hearing Loop, simply turn on your t-coil by pushing a button on the hearing device. This t-coil program may need to be activated by your audiologist. The library also has loop receivers for use during programs that may be helpful for persons who are hard of hearing or do not have a hearing aid equipped with a t-coil. It's one more way the library is creating a welcoming space for all members of the community.

For questions about your hearing aids and t-coils, consult with your audiologist. If you or your provider have questions, contact audiologist and national hearing loop advocate, Dr. Juliette Sterkens at jsterkens@hearingloss.org.

For more information about Henderson County Public Library's Hearing Loop, contact Marcie Dowling at 828-697-4725.

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