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Hailey Public Library Grant Improves Indoor and Outdoor Spaces

3-Phase Project Funded by '*Friends of the Hailey Public Library*'

(Hailey, Idaho) – In June, The Friends of the Hailey Public Library announced a \$25,000 grant award for the Hailey Public Library's Expanded Space Initiative. The initiative is a three-phase project aimed at creating flexible space in the current footprint. "Phase I of the project includes purchasing new shelving and seating to accommodate the competing needs of programming and literacy for our community's youth, aged 0-18", noted Library Director Lyn Drewien.

Phase II looks to utilize the outdoor patio space on the library's west side for both programming and general use by the public. Drewien add that the outdoor area has become enormously popular, and incorporating this space into the total square footage makes sense as we consider changes in library usage.

In her announcement, Friends' President Sara Baldwin expressed her gratitude to both the Wood River Women's and Seagraves' Foundation for their generous support. "This funding ensures we can begin the implementation process immediately and complete the project without interruption. The staff is so excited about the potential and what it means to library users."

The Hailey Public Library's mission is to inspire discovery, connection, learning, and growth in the community. The library is open to the public six days a week and offers free access to wi-fi and electronic collections 24/7.

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