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**Okaloosa County Library Cooperative and Crestview Library Celebrate Grand Opening of  
Lending Machine and Book Locker**

**Okaloosa County, Florida** – An exciting new book lending machine and pick-up locker are now available to library members. This convenient new machine will benefit commuters and south Crestview residents with library services that will be available at the Crestview Welcome + Adventure Center due to a partnership between the City of Crestview, the Okaloosa County Public Library Cooperative, Okaloosa County's Tourist Development Department (Destin-Fort Walton Beach) and the Crestview Library.

A grand opening ceremony will be held at the new machine's location at the Crestview Welcome + Adventure Center on Wednesday, Sept. 17, 2025, at 10 a.m. at 5131 South Ferdon Boulevard, Crestview, Florida 32539.

The new machine is similar in operation to a vending machine but is free to readers (with a library card from Crestview, Destin, Ft Walton Beach, Mary Esther, Niceville or Valparaiso)

"This is a fun and convenient way for us to expand our library services to Okaloosa residents who are not able to make the drive to the north end of Crestview," said Okaloosa County Board Chairman Paul Mixon. I commend the work and partnership of the City of Crestview, our Public Library Cooperative and our Tourism Department who were able to make this happen."

Crestview Mayor JB Whitten also expressed his enthusiasm and support for the project.

"The book lending machine is a great addition to our community," said Whitten. "This initiative not only expands our library services to south Crestview citizens but also encourages more people to visit and utilize the Welcome + Adventure Center."

This effort was a legacy project by former County Commissioner Nathan Boyles who advocated for better library access to those living south of Interstate 10.

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