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FREE WI-FI HOTSPOTS NOW AVAILABLE FOR CHECKOUT AT LIBRARY

Grant Funds Help NPL Bridge the Digital Divide

NASHVILLE, Tenn. – For those needing access to the Internet, who don't have the resources to access their own services, Nashville Public Library has great news.

Davidson County residents can now check out free Wi-Fi hotspots at eight NPL branch locations. The devices can be checked out for up to three weeks, with up to three renewals possible if there are no pending reservations by other library customers. The hotspots also come with unlimited data built in for users.

To qualify to check out a hotspot, customers must be residents of Davidson County, be at least 18 years of age and have a library card with no unpaid fees on their account. Customers must also sign an agreement stating that they do not otherwise have access to equipment or services sufficient to meet their educational needs. Library cards are free to residents of Davidson County and customers can apply for their card on the library's website at <https://library.nashville.org/get-card>.

To place a hold on a hotspot, customers must call or visit one of the NPL locations where hotspots are available for checkout. They include:

- [Bordeaux Branch Library](#) (4000 Clarksville Pike // 615-862-5856)
- [Edgehill Branch Library](#) (1409 12th Ave. S. // 615-862-5861)
- [Edmondson Pike Branch Library](#) (5501 Edmondson Pike // 615-880-3957)
- [Hadley Park Branch Library](#) (1039 28th Ave. N. // 615-862-5865)
- [Looby Branch Library](#) (2301 Rosa L Parks Blvd // 615-862-5867)
- [North Branch Library](#) (1001 Monroe St. // 615-862-5858)
- [Pruitt Branch Library](#) (117 Charles E. Davis Blvd. // 615-862-5985)
- [Southeast Branch Library](#) (5260 Hickory Hollow Parkway, #201 // 615-862-5871)

The hotspots are part of Connect with NPL, a new, emerging collection of devices available at NPL with the goal of bridging the digital divide in Nashville. The collection was created with federal American Rescue Plan e-rate funds distributed by the Tennessee State Library and Archives. NPL staff are working to grow the collection and hope to have other devices available soon.

“I think a lot of people assume — because the Internet and online access is such a common thing in our daily lives — that everyone can simply hop online whenever they want. We know that’s not the case, and with Connect with NPL, we’re helping those struggling with the digital divide to get the access they need,” said Kent Oliver, director of Nashville Public Library. “I’m grateful to the Tennessee State Library and Archives for awarding us the grant funding we need to provide this valuable service to those in need in our city.”

To learn more about Connect with NPL, and get additional information about borrowing NPL’s hotspots, visit <https://library.nashville.org/services/connect-npl>.

About Nashville Public Library

With more than 2 million books, movies and music items to choose from, plus great programming and resources to improve early and adult literacy, STEAM, ESL and other key skills, NPL is Nashville’s gateway to the best our city has to offer. Every year, across our 21-location system, thousands of visitors discover how our library lives up to our motto: at NPL, books are only half the story.