

PUBLIC LIBRARY RECEIVES HOTSPOT THROUGH STATE GRANT

Patrons Will Now Have the Option to Check Out Mobile Hotspots

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[CITY, STATE] – Whether it may be a doctor’s appointment, work meeting, or distance learning, the COVID-19 pandemic has caused many aspects of our lives to move online. Now more than ever, access to the internet is essential. The **[Your Library]** Public Library is responding to the community’s need for internet access by now providing a mobile hotspot for check out.

These mobile hotspots were obtained through a grant from State Library Services CFDA 45.310, which used a formula to assess need across the state and divide the funding among the 12 regional public library systems in Minnesota.

The **[Your Library]** Public Library is part of the SELCO (Southeastern Libraries Cooperating) regional public library system, which includes all 36 public libraries in the 11 counties of SE Minnesota. For their share of the grant SELCO received funds to purchase 20 hot spots to distribute to libraries throughout the region. Krista Ross, Executive Director of SELCO states, “For some communities where there is little internet connectivity, these hotspots have the potential to greatly impact the lives of people who are struggling with needs unique to the COVID-19 pandemic - such as applying for unemployment and accessing other resources.”

If you are interested in checking out a mobile hotspot, please **[List instructions for checking out and picking up the hot spot]**.

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