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Tulsa City-County Library now offers wireless hotspots available for checkout

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In an effort to help bridge the digital divide, Tulsa City-County Library is launching a pilot project to provide wireless hotspots for checkout to library customers.

The new service, beginning with 50 devices, will be piloted at Martin Regional (16), Rudisill Regional (10) and Suburban Acres (12) libraries as well as the Bookmobile (12). A wireless hotspot will allow a user to connect mobile-enabled devices like laptops, smartphones and tablets to the Internet.

The checkout policies for the wireless hotspots include:

- 30-day checkout, with no holds or renewals
- \$1 per day fine, maximum of \$10 (no fines for Bookmobile customers)
- Devices are disabled on third day of overdue status
- \$50 replacement charge for lost/damaged devices (reduced to \$10 if returned intact)
- Must be 16 or older to checkout device

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Tulsa County has a diverse population spread out over 587 square miles and encompassing a wide variety of socioeconomic communities. The availability of broadband Internet access also varies widely across the area due the nature of rural areas and financial limitations.

“The project is being deployed as a pilot to determine whether Tulsa City-County Library can successfully bring wireless Internet to portions of our community that would otherwise have no access,” said Monique Sendze, Tulsa City-County

Library’s chief technology and innovation officer. “In order to help the children of Tulsa County compete globally and serve as a center for community and lifelong learning for everyone in Tulsa County, we are offering this service as a way to bridge the digital divide for those populations.”

For more information on the Wireless Hotspot device checkout, call the AskUs Hotline, 918-549-7323.

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