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Public library lending wireless internet hotspots

Now more than ever, it is vital that everyone in our community has access to critical information. To help bridge a gap in internet access, the Kingston Frontenac Public Library is now lending wireless internet hotspots. The project has been supported by the Cameron & Laurie Thompson Fund with the Community Foundation of Kingston and Area.

“Many members of our community are without internet access due to cost or a lack of reliable broadband internet,” said Nicole Charles, Director of Branch Experience. “This project will be particularly important in our rural service areas and on Wolfe and Howe Island.” The Ontario Government recently announced \$150 million in funding to help improve internet and cellular service in the province. This project will help to immediately address gaps while that plan rolls out.

The library has 15 wireless internet hotspots available for loan, a collection that will soon include 10 Chromebooks for loan to those who don’t have a device of their own. The Foundation grant covered the cost of the equipment, as well as monthly data charges for the first several months. The library intends to offer the service until at least the end of 2021.

The fund’s donor, Laurie Thompson, was pleased to support this project. “Access to the latest technology and reliable internet is something that our family has been very fortunate to enjoy,” she explained. “We acknowledge however that this is not the case for many, and so we hope that these Chromebooks and hotspots help families and individuals during these challenging times.”

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