Newark Public Library and Newark Central School District Partner Up to Provide Mobile Hotspot Lending

Looking for a way to connect to the Internet at home, or on the road, for free?



LIBRARY Connect. Explore. Imagine. The Newark Public Library and the Newark Central School District are here to help.

In March 2017, the library and the school district will launch a mobile hot spot lending program, allowing patrons to borrow a T-Mobile hotspot for one week that can connect up to 10 devices at once. Hotspots are small devices that connect your computer, phone, or tablet to the internet wirelessly through cell phone towers. Fifteen devices will be available to borrow at the library. The school district donated and paid for ten devices.

"Internet access remains out of reach for far too many in our community," Newark Public Library Executive Director Shawn McConnell said. "Closing the digital divide can increase productivity and open windows of opportunity for our citizens. We are proud to support this initiative to gain access to the world from your home in Newark."

"Part of the vision and strategic plan of the school district is to partner with parents and community agencies, like the Public Library, to help every student, every day. Having students and their families have access to the internet, is an important learning tool in today's world" said Newark Superintendent of Schools, Matt Cook.

The hot spots only work in the U.S., and they do not send or receive text messages.

The Newark Public Library is located at 121 High Street, in Newark, NY. It is open 9:30am-8pm Monday through Thursday, 9:30am-6pm Friday, and 9:30am-3pm Saturday. For more information contact the library at 315-331-4370.