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Wireless Hotspots Available At Shelby County Public Library *Internet access available outside walls of library*

Shelbyville, KY — The Shelby County Public Library has added ten new items to its collection: wireless hotspots, helping to close the digital divide in Shelby County. A major tenant of the library’s long range plan and mission statement is to continue to support the needs of the community, which includes providing access to the internet, whether that is at the library or throughout the county.

The wireless hotspots, which operate on the T-Mobile network, are available for a three-week loan and can be checked out by an adult with a valid Shelby County Public Library card that is in good standing.

The hotspots feature Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA) compliant filters, which make them perfect for students of all ages who have transitioned to home-based learning due to COVID-19 and do not always have reliable internet access necessary to complete assignments or homework.

“Having internet access in your home is important, perhaps now more so than ever, which is why we are excited to introduce this new service to our community,” said library Director Pamela Federspiel.

Call the library at 502.633.3803 to make an appointment and borrow a hotspot. For more information, contact the library at 502.633.3803. The Library’s wifi is available all day, every day, from the parking lots and lawn.

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Attachment 1: Photo of Brooklyn Montfort, Shelby County Public Library IT Manager, handing a wireless hotspot to a patron.

Attachment 2: Photo of wireless hotspot and kit.