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Libraries Introduce Tech Take-Out

Check Out the Internet and a Computer with Your library Card

January 19, 2021 —SANTA CRUZ, CA—The Santa Cruz Public Libraries (SCPL) have created a collection of lendable technology devices that can be checked out with your library card.

The collection includes Amazon Fire 7 Tablets, Chromebook laptops, WiFi Hotspots, and Chromebook + Hotspot bundles. The collection will be available for checkout starting Tuesday January 19th.

Library cardholders can visit the [catalog](#) or use our mobile app to search for and request any of the devices or the bundle by name. For example, a keyword search for “fire tablet” or “hotspot” will work. Once the devices are on hold at the chosen library branch, they can be picked up at regular Grab & Go lobby service hours. Borrowers must be 18 years or older, and a lending agreement must be signed. The checkout period is 3 weeks, just like all other library materials. Instructional guides in English and Spanish are available.

With our buildings closed, access to computers and the internet has been a challenge for many who rely on the library for access. While we do have strong WiFi signals at our 5 Grab & Go Branches for those who already have devices, we knew we needed to do more. A separate collection of these devices will also be loaned out to partner organizations with close connections to individuals without access to internet and computers. We hope this new collection will be a step in the right direction toward expanding access to internet and computing for our community.

ABOUT THE SANTA CRUZ PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM:

The Santa Cruz Public Libraries (SCPL) delivers information, education, enrichment and inspiration through a network of 10 neighborhood library branches, a web-based digital library, a Bookmobile and community-based programs. SCPL serves children, teens and adults with innovative programming, professional services and community facilities that spark imagination and support discovery. Residents can explore a wide range of interests from academic research, book clubs and literacy programs to digital photography, locally-produced music and local history. Branch locations include Aptos, Boulder Creek, Branciforte, Capitola, Downtown Santa Cruz, Felton, Garfield Park, La Selva Beach, Live Oak and Scotts Valley. Learn more about SCPL at SantaCruzPL.org or via Facebook, Instagram, Pinterest, Twitter and YouTube.

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