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Brookfield Public Library “Home Use” Laptop Lending Starts March 8

By popular demand, the Library will be launching a “Home Use” laptop pilot program beginning on Monday, March 8. Brookfield residents ages 14 and up who present photo identification as well as their Library cards will be able to check out a laptop for a period of up to three days. Parents of borrowers ages 14 – 17 will be asked to sign a one-time release assuming full responsibility for the laptops. Each of the four laptops is equipped with the Microsoft Office suite and is WiFi enabled, allowing users to take one home or to any location with public WiFi access.

Four laptops will be dedicated to this initial trial and residents may reserve them by placing a hold in SWAN (keywords: laptop computer) or by talking with a Library staff member. The Library Board of Trustees passed the laptop lending policy permitting this program to begin at their February 24 Board meeting.

The Brookfield Public Library is open 67 hours a week, 7 days a week (except summer Sundays). Librarians are available in person, by telephone, email, text or instant message every hour the Library is open. Free programs for all ages and storytimes for children are held year-round. Laptops and computers with the Internet are available for use. The SWAN catalog and online databases can be found at www.brookfieldpubliclibrary.info.

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