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Hotspots and Self Checkouts: New Technologies at ECPL

East Cleveland, Ohio – Technology just got more patron friendly at East Cleveland Public Library, with the addition of Hotspots and Self-Checkouts. These additions provide improved access to the Internet and enhanced patron services, and complement ECPL’s free computer classes and existing computer labs for adults, children, and youth.

Hotspots are an exciting innovation now available to checkout at East Cleveland Public Library. Hotspots provide Internet access to those that may not have it at home. These devices are excellent for students to complete homework when the library is closed, and for job seekers to continue the search! Hotspots are also perfect for those looking to build their Internet skills in the comfort of their own home. Hotspots are free to checkout, but users must be 18 or older, have a library card in good standing, and present a valid, state-issued photo ID. Hotspots can be checked out at the Computer Lab for seven (7) days at a time, limit one per household. Renewals are not available for Hotspots. ECPL’s hotspots have unlimited data, so patrons won't have trouble exploring the world wide web.

MeeScan Self-Checkout launches this October at East Cleveland Public Library as a new way to borrow library materials. MeeScan is a cloud-based system that allows patrons to use their smartphones, tablets, or a library provided iPad to check out materials from anywhere in the library. The system uses the built-in camera of user’s smartphone or tablet to scan the item barcode, allowing for quicker service. MeeScan is user-friendly, simple to setup, and helps limit long wait times.

These exciting new features deepen ECPL’s ability to bring the latest innovations to the community by advancing the services and technologies available.