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## **VENTURA COUNTY LIBRARY**

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**SUBJECT**: *Ventura County Library Launches New Chromebook and Hotspot Lending Programs*

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## **DATE**: Launching July 1, 2025, at All Ventura County Library Locations

## **PLACE**: All Ventura County Library Locations

Ventura County Library is excited to announce the launch of two brand-new technology lending programs designed to expand digital access for residents: **Chromebook Lending** and **Wi-Fi Hotspot Lending**, beginning July 1, 2025.

These new services are available to library customers 18 and older and will provide free, portable internet access and computing power to the community, whether for work, school, job searching, or staying connected with friends and services.

**Highlights include:**

* **Standalone Wi-Fi Hotspots**: Available as a new item type for checkout, ideal for users who already have a device and just need internet access.
* **Upgraded Chromebooks with Built-In Data**: These next-generation Chromebooks provide internet access without needing a separate hotspot.
* **Increased Supply**: A larger number of Chromebooks and Hotspots will be available for checkout at all Ventura County Library locations.
* **Faster, Easier Access**: Updates to lending procedures will ensure quicker access and improved customer service.

Funding for the Hotspot Lending Program is made possible by a generous $23,400 donation from the Ventura County Library Foundation, which covers the monthly internet connection costs for each device for one year.

Ventura County Library Director, Nancy Schram, said “This program demonstrates the library’s role as a digital equalizer.” These programs were created in response to community feedback, and Ventura County Library welcomes continued input to help ensure library services meet the evolving needs of our patrons.

For more information, visit <http://www.library.venturacounty.gov> or contact Amanda Armitage, amanda.armitage@venturacounty.gov.

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Inspiring our community to explore, discover and connect.*

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