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News Release

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Library announces pilot laptop computer program

On Friday, September 12, seven branches of the San Antonio Public Library will begin offering laptop computers for public check-out and use within the branches. The computers will supplement desktop computers available for public use, one of the services most in demand at libraries. The laptop computers, which are wireless-enabled, will allow library customers to access the Internet through the Library's wireless network, as well as taking advantage of other programs such as word-processing and creating spreadsheets.

Kendra Trachta, Library Interim Assistant Director for Public Services, noted that at many branches the number of desktop computers is at full capacity for the space available. "The computers at all our branches are heavily used, and we get requests every day to make more computers available for our customers. The check-out program allows us the flexibility to serve more patrons at branches where we have little room to add desktop computers."

The laptop computers will be available for use only within the library. Users must have a valid San Antonio Public Library card to check out a computer, and each computer may be checked out for two hours. The branch libraries included in the pilot program are:

Cody Branch Library
11441 Vance Jackson Road • 696-6396

McCreless Branch Library
1023 Ada Street • 532-4254

Collins Garden Branch Library
200 N. Park Boulevard • 225-0331

Thousand Oaks Branch Library
4618 Thousand Oaks Drive • 657-5205

Forest Hills Branch Library
5245 Ingram Road • 78228

Westfall Branch Library
6111 Rosedale Court • 344-2373

Johnston Branch Library
6307 Sun Valley • 674-8410

About the San Antonio Public Library

For more than 100 years, the award-winning San Antonio Public Library has been a vital center for free learning, knowledge, communication, culture and enjoyment for all San Antonians. With a world-class Central Library, branch libraries throughout the city, and outstanding online resources, the San Antonio Public Library is as close as around the corner or the nearest computer.

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