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Capital Area District Library gets \$52,000 for Technology

Lansing, MI – The Capital Area District Library has been awarded up to \$52,000 in federal funds to be used for expanding internet access to customers. The funds will purchase 26 additional computers for most of the library's 13 branches. Twelve of the computers will be used to expand the total number available on the second floor of the Downtown Lansing library, 401 S. Capitol Avenue, Lansing. The rest of the desktop computers will go to library branches with the most need: South Lansing, Foster, Holt, Mason, Leslie, and Williamston.

With the addition of the new computers at the Downtown Lansing libraries, comes a renovation project. This project is expressly designed to improve the efficiency of operations and streamline patron use of the computers. The two existing banks of computers will be relocated to the northwest side of the second floor and the 12 new computers will be added to this new location. The existing Computer Lab will be repurposed as a Training Lab and Wireless Center.

To ensure the safety of our patrons during this renovation project, the second floor of the Downtown Lansing library will be closed to the public from Monday, April 25 through Friday, April 29. All computers, books, and magazines located on the second floor will be unavailable during this time. For anyone needing to use a computer, the first floor will be open with 15-minute Express Computers and 30-minute Children's Computers.

"The Capital Area District Library is facing economic challenges, but we will not allow the situation to paralyze us in our mission to provide free access to resources that empower and educate residents of our communities," Library Director Lance Werner says. "We are extremely excited about this renovation project and very pleased to be able to add more computers for our patrons, a resource which is always in high demand."

The funds are part of a \$6 million grant awarded to Michigan State University through the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program, a component of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

The Capital Area District Library system serves the communities of Aurelius, Dansville, Haslett, Holt-Delhi, Lansing, Leslie, Mason, Okemos, Stockbridge, Webberville and Williamston. In addition, our bookmobile stops at more than 30 Ingham County locations. For more information, visit cadl.org.

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