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Chromebooks Now Available from Carroll County Public Library

Carroll County, Maryland – Carroll County Public Library (CCPL) now offers Chromebooks for checkout to customers. CCPL's Chromebooks are made possible by a Maryland Emergency Education Relief (MEER) Grant through the Department of Housing and Community Development Office of Statewide Broadband. Chromebooks are available at CCPL's six branches on a first come, first served basis, and may also be requested through the library's online catalog (<https://catalog.carr.org>).

Chromebooks are available to Maryland residents aged 18 and older with a CCPL library account in good standing. CCPL will verify the customer's age and residency with a picture ID, and account status before checkout. The loan period is 3 weeks, and Chromebooks can be renewed up to 5 times if no one else has reserved one. Chromebooks come in a bag with a charging cord and instructions for use as well as a toll-free number for tech support.

The intended purpose of the Chromebooks is to address the deficit of broadband resources available to unserved and underserved students in the state of Maryland. Additionally, they are intended to assist agencies and education-related entities, like CCPL, to continue to provide educational services to all students, to support their ongoing functionality, and to overcome the impacts of COVID-19, the digital divide, and related issues in distance learning.

Of the new initiative, Executive Director Andrea Berstler said, "Public libraries have been bridging the digital divide for decades, from providing those first computer experiences for customers to ensuring that all our community can access online information via computers and Wi-Fi access at all our locations. These Chromebooks will be the next stage, providing the opportunity for customers to borrow them for 3 weeks. We hope that many area students will take advantage of this access and improve their online and computer knowledge."

Find information on getting a library card, locations, and service hours by visiting <https://library.carr.org> or calling 410-386-4488.

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