



Las Vegas-Clark County Library District Teams Up with Cox Communications to Provide FREE Personal WiFi to 50,000 Qualified Households

*Library District \$3.8M Emergency Connectivity Fund Grant
Eliminates Barriers to Technology for Thousands in Southern Nevada*

LAS VEGAS (August 14, 2023) - With the swipe of their library card, thousands of Southern Nevadans can now get [FREE personal WiFi](#) access through a new program from the Las Vegas-Clark County Library District and Cox Communications. The program launches Aug. 18, 2023, just in time for Back to School, for families that are currently without access to WiFi in their homes.

The program, funded by a \$3.8 million grant from the federal Emergency Connectivity Fund, enables 50,000 low-income residents to use their library cards to borrow a User ID and Password from participating Las Vegas-Clark County Library District branches. The user ID and Password provide **free access to the CoxWiFi hotspot network on up to three devices until June 30, 2024**. Because each User ID and Password can be used on up to three devices, parents can share their credentials with family members, thereby expanding the service to as many as 150,000 residents.

“Our mission at the Library District is to contribute to the elimination of the digital divide,” said Library District Executive Director Kelvin Watson. “Access to connectivity and technology should be a right that is available to everyone, and access in the home is especially important as children head back to school. This partnership with Cox Communications is another example of how public libraries are creating powerful programs using public funding to erase barriers and unlock opportunity.”

The program is the first of its kind in Nevada and possibly in the nation. Traditionally, library programs in other states lend physical hotspot devices to customers, which then must be returned at the conclusion of the lending period. With the Library District program, there is nothing to return when service ends on June 30, 2024.

“Strategic partnerships with organizations such as the Library District are essential to Cox and our commitment to ensure digital access for all,” said Cox Las Vegas Market Vice President Janet Uthman. “The Library District’s ‘Get Connected at the Library’ program, which enables free access to Cox’s extensive WiFi network across the valley, is an important step. Another is the Federal government’s Affordable Connectivity Program that has already helped thousands of low-income residents in Southern Nevada receive home internet, often at no cost.”

To qualify for the program, customers must:

- Be age 18 or over
- Have a valid, full-service Las Vegas-Clark County Library card. Library cards are available to Clark County residents at the customer service desks of all Las Vegas-Clark County Library branches. (Library District Instant eCards cannot be used for this program.)
- Not currently have internet access to meet educational and/or employment needs

Supplies are limited for the CoxWiFi User IDs and Passwords and will be available to check out on a first-come, first-served basis starting Aug. 18, 2023.

The program is available only at these participating Las Vegas-Clark County Library District branches: Centennial Hills Library, Clark County Library, East Las Vegas Library, Enterprise Library, Meadows Library, Rainbow Library, Sahara West Library, Spring Valley Library, Summerlin Library, Sunrise Library, West Charleston Library, West Las Vegas Library, Whitney Library, and Windmill Library. Visit our website TheLibraryDistrict.org for locations and hours.

CoxWiFi is a virtual hotspot network with over 14,000 locations in the Las Vegas Metropolitan Area and is available in all Cox serviceable areas. For residents who live in areas without Cox service, the Library District has [WiFi hotspot devices available for check out](#) with a valid library card.

About the Las Vegas-Clark County Library District

About Las Vegas-Clark County Library District The award-winning Las Vegas-Clark County Library District is an independent taxing entity that serves a diverse community across 8,000 square miles. Through its 25 branches and website, the Library District offers a collection of 3.2 million items, including books, movies, music (including streaming and downloadable), online resources, and free programs for all ages. The Library District is a vibrant and vital member of the community offering limitless learning; business and career advancement; government and social services support; and best of all, a place where customers find a sense of culture and community. For more information, and to support Library District programs, please visit TheLibraryDistrict.org.

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