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DEKALB LIBRARY FOUNDATION RECEIVES A \$25,000 COMMUNITY IMPACT GRANT
FROM NEW YORK LIFE

GA, February 10, 2020—The DeKalb Library Foundation announced today that they received a \$25,000 Community Impact Grant from New York Life in support of the *Take the Internet Home with You* initiative at DeKalb County Public Library (DCPL). The funds allow DCPL to offer mobile hotspot devices for check-out to patrons who may not have access to the internet in their home.

Hotspot devices are portable, rechargeable devices that allow patrons to connect to the internet via their laptops, smartphones or tablets, at no charge to them. “Hotspots are very popular with our patrons. We currently have 200 hotspots available system wide, and they are continuously checked out. We are thankful to New York Life for helping to fund this important program,” said Library Director Alison Weissinger.

DeKalb Library Foundation Board Member Tim Martin submitted the grant request as he knew the impact that a grant of this size would make. “I’ve been going to the DeKalb Library my entire life. That has been my main motivation to serve on the Foundation board as a way to give back. Now that we have been awarded the \$25,000 Community Impact Grant from New York Life, it makes it even more worthwhile.”

The New York Life Community Impact Grants provide charitable contributions for specific projects of nonprofit organizations that improve New York Life’s local communities and demonstrate New York Life’s commitment to being a socially responsible company. Since the program’s inception in 2008, more than 600 grants totaling nearly \$8 million have been awarded to nonprofits across the country.

The mission of the DeKalb Library Foundation is to provide support for DeKalb County Public Library beyond public funding and to enrich the lives of DeKalb County citizens through educational, cultural and literary programs and services.



The DeKalb Library Foundation Board of Directors celebrated the \$25,000 Community Impact Grant at the first board meeting of 2020.

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