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NEWS RELEASE

Introducing the Library Foundation of Spokane County

Spokane, WA / April 1, 2021 – The Library Foundation of Spokane County has been created to support Spokane County Library District with a major emphasis on supporting programs and services that promote literacy and education, access to technology, cultural and recreational opportunities, collection development, and small business resiliency.

The Library Foundation's first donation drive has begun and leads up to Library Giving Day on April 7.

During the donation drive, you can help the Library Foundation raise funds to provide more mobile hotspots to our county libraries, helping customers who lack access to internet access.

There are areas within Spokane County where access to the internet is spotty at best. In 2020, Spokane County Library District began lending mobile hotspots to customers who have limited or no access to the internet to help them get online.

When some residents lack access to technology, including internet access, that many of us have ready access to, that is called the digital divide. With reliance on the internet greater than ever during the pandemic, it is hard to imagine life without online access to essential services like medical professionals and grocery stores and to stay connected to family and friends.

The mobile hotspots from the library help fill that digital gap for those who really need it.

"Being able to reduce that wait time even more would greatly help us meet the continued need for customers—some of whom are homebound—who are in areas around the county that lack internet service," shared Doug Stumbough, Operations Director of Spokane County Library District.

Your generosity during Library Giving Day can help keep people connected to essential services and loved ones. Every dollar counts.

To learn more and donate, please visit www.supportsclcd.org/library-giving-day.

Spokane County Library District provides resources, experiences, and places that empower people to learn, explore, and succeed. The District operates 11 libraries throughout Spokane County including Airway Heights, Argonne, Cheney, Deer Park, Fairfield, Medical Lake, Moran Prairie, North Spokane, Otis Orchards, Spokane Valley, and The BookEnd. District library cards are free to Spokane County residents.

For more information on our libraries or programs, please visit www.sclcd.org or call 509.893.8200.

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