

Coronado Public Library Offers High Speed Internet

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The Coronado Public Library is now providing one gigabit per second Internet through its free public access computers and wireless service. This new service was made possible by the Coronado Library's ability to participate in a new opportunity offered to public libraries in California to access high-bandwidth Internet through CENIC, the Corporation for Education Network Initiatives in California, a non-profit corporation. The bandwidth provided is ten times faster than the previous Internet level, and is being offered at reduced rates, especially when the E-rate, a federal discount for school and public library telecommunications is applied. The roll-out of the public library access program has taken place over the last year and included both telecommunications and hardware components. The Coronado Library is now connected to the CalREN (California Research and Education Network) Hub at the San Diego Super Computer Center at UCSD.

The Coronado Public Library provides Internet access to dozens of people simultaneously. "People bring in their laptops, tablets and various devices accessing the Internet through our wireless in addition to our wired public access computers. Higher and higher bandwidth is consumed by modern applications. Participating in CENIC is a golden opportunity to vastly increase capacity while reducing costs in the long-term," said library director Christian Esquevin. "This was a special opportunity to provide high bandwidth service at relatively low cost to the people of Coronado while participating in the state-wide educational CalREN network."

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At a ribbon-cutting ceremony held in the Library Winn Room on Wednesday December 2, Mayor Casey Tanaka, Councilmember Michael Woiwode, and City Manager Blair King unveiled the new high-bandwidth CENIC Internet service.

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