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DEKALB LIBRARY FOUNDATION RECEIVES COMMUNITY IMPACT GRANT FROM NEW YORK LIFE

GA, May 11, 2026 – The DeKalb Library Foundation announced today that it was awarded a \$10,000 Community Impact Grant from New York Life. The grant will support the *Take the Internet Home with You* initiative which allows DeKalb County Public Library to offer mobile WiFi hotspot devices for checkout to library patrons.

“We are grateful for New York Life’s investment in the *Take the Internet Home with You* initiative, which serves to bridge the digital divide for many DCPL patrons,” said Alison Weissinger, director, DeKalb County Public Library. “With the support from New York Life and the DeKalb Library Foundation, we will be able to continue this essential service which more than 2,000 patrons rely on each year for internet service.”

“I’m proud to work for a company that encourages its agents and employees to devote their time, energy and talents to support the needs and priorities of their local community,” said Tim Martin, agent in the Greater Atlanta New York Life office. “We are pleased that our partnership will have a long-lasting impact on DeKalb County Public Library’s residents and families.

The Community Impact Grant program awards grants of up to \$25,000 to local nonprofit organizations championed by New York Life agents and employees. Since the program’s inception in 2008, 850 grants totaling more than \$12 million have been awarded to nonprofits across the country.

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



Tim Martin (far left) of New York Life’s Greater Atlanta office presents a \$10,000 Community Impact Grant check to the Board of Directors of the DeKalb Library Foundation in support of the Take the Internet Home with You initiative, which allows DeKalb County Public Library patrons to check out a mobile hotspot device for use in their homes.

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