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'ACCESS FOR ALL' TECHNOLOGY OPEN HOUSES AT THE SEATTLE PUBLIC LIBRARY THIS FALL

The Seattle Public Library and the Library Equal Access Program (LEAP) are proud to launch "Access for All: Accessibility Kits & Software" for low vision and blind patrons.

New accessibility software will be available on public computers at every Library location. All computer workstations will have ZoomText, a text-enlargement software program for low vision patrons, and JAWS, screen reading software to assist blind users.

To learn more about the software and kits, everyone is invited to attend an "Access for All" technology open house this fall. The open houses will be happening at Library locations across the city from Wednesday, Oct. 28 through Saturday, Dec. 19.

At the open houses, Library staff will give patrons hands-on access to computers with the assistive software. They will also demonstrate how to use magnifiers, Braille systems and other items in the new Accessibility Kits. Dates, times and locations for the "Access for All" technology open houses are as follows.

- 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 28 at the Central Library, 1000 Fourth Ave, Level 1, LEAP Lab, Room 167, 206-386-4636.
- 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 4 at the Central Library, 1000 Fourth Ave, Level 1, LEAP Lab, Room 167, 206-386-4636.
- 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 16 at the Central Library, 1000 Fourth Ave, Level 1, LEAP Lab, Room 167, 206-386-4636.
- 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Dec. 4 at the Columbia Branch, 4721 Rainier Ave. S., 206-386-1908.
- 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12 at the Southwest Branch, 9010 35th Ave. S.W., 206-684-7455.

- [3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 15](#) at the University Branch, 5009 Roosevelt Way N.E., 206-684-4063.
- [2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 19](#) at the Broadview Branch, 12755 Greenwood Ave. N., 206-684-7519.

The "Access for All" kits and software are generously supported by the Safeco Insurance Fund's "Access for All" inclusion grant and The Seattle Public Library Foundation.

For more information, call the Library at 206-386-4636 or [Ask a Librarian](#).

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