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Cambridge Public Library Foundation announces \$50,000 grant from Google to support the Library's Tech Bar

CAMBRIDGE, MA February 13, 2019 – The Cambridge Public Library Foundation, a non-profit fundraising organization dedicated to supporting the Cambridge Public Library, today announced that it has received a \$50,000 grant from Google. This is the Library Foundation's first grant from Google, and the funds will be used to create a mobile computing Tech Bar at the Main Library (449 Broadway), replacing some of the fixed-position desktop PCs with flexible seating and mobile computing options. The Tech Bar will be staffed by knowledgeable library staff, and allow patrons to check out laptops, tablets, mobile hotspots and other devices and get help with tech-related questions from staff.

“We are deeply grateful for this generous gift, and for our ongoing partnership with Google” said Maria McCauley, Director of Libraries. “The Library's Tech Bar will improve patron's access to computers and the internet, while also providing a place where knowledgeable library staff can help inform the user's experience. This is an important step towards the Library's commitment to STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math) programming and opportunities at the Library.”

More about the CPL Foundation

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Established in 2015, the Cambridge Public Library Foundation raises private funds to augment public funding for Library programs and initiatives that **EDUCATE**, **INSPIRE** and **RESPOND** to the needs of our diverse community. The Foundation's long-term goal is to create a significant endowment that will provide funds annually to the Library to augment public support.

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