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Trails Regional Library and West-Central Independent Living Solutions (WILS) are excited to announce a partnership to bring technology access and assistance to residents of Johnson and Lafayette Counties through a mobile outreach initiative.

To meet the increasing demand for internet and internet-capable devices to connect to virtual programs, telehealth, and community support, Trails Regional Library and WILS have partnered to provide a pilot program to lend both internet hotspots and devices to those in need. WILS has donated 6 internet-ready devices to be made available to Library patrons in conjunction with the Library's new Hotspot Lending Program. A library card is all that is needed to access both tools.

The Library expects to begin loaning the devices later this Spring. To celebrate the partnership, WILS and Trails Regional Library will host community days, bringing the devices and wireless internet to parking lots of the library and senior centers. The first Community Day will be held at the Knob Noster Branch parking lot, located at 202 N Adams in Knob Noster, on Thursday, March 25 from 10am-6pm. Visitors can apply for library cards, use wireless internet, check out devices, and browse a selection of library materials with assistance from WILS and the Library's Public Technology Assistants.

Trails Regional Library provides service from 8 branch libraries located in Concordia, Corder, Holden, Knob Noster, Lexington, Odessa, Warrensburg and Waverly. An Express Branch was established in cooperation with the Leeton School District in the fall of 2007. More information about library service can be found at [trailslibrary.org](http://trailslibrary.org). As a Center for Independent Living (CIL), WILS is a consumer driven, non-profit resource center that serves people with disabilities through programs and services. WILS strives to remove barriers and prejudices and empowers individuals with disabilities to live independently. For more information, please visit [w-ils.org](http://w-ils.org) or contact [info@w-ils.org](mailto:info@w-ils.org).

