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GRANT MEANS NEW LAPTOPS FOR CLASSES AND LENDABLE LAPTOPS

The Southeast Steuben County Library has received a generous grant from the Community Foundation of Elmira-Corning and the Finger Lakes for basic computer instruction and job search and skills training.

The \$3,900 award has been used to purchase four new laptop computers for our laptop lab and will help cover teaching expenses for employment skills-related classes.

The new laptops will be used in basic computer workshops, as well as more advanced classes covering programs such as PowerPoint, Word and Excel.

The Community Foundation grant also makes it possible for the library to add four older laptops to its circulating collection. Southeast Steuben County Library patrons may now borrow one of these laptops for a period of 28 days without renewal.

The laptops are WiFi ready and come with the 2003 Microsoft Office Suite, including Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Access and Publisher.

"We are delighted that the Community Foundation has chosen to help us introduce this new service. Job seekers, students and other library users will now be able to check out a laptop for four weeks, allowing an extended period of computer use at home or in WiFi hotspots for those who need it," said Brad Turner, Assistant Library Director.

"We are happy to launch this new service, and just as excited about upgrading our laptop lab and adding to our instructional resources," he added.

For full laptop lending policy details, visit our website at ssclibrary.org and click the Policy page link, or call (607) 936-3713. Laptop borrowers must produce a library card in good standing and valid I.D. with recent proof of address at checkout.