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## Dimond Branch Library expands Web access

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Starting Wednesday, patrons of Oakland's Dimond Branch Library can register to use seven new laptops, bringing the number of branch computers with wireless Internet access to 21.

The new laptops were acquired because of the efforts of Councilmember Jean Quan, who has sought local and national funding for technology access in Oakland schools and other public institutions.

"I was particularly concerned that we increase access to the Internet in our city," Quan said. "Studies have shown that one-third of Oakland residents rely on our libraries as their primary source of access to the Internet. In these hard economic times, when people of all economic levels use the Internet for job searches and other information needs, having additional computers in our libraries can have a real impact."

The laptops will be for use within the branch only, and patrons will be required to sign a liability form before checking them out. For more information, call 510-238-3271 or visit [www.oaklandlibrary.com](http://www.oaklandlibrary.com).

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