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LIBRARY, JATA WORK TOGETHER TO PROVIDE FREE WIFI ON ALL JATA BUSES

JACKSON COUNTY, MI - Bus passengers on Jackson Area Transportation Authority buses will soon be able to surf the web on their phone without using their valuable wireless data.

Jackson District Library and JATA officials have been working together for months on providing WIFI access on JATA buses. JDL is providing this service by providing the hotspot and covering the monthly data fees.

"One of our main initiatives has always been increasing internet access to Jackson County residents," JDL Director Sara Tackett said. "By providing free WIFI on all public buses, we take another step in accomplishing this goal. We are always looking for ways to form community partnerships with other organization to help area residents discover, learn, and succeed."

JATA officials have installed seven of the 18 hotspots on their buses so far, and plan to install the rest so that all nine bus routes will provide WIFI by this summer.

"We are happy to partner with the library on this initiative," JATA Executive Director and CEO Michael Brown said. "It served as a win-win for both our organizations and, more importantly, serves as a win for Jackson County residents and JATA customers."

To view ongoing bus routes and get up-to-date information on JATA, visit www.mijata.org. For more information on the Jackson District Library and its initiatives, visit www.myjdl.com.



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