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(Longview, TX) A new computer lab featuring twenty-three iMac desktop computers is coming to the Longview Public Library. A ribbon cutting will be held at 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, February 15, at the Longview Public Library, 222 W. Cotton St. The project is possible thanks to a generous grant from the Junior League of Longview, the Longview Public Library Foundation, and the Friends of the Library.



According to Kara Spitz, Assistant Director of Community Services, "We've wanted to add Mac computers for several years. When the Junior League approved a grant of \$50,000 to help make the project happen, we were absolutely thrilled." In addition to computers, the library purchased a new server, furniture, and software for the new iMac lab, which is adjacent to the existing Windows-based computer lab.

Macs are a favorite of artists and graphic design professionals, which is why the library purchased the creative design suite software package for the iMac learning lab. "It's a great tool for our library patrons, especially anyone wanting to do some of the more creative things like graphic design, web design, or video editing," says Spitz.

The library will provide training classes for new Mac users. "Our goal is to provide an environment to learn skills and expand employability," says Spitz. "Libraries have really changed over the past several years. We live in a technological world, and libraries offer more than books and magazines. The computer lab is a very popular resource, and we have doubled the number of computers with the new iMac Lab."

For more information about the Longview Public Library, call 903-237-1350, go online to www.library.longviewtexas.gov [2], or visit the library at 222 W. Cotton St.

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