

Salford Council Device Lending Library Scheme

What is the Device Lending Library Scheme?

The Lending Library is a scheme established by Salford Community Libraries, the Employment Hub, and Digital Everyone to equip Salford residents with a Chromebook for a fixed period. During the loan period Salford residents can take advantage of the benefits of the digital world and empower themselves to be digital citizens.

We currently have Lenovo Chromebooks available for general borrowing through the scheme.

Who can access the Device Lending Library?

The service is intended to benefit digitally excluded Salford residents, who don't already have access to a digital device and/or internet connectivity. These digitally excluded must be referred through the Employment Hub.

How does it work?

An individual must be a resident of Salford, 18+ years old, supported by the Employment Hub and holding a valid, up to date library membership with Salford Community Libraries (proof of age, residence and membership will be required). The individual's Work Coach will discuss the purpose for the device lending scheme and complete a referral form.

When a device becomes available the individual will be asked to review and sign the following documents:

- Device Lending Library User Guide (retain a copy for reference purposes)
- Loan Agreement (review and sign)
- Acceptable Usage Policy (review and sign)

The Work Coach will provide a basic digital skills session to show the individual how to use the device.

How long can the devices be kept for?

An individual can borrow a Chromebook for a maximum of six (6) weeks. After six (6) weeks the Chromebook must be returned to the library for inspection. If the Chromebook passes the inspection a further extension may be granted.

What Support will People Receive?

Digital skills support sessions are available across Salford. Use the [Digital Help Finder Tool](#) to find out what support is available. These sessions are delivered via one-to-one support or drop-in services, within our libraries to provide ongoing learning and support for individuals during the loan period.