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COUNCILMEMBER JOYCE CLARK KICKS OFF VIRTUAL LIBRARY PILOT PROGRAM

GLENDALE, Ariz. – Yucca District Councilmember Joyce Clark distributed e-book readers to six residents on Wednesday as part of her new virtual library pilot program.

The pilot program allows participating residents to download books from the Glendale Public Library system from the convenience of their own home.

“Accessing digital media from mobile devices is becoming extremely popular,” said Clark. “This pilot program is my effort at making this format available to Yucca District residents, since this will be how more and more residents will be accessing library materials in the future.”

Clark distributed the Nook E-Readers to constituents who had applied to be part of the program. Glendale staff showed the participants how to use the tablet readers at the city’s Gateway Public Safety Facility. E-books are first downloaded onto a home computer and then transferred to the Nook.

The Glendale Public Library system offers more than 26,000 popular e-books to choose from. All Glendale library patrons with a compatible mobile device can access the library’s extensive e-book collection.

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As part of the pilot program, each of the participating residents will be asked to complete and return a monthly survey to help determine how much the e-book readers are being used and who else in the household is using them. Clark will use this feedback in deciding whether to continue or expand the virtual library pilot program.

The tablets will be on loan to residents for a two-month period.

Applications are still being accepted from Yucca District residents interested in participating in the virtual library pilot program. To receive an application, call Clark's office at 623-930-2250 or send an email to Barbara George at bgeorge@glendaleaz.com.

The Yucca District is located in the southwestern part of Glendale. A map showing the boundaries of the Yucca District can be found on the city's website at www.glendaleaz.com/CityCouncil/DistrictMap.

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