Good Read!

Beaumont Library at your fingertips!

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Even if you don't have a library card, Beaumont Library makes accessing Wi-Fi and printing documents easy.

Whether you're at home, on the run, or maybe visiting our hometown library for the first time, Wi-Fi and wireless printing are right at your fingertips.

And so much more …

If you sign up for a library card, you'll have free, lightning fast public computer access to the Internet — up to 50 times faster than your Internet at home.

What's it cost to print at Beaumont Library?

Only 10 cents per black and white page, and you can print from home!

If your printer runs out of ink or stops working, go to www.printeron.net/bld/library, send your print job to Beaumont Library, and release the document once you get here! Or just print from your wireless device when you are in the Library.

High-speed Internet comes to Beaumont Library

In 2015, Beaumont Library added 1-Gigabit high-speed Internet with the help of a California State Library grant. It connected the Library to a high-capacity, 8,000-mile, fiber-optic based computer network that links universities, colleges, schools and libraries throughout the state.

The California Research and Education Network (CalREN) is operated by a non-profit organization, Corporation for Education Network Initiatives in California (CENIC). Beaumont Library was one of the first 75 library jurisdictions in California to participate in CENIC.

'Broadband access is the great equalizer, leveling the playing field so that every willing and able person, no matter what their station in life, has access to the information and tools necessary to achieve the American Dream.' — Michael K. Powell, former chairman of the Federal Communications Commission

So, what does all this mean?

Broadband benefits

With our increased bandwidth, library users enjoy many benefits.

Beaumont Library's Internet speed, whether to your wireless device or on our public computers, is now 4,000 times faster than before the grant. And there are financial benefits, too. Grant funds paid for 90 percent of the broadband installation, and Beaumont Library is now saving $20,000-a-year on the cost of high-speed Internet.

The Library's increased bandwidth gives faster access to web-based resources such as Ancestry.com and Automate, a car repair database. Beaumont Library's website also provides in-home access to databases such as HeritageQuest Online and even remote checkout of e-books through OverDrive, e-audio books through RBdigital (formerly OneClick Digital), and digital magazines from Zinio.

Did you know it's also possible to track your library account and renew materials from home? And to be notified in advance when material you checked out is coming due?

Looking to the future

Beaumont Library is growing with you!

Whether you're at the Library, at home, or on the run, you can connect wirelessly to the library's latest resources with your smartphone, tablet or laptop. So, the next time you need to print quickly, checkout quickly or research quickly, we're here for you!

The founding of Beaumont Library occurred 107 years ago.

Since the beginning, we've been independent of both city and county government.

Today, we're a California Special District with our own five-member, elected governing board. We proudly serve more than 55,000 residents in Beaumont, Cherry Valley, and beyond.

If you would like to visit the Library, we're located at 125 E. Eighth St. in Beaumont. If you've got a question, please call us at 951-845-1357. Or visit online for more information at bld.lib.ca.us