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Peterborough City Council, working in partnership with Vivacity, is building on the success of its [Open+ library technology](http://www.vivacity-peterborough.com/libraries-and-archives/open/) (<http://www.vivacity-peterborough.com/libraries-and-archives/open/>) by rolling out free Wi-Fi connectivity across the city's 11 libraries.

From tomorrow (April 1), visitors will be able to connect to the internet via their own tablets, laptops and mobiles, making the libraries an ideal place for quiet work or study.

The technology was funded via an Arts Council grant of £25,000, via the Department for Culture, Media and Sport. It builds on the success of Open+, the library access scheme which enables people to enter the buildings during unstaffed hours, saving public money and protecting an important service for local people.

With Open+, which launched in May 2015, library card holders can sign up to use their cards to enter the building during specified hours. The number of people now signed up is 8,500, which equates to around half of the libraries' members.

Lisa Roberts, Strategic Client Manager, Culture & Leisure at Peterborough City Council said: "The new Open+ technology has been really well received by our library users, and we're looking to build on that with the Wi-Fi provision.

"While funding cuts have caused many other councils in the UK to close their libraries, we are finding ways to keep them open for longer and to attract more people to use them. Most people these days prefer to use their own laptops and tablets for their work, study and leisure, so by providing Wi-Fi, people will be even more keen to spend time at the library. It gives them the option to combine online research and learning with the in-depth insights from our books and other resources."

The free Wi-Fi is available at all [Peterborough libraries during opening hours](http://www.vivacity-peterborough.com/libraries-and-archives/library-opening-hours/) (<http://www.vivacity-peterborough.com/libraries-and-archives/library-opening-hours/>), with the exception of Orton library where it will only be supplied on Saturdays.

Peterborough's libraries are managed by Vivacity on behalf of the city council.