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Los Angeles Public Library to Loan Energy Use Monitors

Partnership with LADWP Enables Users to Measure and Reduce Power Consumption

Los Angeles, June 25, 2015—As the summer begins and energy demand peaks, the Los Angeles Public Library and Los Angeles Department of Water and Power today launched a program that allows city library users to check out an electricity usage monitor to help manage their power consumption and energy costs at home. Approximately 300 energy use monitors are now available at all 73 Los Angeles Public Library locations. The tool will allow users to plug in appliances and electronic devices and review the usage and cost over time, thereby informing them on how to manage their energy consumption.

"I'm proud of the Los Angeles Public Library and the Department of Water and Power for launching an innovative program to help Angelenos save money while saving energy," said Mayor Eric Garcetti. "Library patrons can check out an energy monitoring device just like a book, and learn more on how household appliances consume energy, especially during the hot summer months. Residents also become eligible to receive additional free water and energy conservation items when returning the devices."

"We are thrilled to make these energy use meters available to our patrons in support of the Mayor's commitment to sustainability, and we look forward to sparking discussion about how to promote other conservation initiatives," said City Librarian John F. Szabo. "The library is a great place to continue learning how to save power and money!"

Marcie Edwards, LADWP general manager, said, "We are pleased to offer these free monitors to our customers through our partnership with the Los Angeles Public Library. Energy monitors empower our customers to investigate their own electricity consumption and identify ways to reduce it, especially during the summer when demand is high. We believe these monitors encourage behavior change as well as converting to more efficient technologies."

Each monitoring device may be checked out for up to three weeks, and comes with simple, step-by-step instructions to coach users on how to get valuable information about each device to manage cost and electricity use. Upon return to the library's circulation desk, users are eligible to receive free energy and water conservation tools such as compact fluorescent light bulbs, low-flow showerheads and faucet aerators, while supplies last.

Peter Persic, Public Relations & Marketing Director

Other than through the library, LADWP also offers the monitors to customers through nonprofit partners and to select LAUSD classrooms.

To find your local library, visit www.lapl.org. To learn more about energy efficiency and how to save on your power bill, see www.ladwp.com/save.

About the Los Angeles Public Library

A 2015 recipient of the nation's highest honor for library service—the National Medal from the Institute of Museum and Library Services, the Los Angeles Public Library serves the largest and most diverse urban population of any library in the nation. Its Central Library, 72 branch libraries, collection of more than 6 million books, state-of-the-art technology accessible at www.lapl.org, and more than 18,000 public programs a year provide everyone with free and easy access to information and the opportunity for life-long learning.

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