



LIBRARY PUBLIC USE HOTSPOTS
AND
DATA PLANS

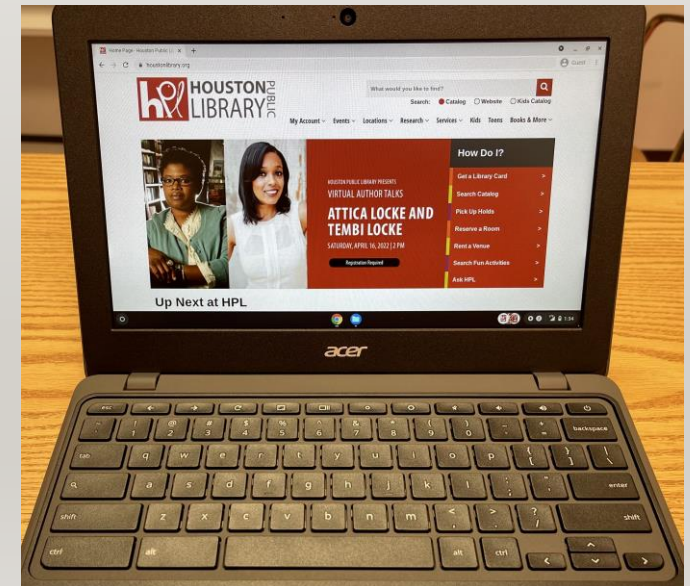
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HOTSPOT AND CHROMEBOOK PROGRAM AT HPL

1. Funded through various sources including CARES funding and Emergency Connectivity Funds
2. Hotspot lending program began in 2017
 - A. Circulate for three-week periods to HPL cardholders
 - B. 4G or 5G, unlimited data
 - C. Can provide Internet to 10 devices
3. Chromebook lending program began in 2022
 - A. Circulate for three-week periods to HPL cardholders
 - B. Library owns 500 Chromebooks with connectivity built in
 - C. 4G or 5G, unlimited data



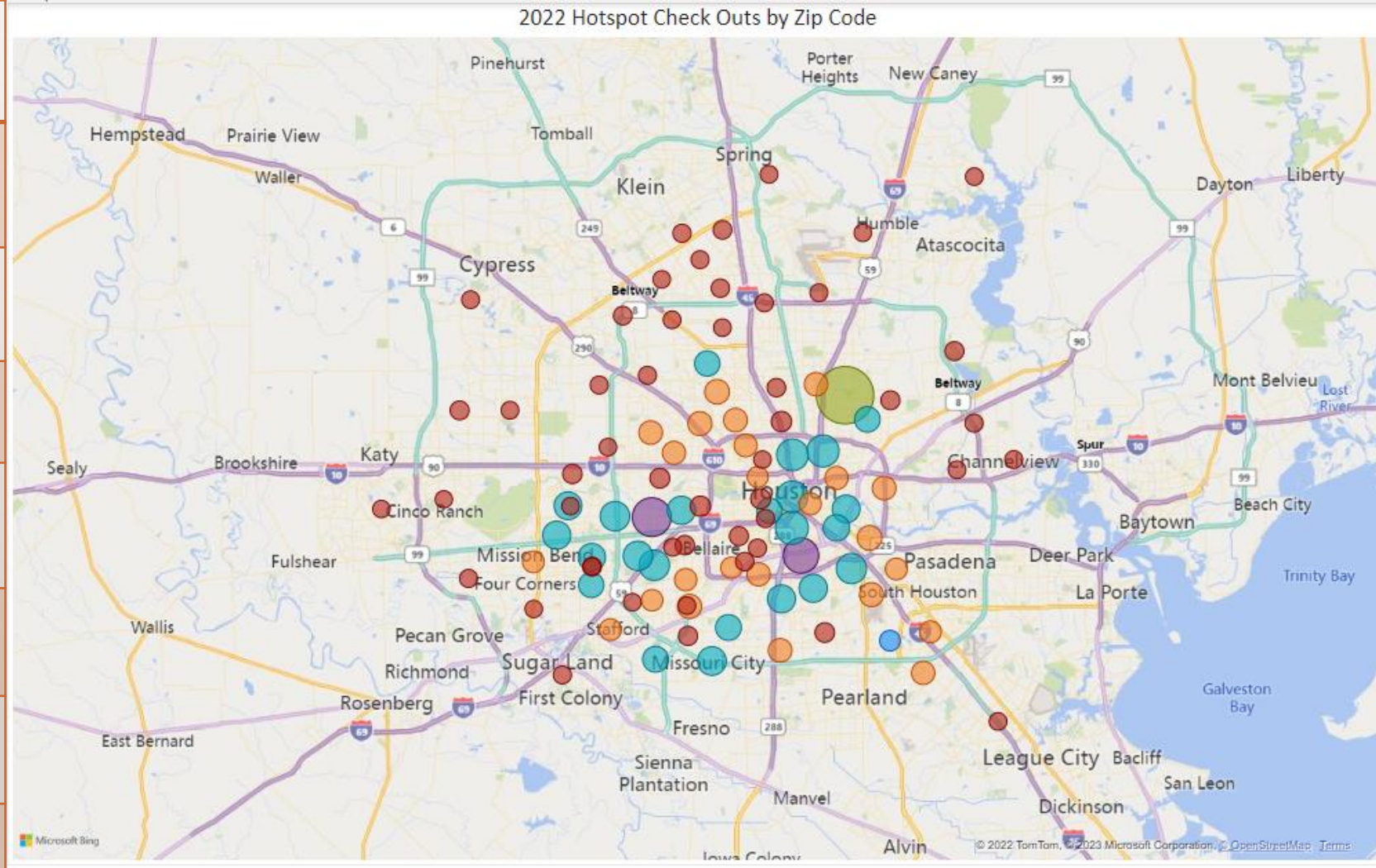
NEED TO BRIDGE DIGITAL DIVIDE

1. Full participation in society requires everyone to have a reliable broadband connection
2. Data shows that 25% of households in the HISD district lack Internet access
3. Those demographic groups with the least access to technology often need it most
4. Internet is required to access many basic governmental assistance programs
5. Inequitable access to electronic devices and reliable, high-speed Internet connections has a negative impact on opportunity, achievement and equity gaps in education



HISTORICAL CIRCULATION DATA

Device Type	Hotspot	Connected Chromebook
2017	2,241	
2018	6,283	
2019	6,899	
2020	1,826	
2021	8,794	
2022	8,037	685
Totals	34,080	685



A PATH FORWARD

1. Worked with SPD to follow City and Federal procedure with ARPA procurement
2. Received bids from Kajeet, Inc, AT&T, Verizon and T-Mobile
3. Kajeet was chosen as bid winner due to being lowest bid that met specifications
 - A. \$1.72 million for the 2,000 hotspots with data for four years along with 500 data plans for four years for the Chromebooks HPL owns
4. Received MWBE waiver on grounds that devices and data are not divisible
5. Library requested 2,000 hotspots with the following criteria:
 - A. Data plans for four years for each hotspot with unlimited 4G or 5G data
 - B. Ability to provide Children Internet Protection Act(CIPA) filtering
 - C. Ability for Library to manage service remotely through a service portal
6. Library also requested 500 data plans for Chromebooks with the following criteria:
 - A. Unlimited 4G or 5G data plans for four years in length
 - B. Ability to provide CIPA content-filtered data plans

ABOUT KAJEET INC

1. In business for 20 years providing mobile connectivity solutions to schools and libraries
2. Provide value added services such as Internet filtering and online portal management of devices
3. Work with multiple carriers and devices
4. Provide hotspots, charge adapters and accessories in ready to distribute packages
5. Provide device and service support and handle warranty related items

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