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**Toyota makes large-scale technology donation to library**

Toyota Motor Engineering & Manufacturing, N.A. of Saline, Michigan has donated 45 public computers and monitors to the Chelsea District Library. This is the largest technology donation the library has received to date. The donation will have a great impact on staff and the community as the library will be able to replace older public and staff models.

The sheer depth of the donation will allow staff to re-imagine the use of current computers and provide more robust workstations to the community. In difficult economic times, Toyota's donation will strengthen the library's budget by allowing resources to be allocated to other strategic purposes. "The use of these computers and monitors will have a tremendous impact on the library. We will be able to replace older computers with newer models for both staff and the public," says Bill Harmer, Library Director, "In addition, this donation has a significant budget implication. We will now have the luxury of adjusting our replacement schedule for older model computers, which will provide a large cost savings on our 2012 operating budget."

Toyota's External Affairs representative, Cynthia Mahalak, Chelsea resident and library user, approached Ron Andrews, Head of Technology at the library regarding the donation. "Talk about keeping it local! This generous donation of computers will provide us the opportunity to be more flexible with our technology support and provide upgradeable workstations for public use," says Andrews.

The computers are part of a larger donation to The Library Network, a public library cooperative serving 65 libraries in southeast Michigan. Toyota donated approximately 250 computers in total to The Library Network.

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**Toyota** (NYSE:TM) established operations in North America in 1957 and currently operates 14 manufacturing plants, including one under construction. There are more than 1,800 Toyota, Lexus and Scion dealerships in North America which sold more than 2 million vehicles in 2010. Toyota directly employs more than 35,000 in North America and its investment here is currently valued at more than \$23 billion, including sales and manufacturing operations, research and development, financial services and design. Toyota's annual purchasing of parts, materials, goods and services from North American suppliers totals nearly \$25 billion. Toyota currently produces 12 vehicles in North America, including the Avalon, Camry, Corolla, Highlander, Matrix, RAV4, Sienna, Sequoia, Tacoma, Tundra, Venza and the Lexus RX 350. For more information about Toyota, visit [www.toyota.com](http://www.toyota.com) or [www.toyotanewsroom.com](http://www.toyotanewsroom.com).

**The Chelsea District Library** is nonprofit organization whose mission is to provide equal access to quality resources that serve the lifelong cultural, educational and informational needs and interests of all people. The Library currently serves 14,000 residents in the Chelsea district – City of Chelsea plus Dexter, Lima, Lyndon and Sylvan townships and more than 20,000 individuals visit the Library each month. The Library's state-of-the-art facility is an access point for information including: books, periodicals, DVDs, CDs, audiobooks, downloadable e-books, subscription databases as well as access to the Internet. In addition to providing dynamic services to complement and support local schools and other important community needs, the Chelsea District Library strives to present timely, interesting and high-quality programs and events to engage and enrich the Chelsea community. For more information about Chelsea District Library visit [www.chelsea.lib.mi.us](http://www.chelsea.lib.mi.us).

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