



e-VT Dover Re-Cap

The e-Vermont Community Broadband Project is a partnership between seven statewide organizations and leaders in two dozen Vermont towns to help close the digital divide through innovative use of Internet tools and training. Initiatives in Dover were spearheaded by the Dover Economic Development Specialist Office, Dover town government, Dover Elementary School, Dover Free Library and other organizations. In just over a year, this team succeeded in bringing the following accomplishments to Dover:

- Thirty-five netbook packages for Dover Elementary School, including Dell netbooks, netbook cases, printers, USB cables, extra ink cartridges, and Microsoft Office Pro 2010 to ensure that every student in grades 4, 5 and 6 receives a 21st century education;
- Weekly training with community-based, NETS-S coordinated technology lessons for students and teachers in grades 4, 5 and 6;
- For teachers, a complete program of lesson and unit plans, worksheets, Internet links, advice, instruction, video tutorials, and grant writing resources so that cutting edge classroom education can continue in 2012-2013 and beyond;
- A free online neighborhood forum at frontporchforum.com that 56 subscribers in Dover (out of 540 households in town) have used more than 77 times to buy and trade household items, promote events and volunteer needs, discuss local issues, share wildlife sightings, and recommend local businesses;
- A new platform for the Front Porch Forum e-newsletter that includes a comprehensive web-based community calendar, synthesizing all community events into one central place and freely allowing them to be displayed on local websites;
- One HP Compaq 6200 Pro Core i5 desktop with 4-year warranty, one Acer Veriton desktop with 3-year warranty, a ViewSonic 22" flat-screen monitor with 4-year warranty, one Asus Eee PC with 2-year warranty, one Acer Aspire ONE netbook with 2-year warranty and two 16GB WiFi iPads with extended warranties for Dover Free Library to help more community members and visitors access the Internet, find social services and jobs, and connect to research and educational opportunities;

- Three workshops on the topics of *Social Media and Communication*, *Learning to Go*, and *Internet Safety* conducted by the Vermont State Colleges at Dover Free Library for Dover residents;
- A Vermont State Colleges student Internet Intern providing assistance with Web searches and other basic computer tasks for Dover Free Library patrons;
- A workshop on the topics of *Social Media Marketing* and *Google Tools for Small Business* conducted by the Vermont Small Business Development Center at Dover Free Library for business owners and entrepreneurs;
- One-on-one assistance from the Vermont Small Business Development Center for Dover businesses undertaking website redesigns, and with individual businesses developing e-marketing skills and tactics;
- A new printer/scanner/fax machine for use in the Dover Town Offices;
- A DELL Inspiron 15R i5 laptop to be shared by Dover's Economic Development Specialist and new municipal web manager;
- Creation of a public access Wi-Fi zone along route 100 including 4 Anaptyx OD2-N MIMO access points, site survey, installation, Anaptyx AWD Cloud Controller and Haystack Digital / e-Vermont portal template;
- Ongoing webinars for businesses and individuals, available at e4vt.org;
- A tool kit of case studies, lessons learned, and best practices, available at e4vt.org;
- Regional workshops, a statewide conference, and continuing programs of e-Vermont partner organizations.

e-Vermont congratulates the Dover team for its collaboration and accomplishments over the past year and wishes them well in continuing to close the digital divide, use Internet tools to advance local goals, and serve as a model for rural towns all over Vermont and across the United States.

Please stay posted on future developments by visiting e-Vermont at www.e4vt.org and by following e-Vermont on Facebook (e-Vermont).

-Philip Petty, e-Vermont Community Director
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