Allocation of Public Computers

There is no exact formula, but many variables are considered:

- **Physical space & furniture**
- **Circulation**
- **Door count (number of customers using the library)**
- **Electrical capacity of the building**
- **ADA considerations**
- **Data cabling**
- **Funds available for purchase of equipment**
- **Input from branch/Central library staff**

WIFI is available at all locations, enabling customers who have their own equipment (laptops, tablets, smart phones) to connect to the Internet rather than using public computers.

A successful pilot project at the Ruiz Branch Library confirmed that circulating laptop computers for in-house use is a viable alternative to desktop public computers, although it does present some challenges:

- **Secure storage for the laptops**
- **Cannot currently offer wireless printing (This is also a challenge when customers have their own devices)**
- **Space for recharging as well as storing the equipment**

Grant funded technology projects:

- **Carver Computer & Job Center**
- **Dell Discovery Lab**
- **Connected Youth Centers**

Other Computer Training Labs:

- **Ruiz Branch, Little Walnut Branch, Faulk Central**
- **Permanent computer labs can only be installed where there is an available room/space. Other considerations are the need/demand for computer classes, funding for equipment, staff/volunteers to teach classes.**