



Libraries to Receive Electricity Monitors

A joint effort among electric power providers in the Albemarle area has resulted in a unique program called “Watch a Watt” that helps individuals save on their electric bills.

Albemarle Electric Membership Corporation, Dominion North Carolina Power, and the towns of Hertford, Edenton and Elizabeth City recently purchased a total of 20 Kill A Watt electricity usage monitors that will be donated to local libraries. Visitors to the libraries can check out the electricity usage monitors just like they would check out books.

The monitors help people learn how much electricity individual appliances use. The monitor can be plugged into a wall outlet, and then an appliance can be plugged into the monitor. Five buttons on the device enable the user to monitor levels of voltage, amps, watts, hertz and kilowatt hours (kWh).

“If a person wants to know how much it costs to operate a certain appliance, this device along with rate information from their electricity provider will help make that information available,” said Chris Powell, director of public relations for Albemarle EMC.

The person checking out the device will receive a detailed set of instructions describing the various ways the monitor can be used. The electricity monitors will be donated to each of the following libraries: Shepard-Pruden Memorial Library, in Edenton; the Pasquotank-Camden Library, in Elizabeth City; and the Perquimans County Library, in Hertford.