

## Local libraries use federal grant to expand digital programs

WAUKESHA COUNTY — Sixteen libraries in Waukesha County, all of which are part of the Bridges Library System, have used grants awarded by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction and the Institute for Museum and Library Services to expand digital programming.

According to a press release, the grants, which were provided by the federal CARES act, have been used to upgrade and expand WiFi access at local libraries, as well as to purchase better equipment for both staff and patron use.

“These CARES Act funds put us closer to that goal and provide

tremendous benefit to the communities we serve,” said Jackie Rammer, director of the Menomonee Falls Public Library, in a press release.

In addition, the libraries used part of their grants to purchase an online homework help tool called HelpNow. The tool, which offers free online academic tutoring, is available to anyone with a library card from a library that is part of the Bridges Library System.

Anyone who would like to access this tool, or to make use of other digital programs available from Bridges, can do so at [www.bridgeslibrarysystem.org/helpnow](http://www.bridgeslibrarysystem.org/helpnow).