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Subject: FW: Digital Divide Pilot Project discussion on Thursday, May 8th

From: Mickells, Greg

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To: Erik Paulson; All Alders; Kronberger, Paul; Miley, Sally; Erdman, Natalie

Subject: RE: Digital Divide Pilot Project discussion on Thursday, May 8th

Erik, I just wanted to inform you that Madison Public Library is pursuing two projects that may have an impact on your program. First is a project that has received grant funding. We will be partnering with the Literacy Network this fall to offer computer literacy classes at our Goodman South Library and Hawthorne Library. The grant provides funds to purchase the necessary laptops and the library will provide the classroom space. Literacy Network will provide the instructors and curriculum. The second project is in the investigative stage of providing MiFi units to library patrons for the creation of home hotspots. Chicago and NY public libraries are working on this and I have been in communication with them and will be tracking their programs. I am also trying to find out if UW has an EBS (Educational Broadband Service) license that we might be able to utilize for this program in Madison.

Please let me know if there are other ways that the library can be part of your solution to close the digital divide.

Best,
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