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Libraries to gain faster Internet access with broadband expansion

MADISON — Slow Internet connections in nearly three-quarters of the state’s public libraries will speed up dramatically with a \$4.2 million federal E-rate investment in fiber broadband connectivity.

“More than 60 percent of our public libraries report inadequate Internet connection speeds to serve library patrons,” said State Superintendent Tony Evers. “Many of our libraries are the only public Internet access in their small, rural communities. Our libraries provide online education resources for students of all ages, including BadgerLink; services for job seekers; and information on government services; so this upgrade of Internet connectivity will be a welcome improvement across the state.”

Planning for the library fiber upgrade has been underway since mid-2013 and is part of enhancing the state’s BadgerNet broadband network. The actual fiber installation will begin this April and should be completed for approximately 350 libraries by November. Libraries were selected for fiber upgrades based on need. Nearly all public libraries will receive an increase in capacity, often tripled, as part of the program upgrade.

Telecommunication carriers provide the BadgerNet connections. The network is under the general management of the Department of Administration (DOA). Approximately 75 percent of the state’s school districts and 95 percent of its libraries have a connection to BadgerNet. As a result of the fiber project, libraries will get a 10Mbps BadgerNet connection for \$100 per month and up to 100Mbps for \$250 per month. Currently, only 8.5 percent of the state’s libraries have Internet connection speeds above 10Mbps. All of the state’s 17 regional library systems also will receive significant broadband increases.

Funding for the fiber project comes from the federal E-rate program. Each year DOA’s Technology for Educational Achievement (TEACH) program applies for and receives E-rate funding to help support broadband and Internet connectivity for over 900 schools and libraries in the state. The Department of Public Instruction has worked with DOA, the carriers, and the state’s library community to move the fiber broadband project forward.

“With so much information available only via the web there is a need for ever greater Internet connection speeds in our libraries,” Evers noted. “In addition to information flow, slow connections have limited libraries’ abilities to offer computer training and web conferencing. Fiber is a wise investment in networking infrastructure, and it will greatly help our libraries serve their community’s needs for ever faster Internet connectivity.”

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NOTE: This news release is available electronically at http://news.dpi.wi.gov/files/eis/pdf/dpinr2014_18.pdf. A list of libraries receiving fiber broadband upgrades follows.

Wisconsin Library Broadband Expansion

Arrowhead Public Library System

Beloit Public Library
 Clinton Public Library
 Eager Free Public Library, Evansville
 Edgerton Public Library
 Hedberg Public Library, Janesville
 Milton Public Library
 Orfordville Public Library

Eastern Shores Library System

Cedar Grove Public Library
 Cedarburg Public Library
 Elkhart Lake Public Library
 Frank L. Weyenberg Library, Mequon
 Kohler Public Library
 Lakeview Public Library - Random Lake
 Mead Public Library, Sheboygan
 Oostburg Public Library
 Oscar Grady Library, Saukville
 Plymouth Public Library
 Sheboygan Falls Memorial Library
 U.S.S. Liberty Memorial Public Library, Grafton
 W.J. Niederkorn Public Library, Port Washington

Indianhead Federated Library System

Baldwin Public Library
 Balsam Lake Public Library
 Boyceville Public Library
 Bruce Public Library
 C.A. Friday Memorial Library, New Richmond
 Cameron Public Library
 Centuria Public Library
 Clear Lake Public Library
 Cornell Public Library
 Ellsworth Public Library
 Elmwood Public Library
 Frederic Public Library
 G. E. Bleskacek Memorial Library, Bloomer
 Glenwood City Public Library
 Hammond Community Library
 Hazel Mackin Community Library, Roberts
 Hudson Public Library
 Luck Public Library
 Milltown Public Library
 Osceola Public Library
 Pepin Public Library
 Phillips Public Library
 Plum City Public Library
 Prescott Public Library
 River Falls Public Library
 Somerset Public Library
 Spring Valley Public Library
 Woodville Community Library

Kenosha County Library System

Community Library - Salem
 Community Library - Silver Lake
 Community Library - Twin Lakes
 Kenosha Public Library - Civic Center Building
 Kenosha Public Library - Northside
 Kenosha Public Library - Simmons

Kenosha Public Library - Southwest
 Kenosha Public Library - Uptown

Lakeshores Public Library System

Aram Public Library
 Barrett Memorial Library
 Brigham Memorial Library, Sharon
 Burlington Public Library
 Darien Public Library
 East Troy Lions Public Library
 Fontana Public Library
 Genoa City Public Library
 Graham Public Library, Union Grove
 Lake Geneva Public Library
 Matheson Memorial Library, Elkhorn
 Racine Public Library
 Rochester Public Library
 Walworth Memorial Library
 Waterford Public Library

Manitowoc-Calumet Library System

Chilton Public Library
 Kiel Public Library
 Manitowoc Public Library
 New Holstein Public Library

Mid-Wisconsin Public Library System

Beaver Dam Public Library
 Brownsville Public Library
 Dwight Foster Public Library, Fort Atkinson
 Fox Lake Public Library
 Germantown Community Library
 Hartford Public Library - Park Avenue
 Horicon Free Public Library
 Hustisford Public Library
 Hutchinson Memorial Library, Randolph
 Iron Ridge Public Library
 Irvin L. Young Public Library, Whitewater
 Jefferson Public Library
 Johnson Creek Public Library
 Juneau Public Library
 Karl Junginger Memorial Library, Waterloo
 Kewaskum Public Library
 L. D. Fargo Public Library, Lake Mills
 Lomira QuadGraphics Community Library
 Lowell Public Library
 Mayville Public Library
 Powers Memorial Library, Palmyra
 Reeseville Public Library
 Slinger Community Library
 Theresa Public Library
 Watertown Public Library
 Waupun Public Library
 West Bend Community Memorial Library

Milwaukee County Federated Library System

Brown Deer Public Library
 Cudahy Family Library
 Franklin Public Library

Greendale Public Library
 Greenfield Public Library
 Hales Corners Library
 North Shore Library, Fox Point
 Oak Creek Public Library
 Saint Francis Public Library
 Shorewood Public Library
 South Milwaukee Public Library
 Wauwatosa Public Library
 West Allis Public Library
 Whitefish Bay Public Library

Nicolet Public Library System

Algoma Public Library
 Bonduel Public Library
 Coleman-Pound Public Library
 Crivitz Branch Library
 Door County Library
 Door County Library - Bailey's Harbor
 Door County Library - Egg Harbor
 Door County Library - Fish Creek
 Door County Library - Forestville
 Door County Library - Washington Island
 Ephraim Branch Library
 Farnsworth Public Library, Oconto
 Florence County Library
 Gillett Public Library
 Green Earth Branch Library, De Pere
 Kewaunee Public Library
 Lakes Country Public Library
 Lena Public Library
 Mattoon-Hutchins Community Library
 Niagara Branch Public Library
 Oconto Falls Community Library
 Oneida Community Library
 Peshtigo Branch Public Library
 Shawano City-County Library
 Sister Bay Library
 Stephenson Public Library, Marinette
 Suring Area Public Library
 Tigerton Branch Library
 Wausaukee Branch Public Library
 Wittenberg Branch Library

Northern Waters Public Library System

Bad River Tribal Library, Odanah
 Bayfield Carnegie Library
 Ben Guthrie/Lac du Flambeau Public Library
 Boulder Junction Public Library
 Drummond Public Library
 Eleanor Ellis Public Library, Phelps
 Evelyn Goldberg Briggs Memorial Library, Iron River
 Forest Lodge Library, Cable
 Grantsburg Public Library
 Hurley Public Library
 Imogene McGrath Memorial Library, Lake Nebagamo
 Joan Salman Memorial Library, Solon Springs
 Koller Memorial Library, Manitowish Waters
 Land O Lakes Public Library
 Larsen Family Public Library, Webster
 Legion Memorial Library, Mellen
 Madeline Island Public Library, La Pointe
 Mercer Public Library
 Olson Memorial Library, Eagle River
 Plum Lake Public Library, Sayner
 Presque Isle Public Library
 Shell Lake Public Library

Sherman & Ruth Weiss Community Library, Hayward
 Spooner Memorial Library
 Superior Public Library
 Tice Public Library (Winter Public Library)
 Vaughn Public Library, Ashland
 Washburn Public Library
 Winchester Public Library, Presque Isle

Outagamie Waupaca Library System

Black Creek Village Library
 Clintonville Public Library
 Ellison Public Library, Scandinavia
 Gerard H. Van Hoof Library, Little Chute
 Hortonville Public Library
 Iola Village Library
 James J. Siebers Memorial Library, Kimberly
 Kaukauna Public Library
 Marion Public Library
 Muehl Public Library, Seymour
 Neuschafer Community Library, Fremont
 New London Public Library
 Shiocton Public Library
 Sturm Public Library, Manawa
 Waupaca Public Library
 Weyauwega Public Library

South Central Library System

Adams County Library
 Angie Williams Cox Library, Pardeeville
 Baraboo Public Library
 Belleville Public Library
 Black Earth Public Library
 Brodhead Memorial Public Library
 Cambridge Community Library
 Columbus Public Library
 Cross Plains Public Library
 Dane County Library Service, Madison
 Deerfield Public Library
 DeForest Public Library
 E. D. Locke Public Library, McFarland
 Fitchburg Public Library
 Jane Morgan Memorial Library, Cambria
 Kraemer Library & Community Center, Plain
 La Valle Public Library
 Lester Public Library of Arpin
 Lester Public Library of Rome, Nekoosa
 Lodi Woman's Club Public Library
 Marshall Community-E.P. Sorenson Public Library
 Mazomanie Free Library
 Monroe Public Library
 Mount Horeb Public Library
 New Glarus Public Library
 North Freedom Public Library
 Oregon Public Library
 Pinney Branch Library, Madison
 Portage County Public Library - Almond Branch
 Portage County Public Library - Plover Branch
 Portage County Public Library - Rosholt Branch
 Portage Public Library
 Poynette Public Library
 Prairie du Sac Public Library - Water Street
 Reedsburg Public Library
 Rock Springs Public Library
 Sauk City Public Library
 Spring Green Community Library
 Stoughton Public Library
 Sun Prairie Public Library
 Verona Public Library
 Waunakee Public Library
 Wycocena Public Library

Southwest Wisconsin Library System

Argyle Public Library
 Barneveld Public Library
 Benton Public Library
 Blanchardville Public Library
 Bloomington Public Library
 Brickl Memorial Library, Dickeyville
 Cassville Public Library
 Cobb Public Library
 Cuba City Public Library
 Dodgeville Public Library
 Gays Mills Public Library
 Hildebrand Memorial Library, Boscobel
 John Turgeson Public Library, Belmont
 Johnson Public Library, Darlington
 Lester Public Library of Nekoosa
 Lone Rock Community Library
 McCoy Public Library, Shullsburg
 Mineral Point Public Library
 Muscoda Public Library
 Potosi Branch Library
 Prairie du Chien Memorial Library
 Schreiner Memorial Library, Lancaster
 Soldiers Grove Public Library
 Viola Public Library

Waukesha County Library System

Alice Baker Public Library, Eagle
 Big Bend Public Library
 Brookfield Public Library
 Butler Public Library
 Delafield Public Library
 Elm Grove Public Library
 Hartland Public Library
 Menomonee Falls Public Library
 Mukwonago Community Library
 Muskego Public Library
 New Berlin Public Library
 Oconomowoc Public Library
 Pauline Haass Public Library, Sussex
 Pewaukee Public Library
 Town Hall Library, North Lake

Winding Rivers Library System

Alma Public Library
 Arcadia Free Public Library
 Bekkum Memorial Library, Westby
 Blair Preston Public Library
 Cashton Public Library
 Elroy Public Library
 Ettrick Public Library
 Galesville Public Library
 Hillsboro Public Library
 Kendall Public Library
 Knutson Memorial Library, Coon Valley
 La Crosse Public Library (2)
 La Crosse Public Library - North
 La Crosse Public Library - South
 Lawton Memorial Library, La Farge
 Mauston Public Library

McIntosh Memorial Library, Viroqua
 Mondovi Public Library
 Necedah Memorial Library
 New Lisbon Memorial Library
 Norwalk Public Library
 Ontario Public Library
 Shirley M. Wright Memorial Library, Trempealeau
 Sparta Free Library
 Strum Public Library
 Taylor Memorial Library
 Wilton Public Library
 Wonewoc Public Library

Winnefox Public Library System

Brandon Public Library
 Campbellsport Public Library
 Carter Memorial Library, Omro
 Coloma Public Library
 Endeavor Public Library
 Ethel Everhard Memorial Library, Westfield
 Hancock Public Library
 Leon-Saxeville Township Library, Pine River
 Markesan Public Library
 Mill Pond Public Library, Kingston
 Montello Public Library
 Neshkoro Public Library
 Oakfield Public Library
 Oxford Public Library
 Packwaukee Public Library
 Plainfield Public Library
 Poy Sippi Public Library
 Princeton Public Library
 Red Granite Public Library
 Spillman Public Library, North Fond du Lac

Wisconsin Valley Library Service

Abbotsford Public Library
 Colby Public Library
 Crandon Public Library
 Dorchester Weix Memorial Library
 Edith Evans Community Library, Laona
 Edward U. Demmer Memorial Library, Three Lakes
 Elcho Branch Library
 Frances L. Simek Memorial Library Medford
 Greenwood Public Library
 Jean M. Thomsen Public Library, Stetsonville
 Loyal Public Library
 Neillsville Public Library
 Owen Public Library
 Rib Lake Public Library
 T. B. Scott Free Library, Merrill
 Thorp Public Library
 Westboro Public Library – Second Street
 Western Taylor County Public Library, Gilman
 White Lake Branch Library