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The [Emergency Broadband Benefit](#) is a federal program providing increased access to broadband internet and connected devices for qualifying income-eligible households. [Read more about Low-Cost, High-Speed Internet Access](#)

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The internet is everywhere, allowing you to work, play, and complete daily life tasks wherever there is WiFi. This is especially helpful in the age of physical distancing and mask-wearing.

For those with WiFi access, barriers may still exist. Some community members experience frustration with email and online forms, and concerns about internet safety, leaving them feeling increasingly isolated from social connections and workforce opportunities.

Do you have a friend or family member that could use a little help? VITAL's [Northstar Online Learning](#) teaches the basic computer skills needed to communicate using computers. Its free, self-paced courses offer step-by-step instruction, practice, and review for: [Read more about Learn Basic Computer Skills with Northstar Learning](#)

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## [Two Grants Fund Hotspots, iPads, and Diverse Books](#)



A tween girl uses an iPad during a children's program.

We are pleased to share that the Library is the recipient of two grants to support access to digital resources in Monroe County. The City of Bloomington Information & Technology Services Department has awarded the Library a Digital Equity Grant of \$10,500, and the Wahl Family Charitable Trust has gifted the Library \$5,300.

"Providing equitable access to information is one of the Library's most important goals and is reflective of our [core mission](#) to provide opportunities to read, learn, connect and create," said Grier Carson, Associate Director. "One of the greatest challenges posed by the current public health crisis is our inability to reach each and every Library patron when physical access to the Library carries with it a number of health considerations. These grants will help us improve upon that." [Read more about Two Grants Fund Hotspots, iPads, and Diverse Books](#)

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# Podcasting 101

Have you ever had an idea for a podcast and not known exactly where to begin? Looking for answers online turns up a variety of resources, but it's easy to feel overwhelmed when you see extensive lists of gear, software, and production techniques.

Fortunately, the Library is a great first step to learning the tools of the trade! The Library's Digital Media Expert's recommendation for anyone who asks about audio editing or making a podcast is [Audacity](#), a free open-source audio-editing application. [Read more about Podcasting 101](#)

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