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### WiFi Park Grant Awarded For Hunterdon County Main Library

The Hunterdon County Library continues planned upgrades and improvements, with funds recently awarded from the NJ State Library grant, for the Route 12 Main Library WiFi Park to be made available for patrons to increase WiFi access, Hunterdon County Commissioner Zachary T. Rich has announced.

Commissioner Rich, the Board's Library Commissioner liaison, said, "The library's recent grant application for a CARES Act Mini-Grant for Public Libraries to establish a WiFi park at the main Library branch at the Route 12 complex is another great example of the leadership and forward thinking of Library Director James Keebler.

The grant funding awarded will provide additional WiFi access points and network cable, laptops for training purposes and promotional funds to increase awareness of the newly upgraded space. Increased WiFi access will cover outside grass areas and the entire parking lot; such a designated area will help increase and improve the use of outdoor space and is particularly valuable for outdoor activities and social distancing during the pandemic."

There are almost 200 parking spaces in the main Library lot, large shaded, grassy areas and the plan includes adding additional seating options to allow for anticipated increases in patronage.

Commissioner Rich continued, "Greater WiFi access is a critical resource for our residents' new digital needs, will be accessible all year round and will be particularly helpful during emergencies when people lose internet access and power."

Library Director James Keebler announced the award acceptance earlier this week after a letter from the NJ State Library was received stating that the full grant proposal had been approved.

"We just found out we received the grant and are very happy we were funded," Director Keebler stated.

For more information about WiFi and computer options available at the library, [click here](#).