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Technology isn't something new to libraries. To keep pace with ever increasing patron demand, libraries have embraced emergent technologies to continue to provide free access to the materials and resources patrons want and need. Yes, your Chippewa River District Library has free public computer workstations with high speed internet for public use. Yes your Chippewa River District Library offers free computer classes on topics ranging from beginning computing, to advanced applications. But did you know your Chippewa River District Library also offers free Wi-Fi internet access throughout the library? Patrons at Veterans Memorial Library in Mt. Pleasant, Faith Johnston Memorial Library in Rosebush, and the Coe Township Library in Shepherd are welcome to bring their own Wi-Fi enabled laptop computer and take advantage of this free service. Plans are progressing to provide the same free Wi-Fi service at the remaining CRDL branch locations in Weidman, Winn, and Blanchard.

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Now that we've filed away another hugely successful Summer Reading Program, you can find a schedule of regular (and not so regular) library events and activities at the crdl.org website. CRDL Storytime is back Mondays and Thursdays at Veterans Memorial Library in Mt. Pleasant and Wednesdays at Faith Johnston Memorial Library in Rosebush. There are free computer classes almost every day. And I can't tell you when, but we have a couple fun family events on the calendar for this fall. How does a Family Mad Science Night and a Family Video Game Night featuring Wii Bowling sound? Yea, sounds fun to me too! I'll be there, but then I've already clicked the crdl.org website to find out when and where...have you?