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System wins public policy forum's salute to local government award

The Bridges Library System has announced its selection as a winner of the Public Policy Forum's *2016 Salute to Local Government Award*.

The library system is being recognized for a major restructuring program that expanded Waukesha County library services to include Jefferson County libraries, including the Karl Junginger Memorial Library in Waterloo and municipal partners. This first-of-its-kind project sets a precedent for future library system reinvention across Wisconsin.

"Bridges Library System is honored to be selected for this prestigious award," said Bridges Library System Director Connie Meyer. "This transformative change was possible because many people focused on the overwhelming benefits to the citizens of our area."

The Bridges Library System will receive the award at the Public Policy Forum's 24th annual Salute to Local Government breakfast in Milwaukee on Tuesday, June 21.

Officially established on Jan. 1, the new Bridges Library System is comprised of all 24 public libraries in Waukesha and Jefferson counties. Prior to the restructuring project in 2015, the library system was known as the Waukesha County Federated Library System (WCFLS) and served the 16 libraries in Waukesha County.

The Bridges Library System provides individual member libraries, as well as residents of Waukesha and Jefferson counties, benefits in the form of greater fiscal security, increased access to information and services, and progressive, collaborative relationships. For more information visit www.bridgeslibrarysystem.org.