Six ladies left the final class of their basic computer training wanting more Thursday, March 22.

Heginbotham Library received a grant through the Colorado State Library in conjunction with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation last spring that helped provide six new laptops. Librarian Laura Roth, with the help of HHS senior Emily Bradley, taught six ladies the ins and outs of the computer during an inaugural basic computer class.

Norma Paloucek, Lillian Lindgren, Shirley Kadlec, Margaret Wade, Clela Meusborn and Peggy Bennett spent three Thursdays learning about the internet, e-mail, Microsoft Word, clip art and basic computer skills.

They began with the very basics and worked their way up. Class participants were very pleased with the pace of the class. They noted they have tried other basic computer classes in the past and were not happy with the level and the pace. In Holyoke, the class learned together in a comfortable and friendly environment.

Six ladies completed the first computer class at Holyoke's Heginbotham Library Thursday, March 22. Pictured from left are technical staff helper Emily Bradley, lead instructor and librarian Laura Roth, Norma Paloucek, Lillian Lindgren, Shirley Kadlec, Margaret Wade, Clela Meusborn and Peggy Bennett.

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When time ran out on their final class last Thursday, all six ladies immediately began thinking of what they would want to learn next. One program they hope to learn about in the future is Microsoft Excel.

Roth said they will probably begin another class sometime in the near future. She was also excited to say they will add a few more computers to allow for more participation.

Roth also said left over funds from the grant will help provide the library with Apple iPads. The new gadgets will hopefully be used by kids for the summer reading programs.

The $19,497 grant not only helped purchase laptops. Three new desktop computers including one with special capabilities for those with visual/hearing impairments were purchased.

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