

Monica Birrer

I am a librarian in a rural library in Colorado. I understand the problem of providing 'connectivity' for libraries, anchor institutions, and local citizens. I believe those issues will and are being addressed albeit slowly for rural communities. My concern and the issue I hope you seriously consider is lack of funding for ongoing personnel for libraries, schools, other public institutions. Without people with the necessary skills to teach/guide the public in using all the great hardware and technology available to them, more and better broadband won't be used by more than those who have had the opportunity to become skilled. Just lack of connectivity is not preventing the public from access; without the knowledge and training they will not be able to use these resources to better themselves and their communities.