

Currently, network connections for the La Crosse county library system are a bit of a snarled mess of copper wires.

County library director Chris McCardle Rojo says she's connected to the La Crosse city library which is trunked through city hall before heading to county buildings and then to Holmen and then to the rest of the county library branches. She says planned fiber optic updates would have cleaned up the nest a little and saved money on internet service besides. Which explains why she's disappointed that Wisconsin this week refused a \$23 million fed grant that would have paid for those fiber optic updates. McCardle Rojo says it limits the future potential for the internet at library branches but the average user probably won't notice much different in speeds.