

### **April 2020, COVID-19 | Adaptrum: Libraries closed, Wifi Open!**

Seven million K-12 students and ten's of millions of families lack home broadband access in the US. To reach the underserved during a global pandemic when the digital divide is wider, Gigabit Library Network are taking action to extend library connectivity beyond its walls.

Access to public information is an essential service of a library and GLN recognises the importance of staying connected to the internet to access vital information and educational services during a pandemic.

“TV white spaces are a new open resource, ideally suited for libraries, schools and other community anchor institutional use to enhance and extend access to public services,” said Don Means, Director at Gigabit Library Network

The virtual session, ‘What is a Library if the Building is Closed?’ has gathered over 800 people from 41 states to address the challenges that libraries are facing to provide vital services.

To join the action supporting access to WiFi for millions of people, register to join the session taking place every Friday on [Zoom](#) to extend connectivity beyond the walls.

To find out more about the project, go to the Gigabit Libraries Network [website](#).