



Fiber is key to success for DeKalb Library

Dee Coover, administrator of DeKalb Public Library, recently shared her thoughts on the benefits of high-speed broadband as part of the DATA project in DeKalb County. DATA is part of a grant being administered with help from Northern Illinois University.

Coover said "DeKalb Public Library has hired MorningStar Media Group to videotape two World War II veterans. The films are on DKPL's website.

"We are very determined to do more filming of veterans. The key to the success of the project is fiber because of the heavy demands of the bandwidth for media. We had gone to fiber two years ago, but jumped at the chance to go to the DATA project," Coover said.

"In conjunction with the DATA project, I asked for and received 'dark' fiber between the three libraries in the city—NIU Founders Library, DeKalb School District #428 and the DKPL.

"The purpose is vague so far except to exchange and promote high bandwidth projects like the WW2 films. NIU has received a very large grant to digitize documents that will be on its website," Coover added.

"This is the future and I believe this is a project that other communities can emulate for the preservation of their own local history."