

NC Hearts Gigabit 2nd Annual Interactive

FRIDAY, APRIL 26TH FROM 9:30^{AM} – 4:00^{PM}

North Carolina Rural Economic Development Center, Raleigh

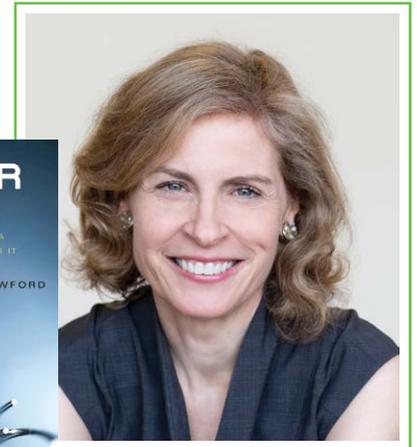
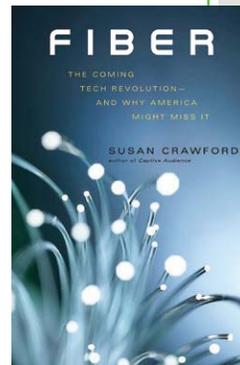
Powering the Future of Local Communities in NC

For inspiring content and connections to broadband communities, please join NC Broadband Matters in Raleigh for the second annual NC Hearts Gigabit Interactive on Friday, April 26, 2019. The Interactive will showcase solutions demonstrating why access to modern broadband matters to rural and urban vitality, workforce development, and leadership in technology innovation. Registration and more info available at <https://nheartsgigabitinteractive2.splashthat.com>.

Internet Access: Getting the U.S. Up to Speed

Please join us as we welcome award-winning writer and Harvard Law School Professor Susan Crawford as the keynote speaker of the second annual NC Hearts Gigabit Interactive! The world of fiber optic connections reaching neighborhoods, homes, and businesses will represent as great a change from what came before as the advent of electricity. But the playing field in the U.S. is tilted against competition, holding back the infrastructure improvements necessary for the country to move forward. **Crawford will discuss her new book, *Fiber: The Coming Tech Revolution and Why America Might Miss It***, which explores how a few cities and towns, including two in North Carolina, are finding ways to bring the next technological revolution to their communities.

Copies of *Fiber* will be available for purchase, with a book signing immediately following the keynote.



Who Loves Gigabit? We Do.

The mission of NC Broadband Matters is to attract, support and champion the universal availability of affordable, reliable, high-capacity Internet to create thriving local communities, uniquely local small businesses, and a workforce empowered to compete in the global knowledge economy.



“Digital connectivity is the glue of the modern American economy. Yet for all of broadband’s economic benefits, the country continues to face a significant digital divide at the household level.”

– BROOKINGS INSTITUTION REPORT NOV 2017