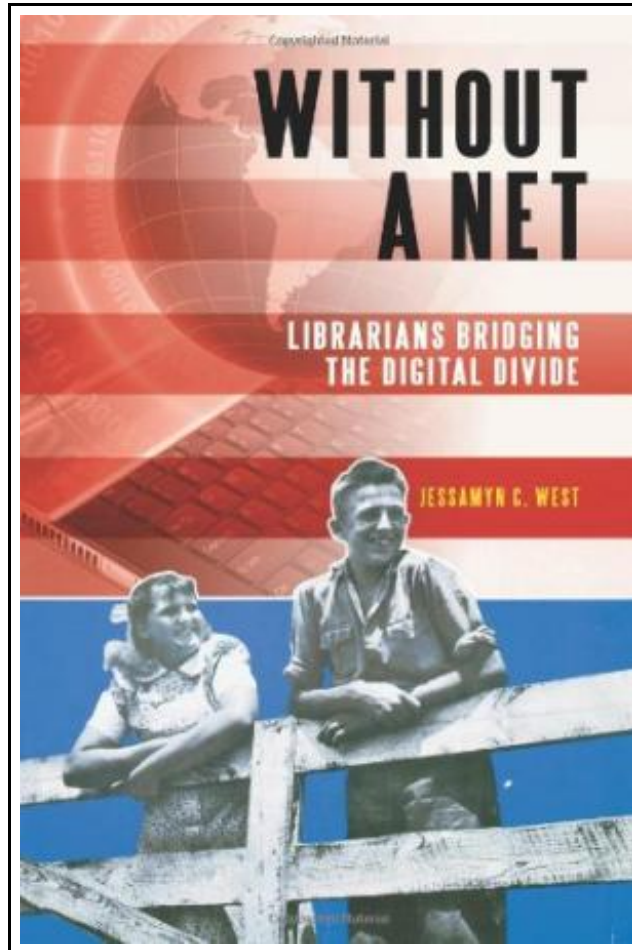# Without a Net: Librarians Bridging the Digital Divide



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