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The biggest story that I saw covered by mainstream media and bloggers last week while I was out of town involved [a recent "discovery" by city officials that Birmingham City Schools were not ready to fully utilize our soon to be delivered XO laptops](#). Here's an example of what it could look like around town in a few years if the laptops gain more popularity and if we truly embrace WiFi connectivity in Birmingham.

This was the scene at the [recently opened Kogod Courtyard](#) at the [National Portrait Gallery](#) on a Sunday afternoon. Something to note was that it was the first time that my friends (and their 3½ year-old daughter) had seen the laptop that's garnered so much attention down here.

This isn't to say that we don't already embrace connectivity in The Magic City. .. [or do we?](#)

NOTE: This is one of a series of images and short pieces written during André's recent trip to Washington, DC. He'll be providing glimpses at how the nation's capital has dealt with current issues under consideration by the Langford administration.