

Digital Equity Newsletter

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Welcome to Literacy Minnesota's newest monthly newsletter – One Network. This newsletter is an overview of the digital equity services offered by organizations like Literacy Minnesota and resources for those wanting to know more about digital equity. To see previous issues of this newsletter, visit this link: <https://www.literacymn.org/digital-equity-navigation>

For more information contact Frances Bates at fbates@literacymn.org.

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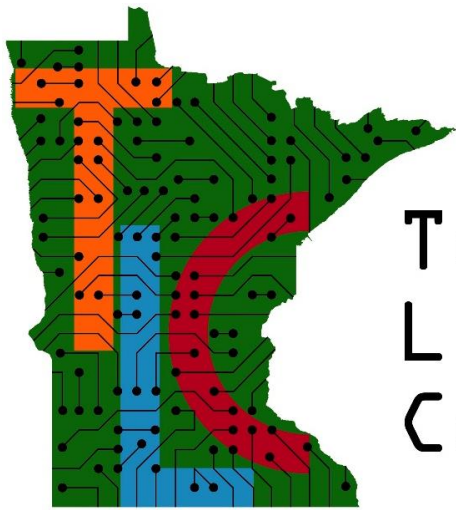
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Community Bulletin



Technology Literacy Collaborative

The **Technology Literacy Collaborative (TLC)** is a group of aspiring leaders in the digital equity field within the Twin Cities. They gather to problem solve and discuss best practices. Check them out on LinkedIn or contact Katrina Benson for more information. The new logo was designed by member Frances Bates.

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Tech in Your World Digital Equity Fair

Come check out this FREE event about low-cost internet!

Learn about Comcast's Internet Essentials program and technology services local organizations are offering. Enjoy free snacks and the chance to win prizes!

When: March 28th from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Where: 553 Fairview Ave N, Saint Paul, MN 55104

Contact the event organizer, Frances Bates, at fbates@literacymn.org for more information.

Find out more here: <https://www.literacymn.org/tech-in-your-world>

Event poster on next page.

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<https://www.literacymn.org/staff-board>

Our Digital Literacy Services

Digital equity requires access to devices, an internet connection, and digital skills. Below you can find how Literacy Minnesota is helping provide those services.

<https://www.literacymn.org/digitalliteracy>

Northstar Digital Literacy



The Northstar program assesses digital skills and provides classroom curriculum and self-directed online learning.

Website: <https://www.digitalliteracyassessment.org/>

Digital Equity and Navigation

Digital Navigators mentor individuals in using technology and help with getting low-cost internet. For more information on our services contact Susan at swbrandt@literacymn.org.

<https://www.literacymn.org/digital-equity-navigation>



Midway Location: 553 Fairview Ave N, Saint Paul, MN 55104

The Midway digital literacy lab at Goodwill-Easter Seals is coordinated by Manee and open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Minneapolis Location: 627 W Broadway Ave, Minneapolis, MN 55411

Katey works at the Minneapolis campus facilitating computer labs and Northstar digital literacy classes.

Trainings and Workshops

We offer an assortment of programming for instructors that focus on digital literacy.

<https://www.literacymn.org/digital-literacy-trainings-workshops>

Other Initiatives in Minnesota

Neighborhood House



The Adult Education Program at Neighborhood House provides adult learners with ongoing educational support and learning opportunities. One of the areas of service they offer is digital literacy classes.

Address: 179 Robie St E, Saint Paul, MN 55107

Website: <https://neighborhoodhousemn.org/>

Lyndale Neighborhood Association



The Lyndale Education Program serves the residents of Horn Towers with literacy, language, and career skills. They created the ELDES curriculum to help address digital literacy gaps in English learners.

Address: 3537 Nicollet Ave, Minneapolis, MN 55408

Website: <https://lyndale.org/>

PCs for People



This is a nonprofit social enterprise working to get low-cost quality computers and internet into the homes of individuals, families, and nonprofits with low income.

Main location: 1481 Marshall Ave, Saint Paul, MN 55104

Recycling Center: 2492 Doswell Ave, Saint Paul, MN 55108

Website: <https://www.pcsforpeople.org/>

Office of Broadband Development



Helping Minnesotans understand broadband options available and work together to improve availability and use of high-speed broadband services.

Address: 180 5th St E, Saint Paul, MN 55101

Website: <https://mn.gov/deed/programs-services/broadband/>

Check out this newsletter's resource section on our website to see more local organizations.

<https://www.literacymn.org/one-network-newsletter-resources>

Glossary



App (Application)

Unit of downloadable software that performs a specific function. Some are available for free while others come with a cost.

Browser

A software application (such as Google Chrome, Safari, Internet Explorer, or Mozilla Firefox) that allows users to access the Internet.

Digital Equity

A condition in which all individuals and communities have the information technology capacity needed for full participation in our society, democracy and economy. Sometimes called TEQuity/Tech Equity which is the shortening of technology equity.

Digital Literacy

The ability and knowledge needed to access and operate internet-connected devices, to successfully use commonly available software, and to navigate and utilize online resources in order to effectively communicate and complete social and work-related tasks in a virtual space.

Digital Navigators

Trusted guides who assist community members in internet adoption and the use of computing devices. Digital navigation services include ongoing assistance with affordable internet access, device acquisition, technical skills, and application support.

Email

A system (such as Google Gmail, Microsoft Outlook, and Yahoo! Mail) that allows the user to transmit messages electronically.

Internet

An electronic communications network that connects computer networks and organizational computer facilities around the world.

Network

A system that connects two or more computing devices for transmitting and sharing information.

Search Engine

Programs (such as Google, Bing, and Yahoo!) that allow you to find specific information online.

Server

A type of computer that is equipped with software and hardware to offer services to other computers connected to it.

Wi-Fi

A wireless networking technology that allows devices such as computers, smartphones, and other equipment (printers and video cameras) to interface with the Internet.

Resources

General

Connectivity Blueprint:

Digital Equity Roadmap for Ramsey County and Saint Paul

Connectivity Blueprint

<https://www.ramseycounty.us/your-government/projects-initiatives/ramsey-connected-computer-internet-resources/connectivity-blueprint>



Digital Equity Act

<https://www.digitalequityact.org/>



National Collaborative for Digital Equity (NCDE)

<https://www.digitalequity.us/>



National Digital Inclusion Alliance (NDIA)

<https://www.digitalinclusion.org/>

Glossary Sources

- <https://www.cisco.com/>
- <https://www.spiceworks.com/>
- <https://study.com/>
- <https://thecenterfordigitalequity.org/>
- <https://www.techtarget.com/>
- <https://www.vocabulary.com/>

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