



Digital Access Newsletter

May 2025

Welcome to One Network – This newsletter is an overview of the digital opportunity services offered by organizations like Literacy Minnesota and resources for those wanting to know more about digit access.

Join us at our Broadway location for a digital literacy event we put on called Tech in Your World. This year it will be on May 30 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Questions? – Contact event coordinator Frances Bates at fbates@literacymn.org.

The digital literacy world is always changing. New technology comes about and sources of funding are ever fluctuating. As long as we stick together no matter what comes our way we can continue to provide the community digital opportunity services. Literacy Minnesota will be part of this continuing effort to serve the community.

Just Keep Swimming!

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Mission: Literacy Minnesota connects people to transformative learning, sparks innovation in literacy and mobilizes change.

Community Bulletin

Tech in Your World event is back!

Come to learn about Comcast's Internet Essentials program and local technology services. Enjoy free snacks and the chance to win prizes.

Learn more: <https://www.literacymn.org/tech-in-your-world>

When: May 30 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Where: 627 W Broadway Ave, Minneapolis, MN 55411



Funding in Flux

It was announced recently that unfortunately the Digital Equity Act has been terminated. Everyone is scrambling to figure out what is next. Some states like Minnesota have already had some funding allocated so it is just a waiting game to see what happens. Hopefully we can all find funding from elsewhere to continue providing the much-needed digital literacy services to the community.

More info:

- <https://mn.gov/deed/programs-services/broadband/what-we-do/>
- <https://www.digitalinclusion.org/blog/statement-ndia-responds-to-trump-post-calling-for-immediate-end-of-digital-equity-act-funds/>

What's Next for Literacy Minnesota?

The One Network Newsletter has been run by Frances Bates since October 2023. This newsletter was created as a way for Literacy Minnesota to share about its digital literacy work and what was happening in the digital access world. We want to thank Comcast for helping provide grant funding that made this newsletter possible. Frances has enjoyed giving you updates and working within the digital literacy community. Her journey will have a new path starting in June so this will be the last issue of the One Network Newsletter. Look for her art elsewhere in the world as she continues to support the community.

Frances' last hurrah is the Tech in Your World event at the end of May.

You can follow along with the work Literacy Minnesota is doing through the Northstar program and other digital opportunity services by checking out our website. Contact Theresa Sladek at tsladek@literacymn.org if you need more information or have any questions.

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

Our Digital Literacy Services

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

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Northstar Digital Literacy



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

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

Digital Access 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 Thao and open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

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

Katey Miller works at the Minneapolis campus facilitating computer labs and Northstar digital literacy classes. The lab is open from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays to Thursdays.

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.

<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.

<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.

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

Office of Broadband Development



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

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

Connectivity Blueprint

Connectivity Blueprint:
*Digital Equity Roadmap for
Ramsey County and Saint Paul*

An initiative led by Ramsey County and Saint Paul to create a community-guided roadmap for achieving digital inclusion.

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

Technology Literacy Collaborative (TLC)



The 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.

<https://www.linkedin.com/groups/14411564>

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

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

Resources



Digital Equity Act
<https://www.digitalequityact.org/>



National Digital Inclusion Alliance (NDIA)
<https://www.digitalinclusion.org/>



National Collaborative for Digital Equity (NCDE)
<https://www.digitalequity.us/>



National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA)
<https://www.ntia.doc.gov/>

NDIA's Important Words

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. Digital Equity is necessary for civic and cultural participation, employment, lifelong learning, and access to essential services. Sometimes called TEQuity/Tech Equity which is the shortening of technology equity.

Digital Literacy

The ability to use information and communication technologies to find, evaluate, create, and communicate information, requiring both cognitive and technical skills.

Digital Navigators

Trusted guides who assist community members with ongoing, individualized support for accessing affordable and appropriate connectivity, devices, and digital skills.

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More information here: <https://www.literacymn.org/digital-equity-navigation#one-network-newsletter>

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