



Digital Equity Newsletter

November 2023

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>

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Our Digital Literacy Services

We offer support in a variety of areas including teaching digital skills and helping you get internet through the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP).

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

Northstar Digital Literacy

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



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



Digital Equity and Navigation

Digital Navigators mentor learners in using technology and can help you get free internet through the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP).

<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 open 10am to 3pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Manee is there the whole time and Nick is there in the afternoons. For more information on our services contact Susan at swbrandt@literacymn.org.

The **Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP)** is a Federal Communications Commission (FCC) benefit program that helps ensure that households can afford the broadband they need for work, school, healthcare and more.

<https://www.literacymn.org/digital-equity-navigation#affordable-connectivity-program>



<https://www.affordableconnectivity.gov/>

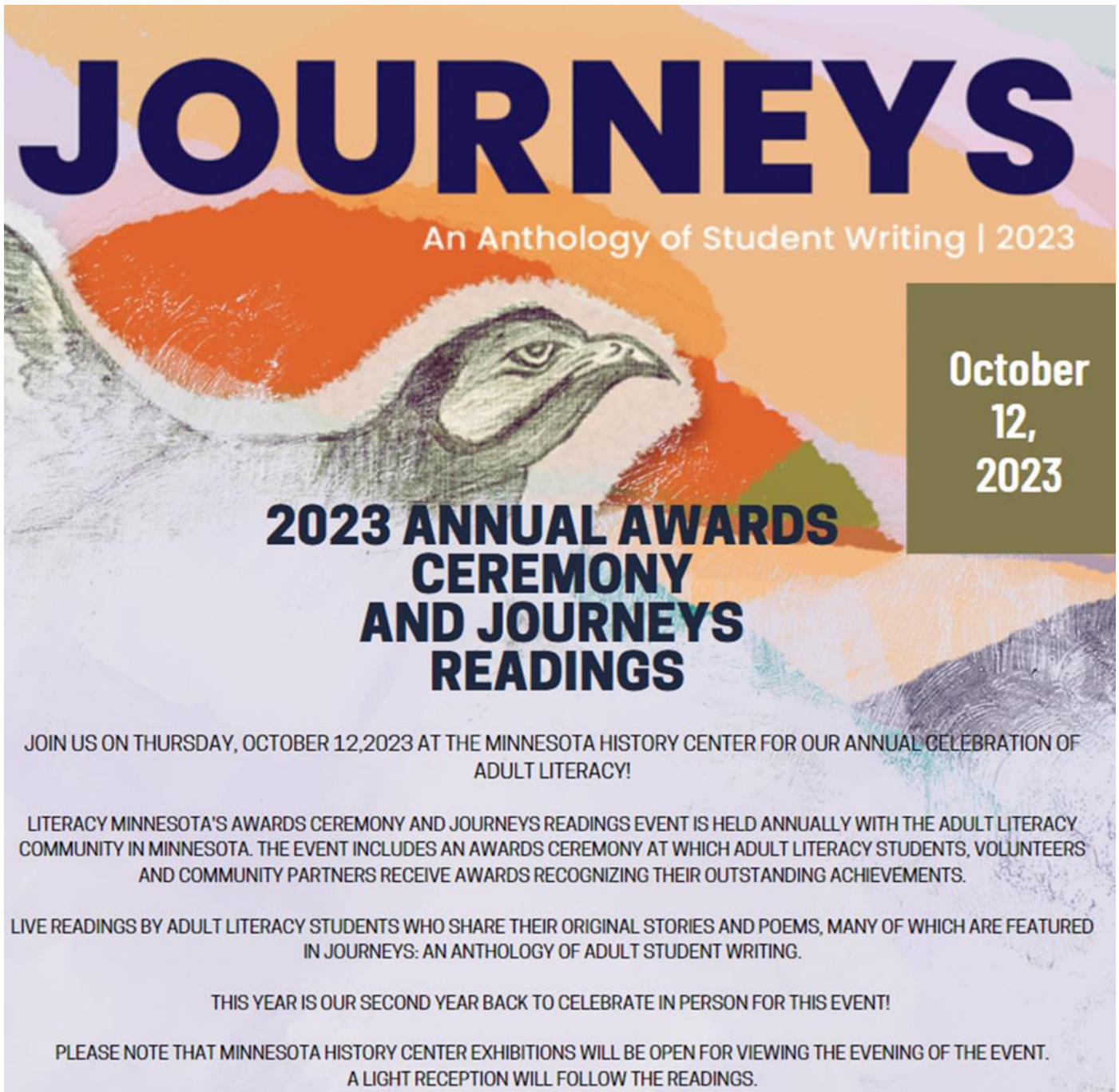
<https://www.fcc.gov/acp>

Trainings and Workshops

We offer a variety of digital literacy programming, including webinars about using Northstar.

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

Recent Activities



JOURNEYS

An Anthology of Student Writing | 2023

**October
12,
2023**

2023 ANNUAL AWARDS CEREMONY AND JOURNEYS READINGS

JOIN US ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2023 AT THE MINNESOTA HISTORY CENTER FOR OUR ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF ADULT LITERACY!

LITERACY MINNESOTA'S AWARDS CEREMONY AND JOURNEYS READINGS EVENT IS HELD ANNUALLY WITH THE ADULT LITERACY COMMUNITY IN MINNESOTA. THE EVENT INCLUDES AN AWARDS CEREMONY AT WHICH ADULT LITERACY STUDENTS, VOLUNTEERS AND COMMUNITY PARTNERS RECEIVE AWARDS RECOGNIZING THEIR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS.

LIVE READINGS BY ADULT LITERACY STUDENTS WHO SHARE THEIR ORIGINAL STORIES AND POEMS, MANY OF WHICH ARE FEATURED IN JOURNEYS: AN ANTHOLOGY OF ADULT STUDENT WRITING.

THIS YEAR IS OUR SECOND YEAR BACK TO CELEBRATE IN PERSON FOR THIS EVENT!

PLEASE NOTE THAT MINNESOTA HISTORY CENTER EXHIBITIONS WILL BE OPEN FOR VIEWING THE EVENING OF THE EVENT. A LIGHT RECEPTION WILL FOLLOW THE READINGS.



Other Initiatives in Minnesota

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

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

Neighborhood House



179 Robie St E
Saint Paul, MN 55107

Their Digital Inclusion team supports individuals and families in getting low-cost devices, high-speed internet connection in the home, and digital literacy skills. We will see if your household is eligible for Affordable Connectivity Program or Lifeline, which offers a discount on your monthly internet and/or phone bill. For more information contact Katrina Benson at kbenson@neighborhoodhousemn.org.

<https://neighborhoodhousemn.org/>

PCs for People



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

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

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.

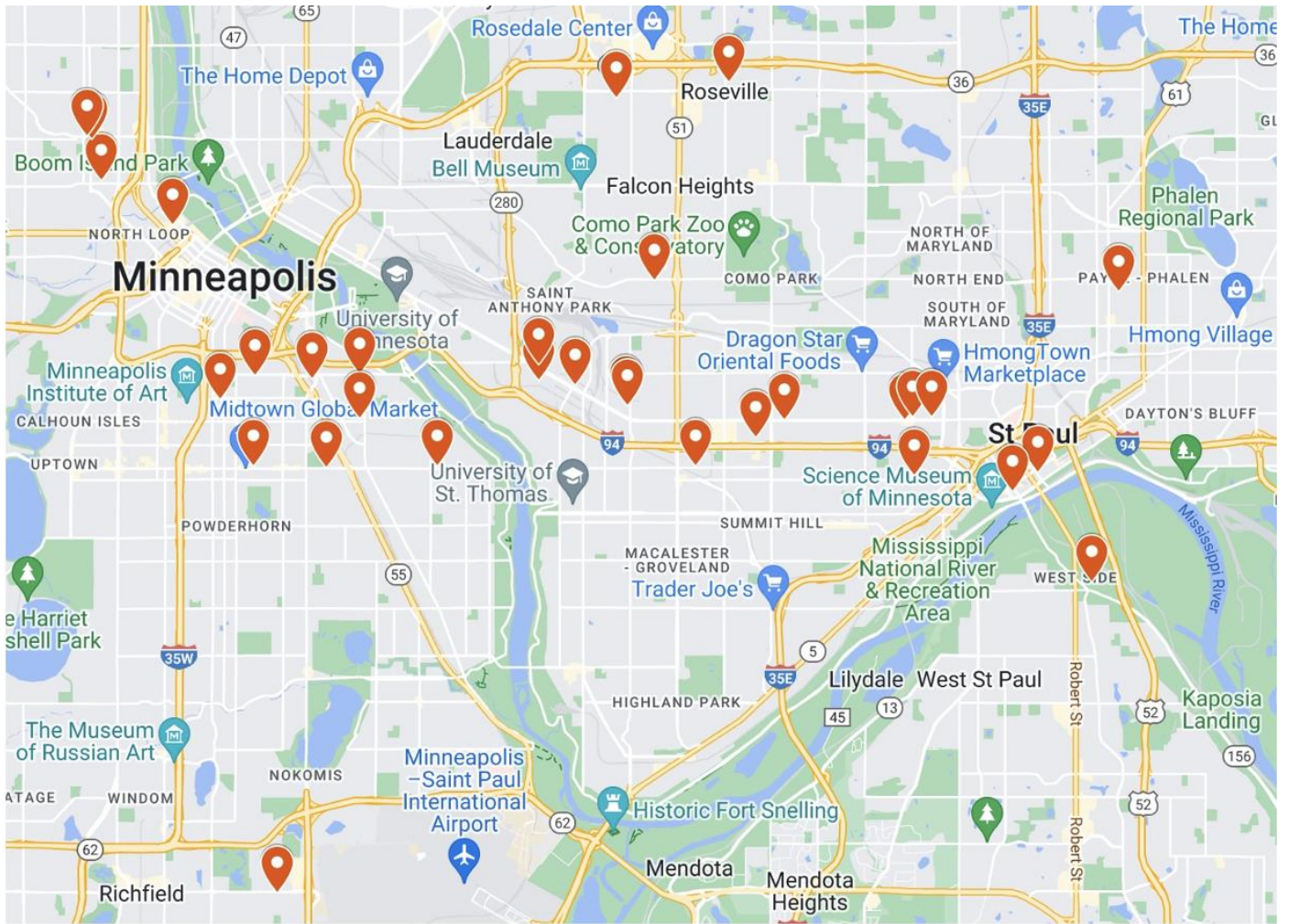
<https://www.pcsforpeople.org/>



Office of Broadband Development - 180 5th St E, Saint Paul, MN 55101

<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.



This map includes the Literacy MN headquarters, Open Door Learning Centers, Northstar locations, Neighborhood House, PCs for People and the Office of Broadband Development.

Community Bulletin

Website Update

The digital literacy section of the Literacy Minnesota website has had some updates. We updated and added more information to go along with the services we are currently offering. To explore the changes we have made, check out this link: <https://www.literacymn.org/digitalliteracy>.

One Network Resources

During the website update we added a resources segment to the area of our website about this newsletter. It has links to organizations located in the Twin Cities that offer digital equity services. <https://www.literacymn.org/one-network-newsletter-resources>

Check out:



Quatrefoil Library - <https://qlibrary.org/>

A community center that cultivates the free exchange of ideas and makes accessible LGBTQ+ materials for education and inspiration.

If you know of an organization that would like to be highlighted email Frances at fbates@literacymn.org.

Newsletter Report

Last month's issue showcased over 80 places doing digital equity work. Listed below are the top three places our viewers explored according to MailChimp.



Hennepin County Library - <https://www.hclib.org/>

Check out your local library for free computer labs and Wi-Fi as well as librarians who offer digital navigation services.



PCs for People - <https://www.pcsforpeople.org/>

They help people get low-cost quality computers and internet.



Cookie Cart - <https://cookiecart.org/>

This is one of the organizations that uses Literacy MN's Northstar program to help teach digital skills.

Happening this Month



Trainings and Workshops

For more information check our website: <https://www.literacymn.org/trainings-workshops>

Tutoring with Northstar Digital Literacy - Webinar

Presenter: Rob Podlasek

Next session: November 15th from 1:00pm - 3:00pm

You don't need to be a computer expert in order to teach computer skills! Come learn how to help students build their digital literacy skills using Northstar Digital Literacy.

Glossary



Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP)

The ACP is a Federal Communications Commission (FCC) benefit program that helps ensure that households can afford the broadband they need for work, school, healthcare and more.

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

Internet vs. Wi-Fi

- <https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/products/wireless/what-is-wifi.html>
- <https://www.longlines.com/blog/internet-vs-wifi-whats-the-difference#:~:text=Wi%2DFi%20connects%20devices%20within,%2C%20routers%2C%20and%20other%20infrastructure.>

Other

- <https://www.spiceworks.com/tech/networking/articles/what-is-a-computer-network/>
- <https://study.com/academy/lesson/what-is-a-server-definition-lesson-quiz.html>
- <https://thecenterfordigitalequity.org/>
- <https://www.techtarget.com/whatis/>
- <https://www.vocabulary.com/>

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