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NEWS TO KNOW

Top Local, Regional, and National Digital Inclusion & Literacy News

1

EVENT: Can Digital Equity Play a Role in Entrepreneurship in Charlotte? [Digital Charlotte]

In 2016, the first Charlotte Entrepreneur Growth Report found that the Charlotte area has been a booming hub of growing companies with billions of dollars of income however it is still considered a work in progress. In late April, the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Digital Inclusion Steering Team will host a community forum to bring together entrepreneurs and organizations to study new ways to incorporate digital literacy into already existing programs and initiatives that promote entrepreneurship.

2

How Does Digital Inclusion Affect Economic Mobility? [Digital Charlotte]

Three Charlotte experts discussed the relationship between digital inclusion and economic mobility in an online meetup March 15 at the Queens Knight School of Communication. James Mitchell, Charlotte city councilman; Kevin Dick, economic development director for the City of Charlotte; and Patrick Graham, President & CEO of Charlotte Works, examined the role of digital skills in Charlotte workforce development and Bruce Clark, Project Manager for the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Digital Inclusion Steering Team, moderated the panel.

3

As Congress Repeals Internet Privacy Rules, Putting Your Options In Perspective [NPR All Tech Considered]

President Trump is expected to sign into law a decision by Congress to overturn new privacy rules for Internet service providers. Passed by the Federal Communications Commission in October, the rules never went into effect. If they had, it would have given consumers more control over how ISPs use the data they collect. Most notably, the rules would have required explicit consent from consumers if sensitive data — like financial or health information, or browsing history — were to be shared or sold.

4

Community [Digital Charlotte]

For the first time, students from Queens' James L. Knight School of Communication are focusing completely on digital inclusion for long-term community service projects. Called the Community Leaders Program, the collaboration with Google Fiber marks the company's first integration of a digital literacy and connectivity initiative for underserved populations into a university course.



STAKEHOLDER SNAPSHOT

Interested in submitting a snapshot? Email Andrew Au at aua@queens.edu for more info.



In our Stakeholder Snapshot section, we highlight some of the educators, trainers, and practitioners working to close the gap in the digital divide in Charlotte.

This month we feature [Steve Wood from the City of Charlotte](#) and [Kia Moore from Hip Hop University](#).



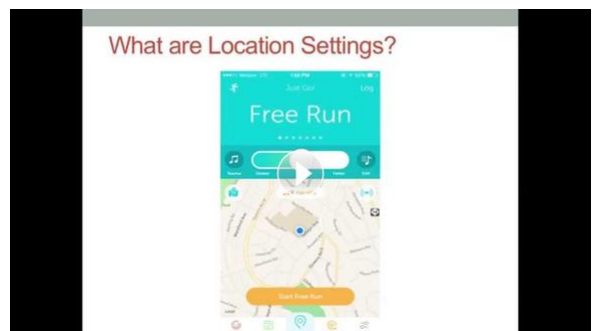
EVENTS

Local Digital Inclusion Programs, Trainings, and Meetings

- **April 4** - [CM Library DigiLit 101: Orientation and Computer Basics](#)
- **April 6** - [CM Library DigiLit 101: Web Basics](#)
- **April 13** - [Digital Inclusion Volunteer Training](#)
- **April 19** - [Charlotte Neighborhood Leadership Orientation](#)
- **April 28** - [Community Forum: The Role of Digital Equity in Entrepreneurship](#)

RESOURCES

Tutorial for use by Digital Inclusion Trainers



TUTORIAL: How to Use Location Settings on a Smartphone