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NEWS TO KNOW

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

1

Library Launches Mobile Wi-Fi Hotspot Rental Program [Digital Charlotte]

The Charlotte Mecklenburg Library launched a program this summer to lend mobile Wi-Fi hotspots to help the 19 percent of Charlotte residents who lack home Internet access.

2

#OpenWifiCLT - Building a Crowdsourced Map of Free WiFi Locations [Digital Charlotte]

Digital Charlotte has begun building a map of free public wireless network access locations and are inviting contributions and submissions to the map's development. The map presents a crowdsourced tool to help people locate free WiFi networks.

3

Charlotte Residents Shouldn't Have to Buy a Burger for WiFi [Next City]

In Charlotte, students living in the most disenfranchised ZIP codes catch WiFi at the local McDonald's, where they'll have to buy a burger for 30 minutes of connectivity. They head to the local library when they have the bus fare. Even though the Internet has drastically changed the way Americans work, learn and participate in society, one out of every six still can't afford to get online.

4

PRESS RELEASE: Governor McCrory releases State Broadband Plan [NC Broadband IO]

The plan outlines recommendations for the state to increase internet access, focusing on lowering infrastructure construction costs, preparing a 21st-century workforce, increasing small business adoption, and expanding access for K-12 students at home.

EVENTS

Regional Digital Inclusion & Literacy Programs, Trainings, and Public Meetings

Events

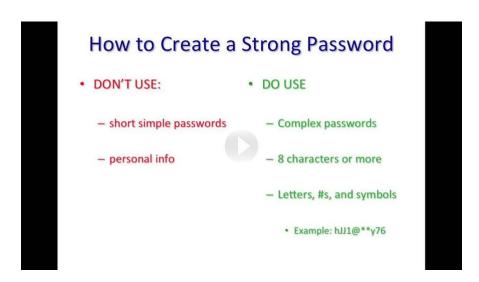- **7/29, 5:30pm** Hip Hop University presents Tech + Hip Hop Symposium
- ~~**7/11, 15, 18, 22, 9am-3pm** #STEAMSummer powered by Digi Bridge, hosted by Kent Academy~~

RESOURCES

Tutorials for use by Digital Inclusion Trainers

TUTORIAL: What is Facebook?

BONUS TUTORIAL: How to Create a Facebook Account.

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