### NEWS TO KNOW

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

**EVENT: Join a Feb. 22 Community Forum on Workforce Development and the Digital Divide [Digital Charlotte]**

The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Digital Inclusion Steering Team will host a Community Forum for organizations & public services that serve the workforce development population in Mecklenburg County. "Workforce Development in the Digital Divide" will focus to open a dialogue about digital inclusion with organizations who directly serve workforce development.

**Accelerating Internet Accessibility in U.S.Cities [Route Fifty]**

EveryoneOn has already brought affordable, reliable internet to 405,000 homes in 48 states, and the nonprofit is about to embark on a nine-month effort to expand its work.

**FCC Consumer Bureau Releases Digital Inclusion Plan [NDIA]**

The Federal Communications Commission's Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau has released Strategies and Recommendations for Promoting Digital Inclusion, the "digital inclusion plan" that the FCC promised in its Lifeline Modernization Order nine months ago.

**Stakeholder Snapshot [Digital Charlotte]**

In our Stakeholder Snapshot section, new profiles highlight some of the educators, trainers, and practitioners working to close the gap in the digital divide in Charlotte. This month we feature Bruce Clark and Bob Page from Queens Knight School of Communication.

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

### EVENTS

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

[Subscribe] to our email list
- **February 7** - NDIA Webinar: Digital Inclusion Data 101
- **February 9** - E2D Social at Legion Brewing
- **Until February 10** - City of Charlotte Civic Leadership Academy
- **Until February 10** - Next Century Cities Digital Inclusion Leadership Awards - Applications Due
- **February 22** - Digital Inclusion Steering Team Community Forum: Workforce Development in the Digital Divide
- **February** - Charlotte Mecklenburg Library Computer Basics Class
- **February** - Charlotte-Mecklenburg Housing Partnership Digital Literacy Classes
- **February** - Charlotte Neighborhood & Business Services “Diving Deeper” Social Media Courses

Digital Charlotte Calendar

*Have an upcoming event? Go here to share your event.*

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RESOURCES

Tutorial for use by Digital Inclusion Trainers

![Creating a Strong Password](image)

**Creating a Strong Password**

A strong password is:

- Is at least eight characters long.
- Does not contain your username, real name, or company name.
- Does not contain a complete word.
- Is significantly different from previous passwords.

**TUTORIAL: Creating Passwords**

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*Have any questions, suggestions, events, or resources to share? Let us know*

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