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NEWS TO KNOW

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

1

The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Digital Inclusion Steering Team hosts a set of Community Forums in March [Digital Charlotte]

Through the month of March, the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Digital Inclusion Steering Team will host a community forum of leaders and organizations to examine new ways to incorporate digital equity into existing programs of Community Building and Social Change and Striving for Digital Equity in Affordable Housing.

2

We Need More Internet Service Providers, Not Fewer [NDIA]

Earlier in the month of February, the FCC Chairman, Ajit Pai, made a decision to revoke the Lifeline Broadband Provider designation of nine internet service providers. Many reacted to this decision was including the National Digital Inclusion Alliance who issued a press statement frustrated with the FCC's actions. The FCC chairman, Ajit Pai, responded by posting a response titled, "Setting the Record Straight on the Digital Divide" where he responded to the many criticisms of his decision.

Stakeholder Snapshot

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 Jill Bjers from Code for Charlotte and Andrew Au from Queens Knight School of Communication.

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

3 [In Depth: Bridging the digital divide with Digital Inclusion Fellow Margo Scurry [Charlotte-Mecklenburg Library]](#)

Charlotte Mecklenburg Library is trying to address digital inequity in Mecklenburg County. Time Warner Cable News anchor Rob Boisvert spoke with Digital Inclusion Fellow Margo Scurry on the program In Depth about the Charlotte Mecklenburg Library's efforts, and why it takes teamwork to reach people most in need.

4 [A Foundation for Digital Inclusion [The Hill]](#)

Our nation has always embarked on new frontiers with fearless ambition to attain the unknown promises of the future. Today is no different. But our continued success will rely on our commitment to building the inclusive foundation that all people can rely on to participate in this next technological frontier.
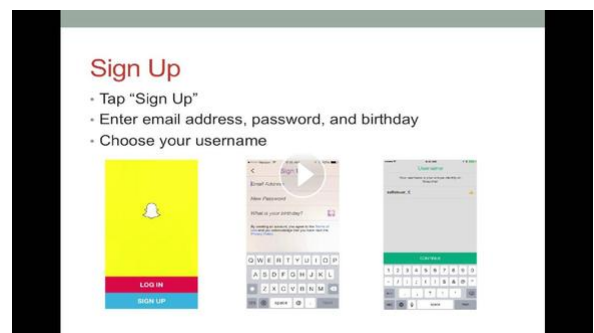
EVENTS

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

- **March 4** - Open Data Day CLT
- **March 9** - #BLKTECHCLT
- **March 14** - Building Futures: A Symposium on Affordable Housing
- **March 28** - Charlotte Neighborhood & Business Services: Being a Better Neighbor Roundtable

RESOURCES

Tutorial for use by Digital Inclusion Trainers

TUTORIAL: Create A Snapchat Account

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