Top Stories of 2018

1. ‘The Nest’ nurtures a smarter city, starting in the North End [DIGITAL CHARLOTTE]
   For Charlotte residents who want to learn more about Smart Cities, the North End Smart District is a good first stop. Rob Phocas will guide the way. On May 8, the city and at least 15 other organizations banded together to launch “The Nest,” a digital learning laboratory at Camp North End on Statesville Road.

2. Fake news and fact-checking: Q&A; with the editor of PolitiFact [DIGITAL CHARLOTTE]
   The James L. Knight School of Communication invited Angie Drobnic Holan, editor of PolitiFact, to speak at Queens University of Charlotte on Tuesday, Jan. 23. Before her presentation, Ms. Holan discussed her work in a Facebook Live interview.

3. How online reaction to Charlotte’s women’s march triggered a discussion of race [DIGITAL CHARLOTTE]
   Jasmine Hines describes the digital divide in an especially painful way. It’s evidence of continued racism and white supremacy in Charlotte. She makes this observation as one of two leaders of a group of women coming together in September to embark on a seven-month exploration of white privilege and its impact on community.

4. Charlotte schools launch new program to empower parents [DIGITAL CHARLOTTE]
   Regina Meeks faces a fascinating problem. As a technology instructor at Westerly Hills Academy, she spends much of her time with students between 5 and 14 years old. But for six weeks in February and March of 2017, Ms. Meeks is focusing on
adults, in a new program designed to strengthen the digital and media literacy of parents.

## Bonus Story

**University City library takes digital literacy on the road**

[Digital Charlotte]

A group of staff members and volunteers organized by the University City branch of the Charlotte Mecklenburg Library is taking digital literacy classes on the road, and has already educated and certified 100 seniors in six classes throughout north Charlotte.

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