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Literacy index: fake news damage is real in Charlotte

Digital inclusion specialists are concluding that Charlotte needs to understand trends in mobile device access, create a winning formula for digital literacy education in West Charlotte, and strengthen the ability of residents to evaluate credible online information. These projections are preliminary results of two surveys on digital and media literacy, one conducted by Queen's University's James L. Knight School of Communication in 2012, and the other in 2018.

Six north Charlotte residents load up on modern daily skills [WSOC-TV]

One night a week, a small group of parents gathers at a local elementary school as part of a special, six-week class. One of those parents is Lisa Cornell. She told Channel 9 she's taking the class for her son. She has a smartphone, but no home computer or internet, which presents serious challenges for her son, his school work and her own ability to function in today's world.

Upcoming conference hopes to unite people around digital inclusion [DIGITAL CHARLOTTE]

As recognition around digital inclusion increases, the Net Inclusion 2019 conference in Charlotte brings people together to tackle the issue. The conference founder believes Charlotte citizens and digital inclusion stakeholders who participate will move beyond an understanding of the issues, making the connections to land on an actionable plan. The event is scheduled for April 1-3.

A forum teaches us how to disagree once again. Gracefully. [DIGITAL CHARLOTTE]

In a political climate so polarized that members of the same family no longer speak with each other, an upcoming Charlotte program is designed to get people talking once again, respectfully. Amanda Ripley presents a lecture, “Can We Talk?,” at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 14, in Belk Chapel at Queens University of Charlotte. Negotiation experts and trained facilitators will lead panel discussions and workshops between noon and 4:30 p.m. on the next day, Friday, March 15, at Queens University and at Myers Park Baptist Church.
**COMMUNITY**

Meet David Jessup, Jr. Founder of DigiBridge: a nonprofit that aspires to create a generation of well-equipped 21st century learners.

**Video:** How does Charlotte meet the digital needs of seniors?

**CALENDAR**

- **March 6** - City of Charlotte: Charlotte Future 2040 Vision & Values Workshops
- **March 20** - Bette Rae Thomas Rec Center: Computer Wiz 101
- **March 22** - NC TECH: Job Fair

Net Inclusion 2019 is coming to Charlotte, NC this April 1st - 3rd! Learn more from our News Brief at DigitalCharlotte.org

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