Robust access to broadband and technology is vitally important for participation in the modern economy, and yet, more than 21 million Americans currently lack access to even basic broadband-level internet speeds. Cities around the nation are waking up to the idea that a connected populace is more informed, more financially stable, and healthier overall. Now, local governments are leading the charge, bringing unprecedented levels of access and awareness to their residents. We’re pleased to recognize ten outstanding cities – and their public/private organizations – as this year’s Digital Inclusion Trailblazers.

Charlotte’s tech scene is growing rapidly, and the city is making a concerted effort to ensure that all of its residents are able to reap the benefits. Already, 98% of users have multiple broadband-level options to choose from when it comes to internet service, and organizations like the Charlotte Digital Inclusion Alliance are working to further close the gap and give every resident the education and tools they need to succeed.

Read the full story at BroadbandNow.com...
More must-reads according to Digital Charlotte ...
NC should use all tools at its disposal to close the digital divide [THE PROGRESSIVE PULSE]
Bridging the ‘digital divide’ in rural South Carolina [WTOC]
ISTE 2019: Teacher of the Year calls for hope, connection in digital age [EDUCATION DIVE]
Dr. Theresa Redmond wins 2019 Outstanding Volunteer Award from National Association for Media Literacy Education [APPALACHIAN TODAY]

Local Digital Literacy and Media Literacy Events

- **August 1** - CodeHS: Free CodeHS Professional Development Workshop
- **August 8** - Charlotte Mecklenburg Library – Internet Basics for Kids
- **August 13** - Charlotte Mecklenburg Library – TechZone@Main Series: LinkedIn Basics
- **August 21** - Charlotte Mecklenburg Library – Canva.com Design Class
- **August 2, 9, 16, 23, 30** - Tyvola Senior Center: Computer Help With The Guys

Have a question, upcoming event, stakeholder suggestion, or resources to share? Let us know!

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