



## ISSUE #11

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### NEWS TO KNOW

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

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#### **Charlotte's Broadband Deserts Reflect a Familiar Pattern [DIGITAL CHARLOTTE]**

If you live or work in Charlotte, there's a distinct possibility your broadband access is less than satisfactory. But you have options. A familiar wedge-and-crescent pattern of economic inequality also applies to broadband internet connections, slowing down access to economic development and educational opportunities in wide swaths of the city.

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#### **Students Refurbish Computers for Classmates [WCNC]**

There are some things you can't learn in a textbook. That's why a group of West Charlotte High Schoolers are dedicating three hours after school to a project that helps their classmates become "tech-literate." West Charlotte senior Anitra Griffin says they're trying to, "eliminate the digital divide." They call it E2D.

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#### **FCC Chair Unveils Plan to Roll Back Net Neutrality [CNN TECH]**

Ajit Pai, the Trump-appointed chairman of the Federal Communications Commission, laid out plans Wednesday to limit the agency's oversight of Internet service providers, potentially weakening enforcement of net neutrality. The net neutrality rules, approved by the FCC in 2015, are intended to keep the Internet open and fair. The rules prevent Internet providers from playing favorites by deliberately speeding up or slowing down traffic from specific websites and apps.

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#### **A Journal about Digital Inclusion, Designed for Readability [DIGITAL CHARLOTTE]**

The Journal of Digital and Media Literacy, an academic peer review journal, is one of several digital inclusion initiatives in the Queens Knight School of Communication. Dr. Alexis Carreiro, an assistant professor at the Queens Knight School, edits the journal. It publishes scholarship and articles that focus on digital media literacy. The journal focuses on the ability to access and share information online, create content on multiple platforms, analyze information that you find online, evaluate it, and using these skills to be a digital citizen in a contemporary society.



### STAKEHOLDER SNAPSHOT

In our Stakeholder Snapshot section, we highlight some of the educators, trainers, and practitioners working to close the gap in the digital divide in Charlotte. This month we feature: Leonard Russell, Grier Heights Community Center and Mary Pitkin, Charlotte digital inclusion volunteer.



Interested in submitting a snapshot? Email Andrew Au at [aau@queens.edu](mailto:aau@queens.edu) for more info.



## EVENTS

Local Digital Inclusion Programs, Trainings, and Meetings

- **April 28** - Digital Inclusion Steering Team Community Forum: The Role of Digital Equity in Entrepreneurship
- **May 17** - Digital Charlotte #ONLINEMEETUP: Net Inclusion 2017
- **May 25** - Digital Inclusion Volunteer Training

## RESOURCES

Tutorial for use by Digital Inclusion Trainers



### TUTORIAL: What is Instagram?



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