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### NEWS

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#### **Telehealth is a key issue in North Carolina digital inclusion [DIGITAL CHARLOTTE]**

Eric Boyette, secretary and chief information officer for the State of North Carolina, spoke on Wednesday, June 20, at the 2018 North Carolina ConnectHomeUSA Summit. ConnectHomeUSA is focused on closing the digital divide in public housing. Boyette took a few minutes to discuss inclusion with DigitalCharlotte at the event, which took place at Queens University of Charlotte.

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#### **Five lessons from the launch of Charlotte's digital library. [DIGITAL CHARLOTTE]**

Two years ago, the Charlotte Mecklenburg Library launched a new digital branch for \$10,000. Beyond the cost savings, Jessica Davis, digital strategy manager for the library, says the project delivered at least five key lessons. It also raises two questions about the future.

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#### **Worst Connected Cities [NATIONAL DIGITAL INCLUSION ALLIANCE]**

Using data from the 2016 American Community Survey (ACS), released in September 2017 by the U.S. Census Bureau, NDIA ranked all 186 U.S. cities with more than 50,000 households by the total percentage of each city's households lacking fixed broadband internet subscriptions.

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#### **On Beatties Ford Road, a grassroots trade school needs tech support [DIGITAL CHARLOTTE]**

Construction is booming in Charlotte, which is good news for general contractors and better news for carpenters, electricians, plumbers, masons, and other trade specialists. The bad news: there's not enough labor, and 75 percent of contractors can't find the workers they need. A community leader in West Charlotte is translating that shortage into opportunities for African American men who are unemployed, underemployed, or re-entering the community after incarceration. The challenge is

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## COMMUNITY



Rebecca Herbert, community engagement and strategy manager for Livable Meck, shares her thoughts on digital inclusion in Mecklenburg County.



Meet J'Tanya Adams, Mid-Atlantic Regional Director of EveryoneOn in our Stakeholder Snapshot.

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## CALENDAR

- **June 30** - Mecklenburg County: JOBS RESOURCE FAIR
- **July 09** - CM Library: Computer Basics for Adults and Seniors
- **July 17** - CM Library: Email Basics Using Gmail
- **July 31** - CM Library: Word 2013 Basics

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*Have a question, upcoming event, stakeholder suggestion, or resources to share?  
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