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### STORIES

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#### **Project LIFT and the city gear up for Net Inclusion 2019** **[DIGITAL CHARLOTTE]**

With [Net Inclusion 2019](#) less than two weeks away, a dozen Charlotte organizations are getting ready to showcase their work with digital inclusion and share their impact on the community. One organization, Project LIFT, is among 12 non-profits that plan to share their progress through site visits. Project LIFT hopes the conference will spark interest among schools nationwide to focus on digital inclusion, said Lindsey Sipe, technology facilitator.

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#### **State Broadband Office publishes Homework Gap Report** **[NC DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY]**

Eric Boyette, Secretary of the North Carolina Department of Information Technology (DIT) and State Chief Information Officer, announced the release of the “The Homework Gap in North Carolina,” a report that provides communities with strategies to bridge the homework gap that occurs when students are assigned homework that requires internet access but lack an internet connection at home.

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#### **Governor Cooper Launches Initiative to Increase** **Broadband Connectivity** **[NC OFFICE OF THE** **GOVERNOR]**

On Mar 14, 2019, Governor Cooper issued Executive Order No. 91 to increase internet access across North Carolina including through a new Governor’s Task Force on Connecting North Carolina. The order directs state government leaders to identify and remove barriers to affordable, high-speed internet access, eliminate the homework gap that results from students not having internet access, and facilitate private-sector deployment of last-mile infrastructure.

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#### **County library taking part in Internet pilot program** **[THE** **ROBESONIAN]**

The State Library of North Carolina and the Broadband Infrastructure Office of the North Carolina Department of Information Technology recently launched a new partner program with the Robeson County Public Library and the Public Schools of Robeson County.

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## COMMUNITY



[VIDEO: Discovering You – Engineering Your World – Khalia Braswell \[NBC LEARN\]](#)



[OPINION: TALK OF THE TOWNS - Let's Close the Digital Divide. \[WRAL TECHWIRE\]](#)

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## CALENDAR

- [April 1-3 - National Digital Inclusion Alliance: Net Inclusion 2019 Conference](#) (\$)
- [April 10 - Bette Rae Thomas Rec Center: Computer Wiz 101](#)
- [April 19 - Urban League of Central Carolinas: Technical Assistance Fridays](#)
- [April 26 - Tyvola Senior Center: Computer Help With The Guys](#)
- [April 26 - NC Hearts Gigabit: 2nd Annual Interactive](#) (\$)



[Net Inclusion 2019 is coming to Charlotte, NC this April 1st - 3rd!](#)  
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