



## Digital Equity Newsletter

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Welcome to One Network - This newsletter is an overview of the digital equity services offered by organizations like Literacy Minnesota and resources for those wanting to know more about digital equity.

### Message from Frances:

Hey readers! My name is Frances Bates and I'm Literacy Minnesota's TEQuity Services Program Coordinator. I've returned for another year with Literacy MN and will be writing more monthly digital equity newsletters for the community. If you want to partner with Literacy MN or have information to add to these newsletters, feel free to send me an email.

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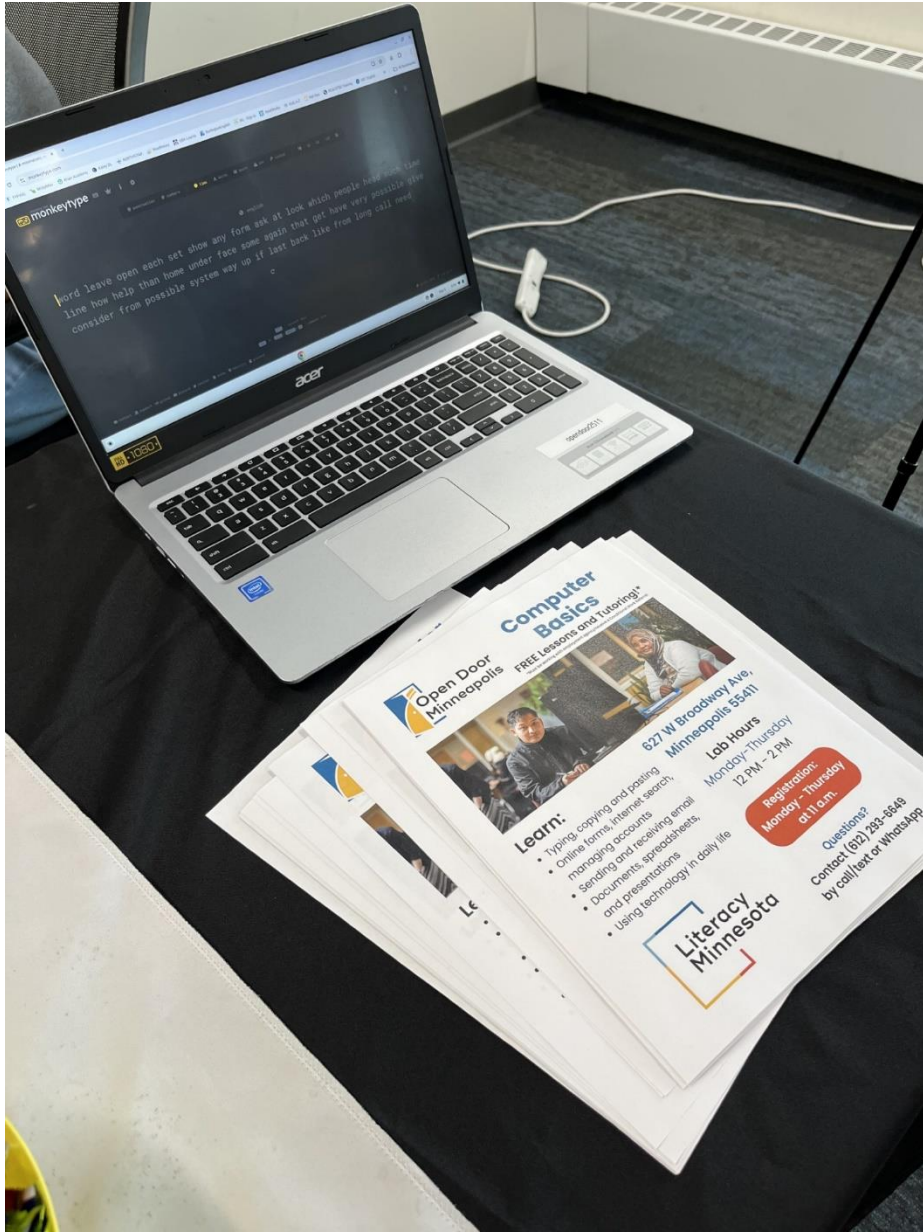
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# Community Bulletin



On Friday September 6<sup>th</sup> Literacy Minnesota celebrated International Literacy at their Minneapolis Learning Center. We had snacks, activities, representatives from other organizations and handed out free books and school supplies. Comcast had a table and had the option for people to sign up for their low-cost internet options. To show some of our digital equity services we had our typing activity going and some flyers for the Minneapolis Lab.





# Our Digital Literacy Services

Digital equity requires access to devices, an internet connection, and digital skills. Below you can find how Literacy Minnesota is helping provide those services.

<https://www.literacymn.org/digitalliteracy>

## Northstar Digital Literacy



The Northstar program assesses digital skills and provides classroom curriculum and self-directed online learning.

**Website:** <https://www.digitalliteracyassessment.org/>

## Digital Equity and Navigation

**Digital Navigators** mentor individuals in using technology and help with getting low-cost internet. For more information on our services contact Susan at [swbrandt@literacymn.org](mailto:swbrandt@literacymn.org).

<https://www.literacymn.org/digital-equity-navigation>



**Midway Location:** 553 Fairview Ave N, Saint Paul, MN 55104

The Midway digital literacy lab at Goodwill-Easter Seals is coordinated by Manee Thao and open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

**Minneapolis Location:** 627 W Broadway Ave, Minneapolis, MN 55411

Katey Miller works at the Minneapolis campus facilitating computer labs and Northstar digital literacy classes. The lab is open from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays to Thursdays.

## Trainings and Workshops

We offer an assortment of programming for instructors that focus on digital literacy.

<https://www.literacymn.org/digital-literacy-trainings-workshops>

New Minneapolis Lab flyer



# Computer Basics

**FREE Lessons and Tutoring!\***

\*Must be working with employment agency/receive a Conditional Work Referral



## Learn:

- Typing, copying and pasting
- Online forms, internet search, managing accounts
- Sending and receiving email
- Documents, spreadsheets, and presentations
- Using technology in daily life

**627 W Broadway Ave,  
Minneapolis 55411**

## Lab Hours

**Monday-Thursday**

**12 PM - 2 PM**

**Registration:  
Monday - Thursday  
at 11 a.m.**



## Questions?

**Contact (612) 293-6649  
by call/text or WhatsApp**

# Other Initiatives in Minnesota

## Neighborhood House



The Adult Education Program at Neighborhood House provides adult learners with ongoing educational support and learning opportunities. One of the areas of service they offer is digital literacy classes.

**Address:** 179 Robie St E, Saint Paul, MN 55107

**Website:** <https://neighborhoodhousemn.org/>

## Lyndale Neighborhood Association



The Lyndale Education Program serves the residents of Horn Towers with literacy, language, and career skills. They created the ELDES curriculum to help address digital literacy gaps in English learners.

**Address:** 3537 Nicollet Ave, Minneapolis, MN 55408

**Website:** <https://lyndale.org/>

## PCs for People



This is a nonprofit social enterprise working to get low-cost quality computers and internet into the homes of individuals, families, and nonprofits with low income.

**Main location:** 1481 Marshall Ave, Saint Paul, MN 55104

**Recycling Center:** 2492 Doswell Ave, Saint Paul, MN 55108

**Website:** <https://www.pcsforpeople.org/>

## Office of Broadband Development



**Address:** 180 5th St E, Saint Paul, MN 55101

**Website:**

<https://mn.gov/deed/programs-services/broadband/>

Helping Minnesotans understand broadband options available and work together to improve availability and use of high-speed broadband services.

## Technology Literacy Collaborative (TLC)



The TLC is a group of aspiring leaders in the digital equity field within the Twin Cities. They gather to problem solve and discuss best practices. Check them out on LinkedIn or contact Katrina Benson for more information.

**Contact:** [kbenson@neighborhoodhousemn.org](mailto:kbenson@neighborhoodhousemn.org)

**LinkedIn:** <https://www.linkedin.com/groups/14411564>

Check out this newsletter's resource section on our website to see more local organizations.

<https://www.literacymn.org/one-network-newsletter-resources>

# Resources

## Connectivity Blueprint:

*Digital Equity Roadmap for Ramsey County and Saint Paul*

### Connectivity Blueprint

<https://www.ramseycounty.us/your-government/projects-initiatives/ramsey-connected-computer-internet-resources/connectivity-blueprint>



### Digital Equity Act

<https://www.digitalequityact.org/>



### National Collaborative for Digital Equity (NCDE)

<https://www.digitalequity.us/>



### National Digital Inclusion Alliance (NDIA)

<https://www.digitalinclusion.org/>

## NDIA's Important Words

### Digital Equity

A condition in which all individuals and communities have the information technology capacity needed for full participation in our society, democracy and economy. Digital Equity is necessary for civic and cultural participation, employment, lifelong learning, and access to essential services. Sometimes called TEQuity/Tech Equity which is the shortening of technology equity.

### Digital Literacy

The ability to use information and communication technologies to find, evaluate, create, and communicate information, requiring both cognitive and technical skills.

### Digital Navigators

Trusted guides who assist community members with ongoing, individualized support for accessing affordable and appropriate connectivity, devices, and digital skills.



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