

Digital Skills: A Gateway to Opportunity  
Monday, June 13, 2016

Meeting purpose statement:

*Leading thinkers and practitioners on digital literacy and adult learning will come together to launch a conversation about how to successfully increase the number of people who are digitally prepared for jobs, civic engagement and the internet of everything. An intended outcome is to begin to create a shared framework for moving these issues forward based on shared lessons from the Chicago experience and from others.*

*Participants can expect to leave with takeaway lessons from other participants, including origin stories, human-centered design processes and solutions, challenges, and big picture questions and ideas. We expect full active participation, encourage networking and relationship building, and hope to spark a dynamic conversation about how to help more people acquire digital skills.*

**Please feel free to share via social media throughout the day.  
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| 8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.  | Light Breakfast  |
| 9:00 a.m. – 9:10 a.m.  | Welcome<br>Brian Bannon<br>Commissioner, Chicago Public Library<br><br>Dr. Patti Constantakis, Director, Adult Learning Initiatives,<br>Digital Promise  |
| 9:10 a.m. – 9:40 a.m.  | Who are you and why are you here?<br>Andrea Sáenz, First Deputy Commissioner<br>Chicago Public Library   |
| 9:40 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. | Lightning Round 1: Why are digital skills important and how do we equip adults with digital skills?<br>Moderator: Philipp Schmidt, MIT Media Lab<br><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Deborah Bennett, Polk Brothers Foundation</li><li>• Joe Higgins, Comcast NBC Universal</li><li>• Juan Salgado, Instituto del Progreso Latino</li><li>• Heidi Silver-Pacuilla, U.S. Department of Education – Office of Career, Technical and Adult Education</li></ul> |

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- 10:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Break
- 11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. How ready are adult educators, instructors, and communitybased organizations to use technology to facilitate digital learning?  
  
Overview of national and Illinois-based surveys conducted by Tyton Partners  
  
Sharon Bush, Grand Victoria Foundation  
Matthew Muench, Joyce Foundation
- 11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Chicago Public Library's Digital Literacy Initiative
- 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. Lunch: A Conversation with Charles Adler, Kickstarter co-founder
- 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Lightning Round 2: Idea swap from other places  
  
Focus Questions: Why did you start; what do you consider your top success factors, elements actions and ingredients; and where are you headed next with your efforts?
- Larry Britt, Providence Public Library (Rhode Island Family Literacy)
  - Jennifer Kobrin, Mayor's Commission on Literacy, Philadelphia
  - Brandon Lindsey, Seattle Goodwill
  - Rebecca Ryan, St. Paul Public Library
- 2:30 p.m. - 2:45 p.m. Break
- 2:45 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Where does this conversation go from here?  
  
Matthew Muench, Joyce Foundation  
Patti Constantakis, Digital Promise
- 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Networking reception

**Please let us know what you thought about this convening. Scan QR or go to:  
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