2023
Digital Literacy Forum
LITERACY BEFORE LITERACY

May 11, 2023
9:00 am – 3:30 pm
Monroe Township Public Library
Agenda

9:00 – 9:30  Sign-in and Coffee

9:30 – 9:45  Welcome and Introductions
- Jennifer Nelson, New Jersey State Librarian
- Michele Stricker, Deputy State Librarian for Library Development Bureau
- Mimi Lee, Director of Literacy and Learning, Library Development Bureau

9:45 – 12:00  Panelist Presentations, Moderated Discussion and Q&A
- Scott Kuchinsky, Director of Literacy Services, Plainfield Public Library
- Gabrielle M. Casieri, School Library Media Specialist, Lawrence Intermediate School
- Ewa Dziedzic-Elliott, Education Librarian, The College of New Jersey
- Kyle Downey, College of Nursing & School of Health and Medical Sciences Librarian, Seton Hall University
- Moderated by Theresa Sladek, Strategic Partnerships and Northstar Business Development Manager, Literacy Minnesota

12:00 – 12:10  Group Photo

12:10 – 1:00  Lunch and lightning talks

1:00 – 3:00  Keynote Workshop
Digital Skills for Lower Literacy Level Learners: Challenges, Best Practices, and the Joy of Success
Presented by Theresa Sladek, Strategic Partnerships and Northstar Business Development Manager, Literacy Minnesota

3:00 – 3:30  Conclusion, wrap-up, and evaluations
Thank you!
About NJSL

Connecting people with information through libraries
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Literacy and Learning Team

Michele Stricker
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2022 Digital Literacy Forum

Vital Conversations about Digital Literacy in NJ Libraries

The COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted the racial, linguistic, and economic disparities in digital equity, and research is clear about the importance of digital literacy skills as a necessary skill-set for individuals, organizations, and communities to have in order to participate in our ever more connected society.

As a recognized and well-positioned leader in helping local libraries to transform people’s lives, NJSL held a virtual Digital Literacy Forum, on May 10-13, 2022, 10 am – 12 pm, to foster an open and encouraging environment for NJ libraries to expand capacity in response to digital literacy needs in their communities.

Session recordings and presentation slides from each day are now available below.
Day 1 - May 10, 2022
Bridging the Digital Literacy Gap in Adult Basic Education (ABE) / English as a Second Language (ESL) in New Jersey Libraries

Day 2 - May 11, 2022
Career Progress through Digital Skills: Workforce Development and Digital Literacy

Day 3 - May 12, 2022
Youth Services and Digital Literacy

Day 4 - May 13, 2022
Health Literacy and Telehealth
Guiding Questions

• What is digital literacy?

• What is causing digital divide?

• Key concepts in digital literacy

• Where does digital literacy fit in?

• Fostering digital literacy
Key Findings, Challenges & Opportunities

• Defining digital literacy
  Framework, related terms, target audience, needs, barriers

• Evaluating and measuring digital literacy
  Standards, competencies, metrics, assessments

• Social media & content creation
  Computer Literacy, Hyperliteracy, Internet Literacy, Web Literacy, Media Literacy, Transmedia Literacy, Information Literacy

• Equity & Inclusion

• Collaboration
Literacy Before Digital Literacy

Introduction

Libraries continue to define and refine their role as providers of digital literacy services as computer and technology skills become increasingly important for individuals to access educational, healthcare, workforce, and government resources. However, digital literacy does not stand on its own. Understanding the broader scope of literacy is crucial for the effective delivery and implementation of digital literacy programs.

The second annual NJSL Digital Literacy Forum will focus on the theme of Literacy Before Digital Literacy. This event on May 11, 2023 at the Monroe Township Library from 9:30am – 3:30pm will foster an open and encouraging environment for NJ libraries to expand capacity in response to literacy needs in their communities.
Thank you!
Are you ready?
Are we ready?

let's get started
Today's Speakers

Theresa Sladek
Strategic Partnerships & Northstar
Business Development Manager,
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Are we ready?
The afternoon session will resume at 1:00 PM.
Keynote Workshop

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Program Evaluation Form

Forum website:
https://www.njstatelibrary.org/services_for_libraries/lifelong-learning/njsl-digital-literacy-forum/

Final Thoughts, Questions?