Libraries Participate in Digital Learning Day February 23, 2017

Digital Learning Day takes place on February 23, 2017. Digital Learning Day started as a way to actively spread innovative practices and ensure that all youth have access to high-quality digital learning opportunities no matter where they live.

**How can Libraries make a difference?**

The Information Literacy Team of PA Forward envisions a Pennsylvania where citizens know how to use online resources and current technology to improve their education, to enhance their job skills, and to fully participate in a digital society.

Librarians are uniquely positioned to support youth and teens in their quest for learning how to use social technologies responsibly and ethically. Libraries provide access to high speed internet, digital technologies and learning opportunities to gain skills and knowledge, including digital literacy and safe and smart use of technology.

**Program Ideas:**

- Host an Open House to showcase all the digital resources your library has to offer.
- Plan a family program with teens helping seniors learn to use a computer or gadget.
- Host a Maker Faire or program.
- Organize a Tech Petting Zoo using library resources and/or partnering with a local electronics store.
- Create flyers or information sheets to assist patrons in finding and using the library digital resources.
- Make your library a space where patrons can extend learning beyond the classroom where they can explore, create and share content.

Participate in Teen Tech Week™ March 5-11, 2017. The theme this year is “Be the Source of Change.” Teen Tech Week is a national initiative of the Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA) aimed at teens, their parents, educators and other concerned adults. The purpose of the initiative is to ensure that teens are competent and ethical users of technology, especially the types offered through libraries. Teen Tech Week encourages teens to take advantage of the technology at libraries for education and recreation, and to recognize that librarians are qualified, trusted professionals who can help them achieve greater digital literacy. For more information, visit [www.ala.org/teentechweek](http://www.ala.org/teentechweek).

**Post about Digital Learning Day and the importance of Information Literacy!**

Your library offers more than just books. Contact your library for information on maker spaces, coding classes, online knitting clubs and more.
Explore, create and share at your library and learn about technologies that bring families and friends together.

Learn More

PA Forward is an initiative of the Pennsylvania Library Association that aims to make sure that libraries have what they need to help people reach their greatest potential and meet the demands of 21st century life.

Are you a member of the Pennsylvania Library Association? Find out why your membership matters and get more great resources at www.palibraries.org

Find program ideas at the PA Commons: http://www.palibraries.org/blogpost/1202581/PA-Forward-Commons

Digital Learning Day: http://www.digitallearningday.org/

Teen Tech Week: www.ala.org/teentechweek

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