ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON DIVERSITY AND DIGITAL EMPOWERMENT
TO CONVENE AUGUST 3 WORKSHOP EXAMINING THE ROLE OF LIBRARIES
ON BROADBAND ADOPTION AND LITERACY

GN Docket No. 17-208

This Public Notice announces that the Digital Empowerment and Inclusion Working Group of the Advisory Committee on Diversity and Digital Empowerment (ACDDE) and the Media Bureau will host a virtual workshop to examine the role of U.S. libraries as community hubs to drive digital adoption and literacy on August 3, 2020, from 10:00 am to 1:30 pm. The workshop will be convened via WebEx in light of travel restrictions and other concerns related to the ongoing coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. The workshop will be available to the public via live feed from the FCC’s web page at www.fcc.gov/live.

The workshop will feature frontline experts from libraries, academia, and civil society organizations who will discuss efforts to support underserved rural and urban communities’ acquisition of digital skills. Experts will consider what constitutes digital inclusion today and the role of libraries and public-private partnerships. The workshop will also address the impact of COVID-19 on advancing digital inclusion, as well as the impact of various local, state, and federal interventions in the last few months.

Open captioning will be provided for this event. Other reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities are available upon request. Requests for such accommodations should be submitted via e-mail to fcc504@fcc.gov or by calling the Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau at (202) 418-0530 (voice), (202) 418-0432 (TTY). Such requests should include a detailed description of the accommodation needed, as well as contact information for the requester if more information is needed to address the request. Please allow at least five days advance notice for accommodation requests; last minute requests will be accepted but may not be possible to accommodate.

Members of the public may submit comments to the ACDDE using the FCC’s Electronic Comment Filing System, ECFS, at www.fcc.gov/ecfs. Comments to the ACDDE should be filed in GN Docket No. 17-208.

More information about the ACDDE is available at https://www.fcc.gov/advisory-committee-diversity-and-digital-empowerment. You may also contact Jamila Bess Johnson, the Designated Federal Officer for the Advisory Committee on Diversity and Digital Empowerment, at (202) 418-2608, or Jamila-Bess.Johnson@fcc.gov, or Julie Saulnier, Deputy Designated Federal Officer, at (202) 418-1598, or Julie.Saulnier@fcc.gov; or Jamile Kadre, Deputy Designated Federal Officer, at (202) 418-2245 or Jamile.Kadre@fcc.gov.