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MEDIA BUREAU RELEASES AGENDA FOR AUGUST 3 VIRTUAL WORKSHOP ON THE ROLE OF LIBRARIES IN ADVANCING BROADBAND ADOPTION AND LITERACY

*Co-sponsored by the Media Bureau and the
Advisory Committee on Diversity and Digital Empowerment*

GN Docket No. 17-208

This Public Notice announces the agenda for the upcoming virtual workshop, on **August 3, 2020**, from 10:00 am to 1:30 pm, examining the role of U.S. libraries as community hubs to drive digital adoption and literacy. The Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) Media Bureau and the Digital Empowerment and Inclusion Working Group of the Advisory Committee on Diversity and Digital Empowerment (ACDDE) are co-sponsors of the event.

The workshop will feature 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 in supporting digital literacy. Panelists 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 recent months.

The workshop will be convened in an online format 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 public may also follow the meeting on Twitter@fcc or via the Commission's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/fcc. Members of the public may submit any questions during the workshop to livequestions@fcc.gov.

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.

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APPENDIX



**“CLOSING THE DIGITAL DIVIDE: EXPLORING THE ROLE OF LIBRARIES IN
ADVANCING BROADBAND ADOPTION AND USE”**

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**AGENDA
VIRTUAL WORKSHOP**

** indicates a member of the Advisory Committee on Diversity and Digital Empowerment,
Digital Empowerment and Inclusion Working Group*

- 10:00 am **Introduction**
Anna M. Gomez, Partner, Wiley Rein LLP
Representing Hispanic National Bar Association
Chair, Advisory Committee on Diversity and Digital Empowerment
- Welcome Remarks**
Rudy Brioché, Vice President and Counsel, Global Public Policy,
Comcast Corporation
Chair, Digital Empowerment and Inclusion Working Group
- 10:10 am — **Panel 1: Local Libraries and State Library Association Perspectives**
11:20 am
- Moderators:*
Harin J. Contractor, Consultant, Workforce Policy, Joint Center for
Political and Economic Studies*
- Marijke Visser, Senior Policy Advocate, Policy and Advocacy Office,
American Library Association

Panelists:

Marian Christmon, Manager, Digital Inclusion Initiatives, Nashville Public Library

Misty Hawkins, Director, Arkansas River Valley Regional Library System

Kate Laughlin, Executive Director, Association of Rural & Small Libraries

Richard Reyes-Gavilan, Executive Director, Washington DC Public Library

Lisa Shaw, Rural & Small Libraries Specialist/Workforce Development Specialist, Maine State Library

Nicole Umayam, Digital Inclusion Library Consultant, Arizona State Library

11:20 am —
11:35 am

Q & A Session (Members of the Public, ACDDE Members)

11:35 am —
11:50 am

WORKSHOP BREAK

11:50 am —
1:00 pm

Panel 2: Libraries and Community Partnerships

Moderators:

Laura Berrocal, Senior Director, Policy and External Affairs, Charter Communications*

Felicia West, Policy Advisor for the District of Columbia Public Service Commission*

Panelists:

Broderick Johnson, Senior of Counsel, Covington and Burling, LLP, Chair, My Brother's Keeper Alliance

Cyndee Landrum, Deputy Director for Library Services, Institute of Museum and Library Services

Jillian Luchner, Policy Manager, Afterschool Alliance

Emily Ong, Senior Manager, Community Partnerships and Outreach, Girls Who Code

Jose Antonio Tijerino, President and CEO Hispanic Heritage Foundation

Katherine Trujillo, Director of Education/Deputy Director, Libraries Without Borders

1:00 pm —
1:15 pm

Q & A Session (Members of the Public, ACDDE Members)

1:15 pm —
1:30 pm

Workshop Summary and Closing Remarks

Sindy Benavides, CEO, League of United Latin American Citizens*

Roy E. Litland, Associate General Counsel, Federal Regulatory Affairs,
Verizon*

Shellie Blakeney, Director, Federal Regulatory Affairs, T-Mobile USA*

Jamila Bess Johnson, Designated Federal Officer, Advisory Committee
on Diversity and Digital Empowerment