Seniors Need Hook-up Apps Too:
Tech Without Age

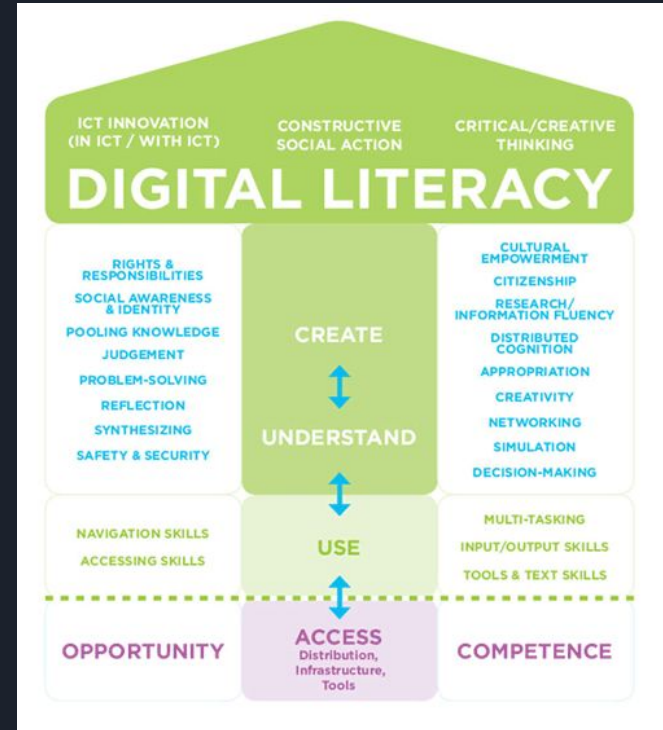Carley Angelstad
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Outline

1. What is digital literacy?
2. Why is digital literacy important for seniors?
3. How can digital literacy be promoted in libraries?
4. My experience
5. Do's and don'ts of seniors and tech
6. Bridging generations with digital literacy

What is digital literacy? Why is it important?

Digital Literacy: The ability to use technology to **navigate**, **evaluate** and **create** information.

Digital literacy skills are central to citizenship, innovation and communication.

Why is digital literacy important for seniors?

- Increase social connection
- Reduce senior poverty
- Encourage lifelong learning
- Promote identity-building and self-confidence
- Lifelong learning
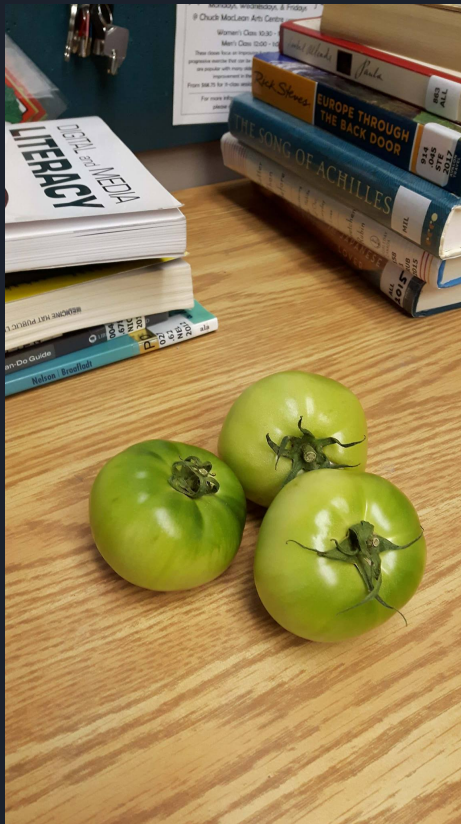- Decrease the cultural gap between generations

Digital literacy in libraries

- One-on-One Tech Help
- Technology Lessons
- Outreach Programs
- Intergenerational Technology Learning
- Passive Programs
- Social Media

My experience

Tips for teaching tech to seniors

- You can't break it!
- No tech experts needed- just patience
- Be encouraging and flexible
- Start with the basics- and break it down
- Make sure participants are comfortable
- Be prepared! Choose topics your participants are interested in
- Move beyond navigation
- Repeating encourages practice
- Digital literacy skills won't be learned immediately

How to bridge generations!

- Tech Tutoring Outreach
- Intergenerational Tech Help
- Tech can be FUN!

Questions?

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