Digital Resources for Aging Adults

Aging Connected: https://agingconnected.org Aging Connected was launched as a nationwide campaign to get older adults across the country better connected with the internet. Through publishing original research and raising awareness of low-cost internet options, our goal is to get more seniors online and expand access to affordable broadband internet.

Digital Skills Library: https://digitalskillslibrary.org The Digital Skills Library is an open repository of free learning resources designed to help all adult learners develop the digital skills needed to achieve their personal, civic, educational, and career goals.

Everyone On https://www.everyoneon.org/ Find low-cost internet and computers in your area.

Social Bridging: https://socialbridgingnc.org Social Bridging NC aims to *address social isolation and loneliness* in North Carolina's older adults through an *online database of vital resources* to provide information about how social isolation and loneliness can negatively impact health, to assess risk of social isolation, to encourage engagement through participation in virtual events and to serve as a centralized statewide hub of organizations committed to fostering social connection and addressing social isolation and loneliness.

HUBZone Technology Initiative: https://www.hubzonetech.org (based locally in North Carolina, however, interesting to review). HTI acquires functional laptops, donated by individuals, organizations, and businesses, and converts them to Google Chromebooks. We then partner with communities to get them into the hands of those who need them for educational and professional advancement.

Northstar Digital Literacy (*Subscription Based*): https://www.digitalliteracyassessment.org/ https://www.digitalliteracyassessment.org/pricing Northstar Digital Literacy helps subscribing organizations to provide constituents with tools to master the digital skills needed to work, learn, and participate fully in daily life.

Older Adults Tech Services (OATS): https://oats.org Founded in 2004, Older Adults Technology Services (OATS) from AARP is a social impact organization with a mission to "harness the power of technology to change the way we age." OATS aims to empower older adults with the tools and training necessary to take advantage of today's technology and use it to enrich their lives. Through its flagship program, Senior Planet from AARP, OATS works closely with older adults to create extraordinary experiences in-person and online.

Senior Planet: https://seniorplanet.org/digitalskillsready We are proud to work with AARP Foundation on the Digital Skills Ready@50+™ initiative, made possible through a generous grant from Google.org. The resources offered are focused on digital essentials to help older adults find and secure jobs, change careers, or explore entrepreneurship.