



DIGITAL INCLUSION INITIATIVES

LITTLE LIBRARY ON THE LAKE

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- Why it's important?
 - Access is important for jobs, education, social services, government benefits, etc.
 - Lorain at-home internet access rates – roughly 65%
 - COVID challenges



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- What had we already been doing?
 - Public WiFi and Computer Access
 - Hot Spot Lending Program
 - Computer Skills / Grow W/ Google Digital Skills Initiative
 - Lorain County Digital Inclusion Coalition





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What did we come up with?

Hot spots for students

Wi-Fi in Parking Lots

Seniors Project

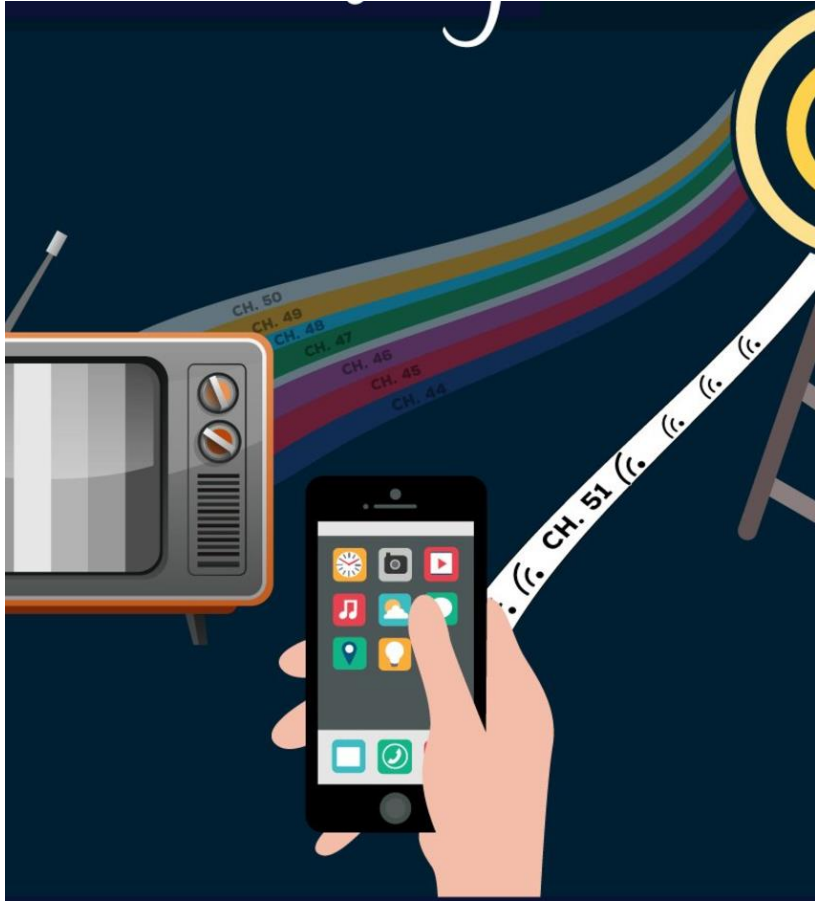
Students Project

Free WiFi Stops

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- Successes and Challenges
 - Access / Response
 - Technology availability
 - Coordination
 - Costs





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Other ideas in the pipeline:

- Expansion of current projects

- Antenna LTE network with Housing Complex

- White Space Networks

- WiFi for Parks Project

**LITTLE
LIBRARY ON
THE LAKE:**
THINKING OUTSIDE
(AND INSIDE) THE
BOX



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The Origin Story:

- Concept
- Planning
- Execution





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Public Health**

For the Health of Us All

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How did we make it happen?

- Community Collaboration
- Grant Process
- Other Funding Opportunities
- A lot of "behind the scenes" work