What is Digital Literacy?

Digital Literacy is the ability to use information and communication technologies to find, evaluate, create, and communicate information, requiring both cognitive and technical skills.

A Digitally Literate Person:

- Possesses the variety of skills – technical and cognitive – required to find, understand, evaluate, create, and communicate digital information in a wide variety of formats;

- Is able to use diverse technologies appropriately and effectively to retrieve information, interpret results, and judge the quality of that information;

- Understands the relationship between technology, life-long learning, personal privacy, and stewardship of information;

- Uses these skills and the appropriate technology to communicate and collaborate with peers, colleagues, family, and on occasion, the general public; and

- Uses these skills to actively participate in civic society and contribute to a vibrant, informed, and engaged community.

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