

Digital skills training for jobseekers

Negaunee Public Library provides services in Michigan’s rural Upper Peninsula, a region that struggles with both a reliable job market and internet access. Negaunee has been hit particularly hard by the sharp decline in a once booming mining industry. As the local population ages, they struggle to find

jobs that do not require technical skills and basic computer literacy—jobs the community used to be able to count on in mining.

To address this Negaunee Public Library partnered with faculty from Michigan Technological University to train local youth to help others gain digital skills using the BASIC: Building Adult Skills in Computing pMCID 319 thi a10.03

for local, state and national public officials, and potential partners

- Libraries in Michigan and nationally support jobseekers, entrepreneurs, and local businesses.
- Libraries are well-placed to offer digital skills training and economic empowerment programs to all Americans, including those with few alternatives or resources.
- Libraries are cost-effective and efficient partners that should be included in the development and implementation of workforce and economic development initiatives.
