

## Digital Literacy Programming for Adults & Seniors: Practical Tools for Library Educators

**Date:** Thursday, October 26, 2017

**Location:** UHLS | 28 Essex Street, Albany, NY 12206

**Instructor:** Rebekah Jarvis-Girtler

**Time:** 9:30 am – 11:30 am

**CE Contact Hours:** 2

**Registration Info:** This workshop is free to members of UHLS, SALS, and MVLS, but registration is required. [Register here.](#)

### Workshop Description

Your patrons have burning questions (and deep insecurities) about devices, computers, and digital media. Learn how to confidently address these information needs, build support for your library, and improve the well-being of your community by unleashing your inner tech guru and enhancing your teaching skills. We'll dig into a host of practical classroom management and instructional design strategies aimed at helping you build welcoming, fun, and well-attended digital literacy programs, plus discuss the unique challenges, attitudes, learning styles, and needs that come into play when working with adults populations on digital literacy topics.

### Learning Objectives

Participants will leave the class with a new grasp on:

- How to design, assess, and lead effective digital literacy classes using formal education strategies often not covered in library school
- How to address the barriers (stresses, attitudes, and emotions) adult learners bring to the library and the digital literacy classroom
- How to collect and leverage patron feedback to continuously improve digital literacy services, advocate for digital literacy instruction as a core library service, and build support and respect for your library

### Instructor Bio

Rebekah Jarvis-Girtler is a technology expert and educator who helps adults master new skills and gain confidence as users of digital tools and media. Rebekah believes that learning about technology should be practical, stress-free, and fun. Rebekah has worked as a librarian and digital literacy coach in the Capital Region for over 5 years, and has led numerous highly rated classes and help sessions with hundreds of area adults and seniors both in the library and out in the community. Rebekah holds a Masters of Library and Information studies and a Masters-level Leadership and Management Certificate from Florida State University.