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Quarterly Newsletter (2Q26)

BEYOND BOUNDARIES WITHOUT MEASURES
COMPUTER TRAINING

BUILD SKILLS. BUILD CONFIDENCE. BUILD YOUR FUTURE.

WHO WE ARE **WHAT WE DO** **HOW YOU CAN HELP**



Hey Everyone!

We have been busy this spring! Word keeps spreading among neighbors, family, and friends that our lab is the place to learn real digital skills, free of charge, that you can use right away.

One woman told me that before our class, she was not familiar with AI at all. Now she says it has opened a new world of information, efficiency, and creativity. That is exactly what we are here for, helping adults gain skills and confidence they can put to work in everyday life.

This is also why you hear me talk so positively about AI. Every adult we teach to use it responsibly walks away able to do more, on their own, with less frustration.

Read on for what the second quarter looked like and what we are building next. Thank you for your continued support and encouragement!

Founder, Executive Director
Shaelyn Otikor-Miller



NEW: MEASURE YOUR PROGRESS

Now Offering Northstar Digital Literacy

NORTHSTAR DIGITAL LITERACY
A program of Literacy Minnesota

This quarter, we added Northstar Digital Literacy, a free, nationally recognized way for our participants to measure their digital skills and see how far they have come. Learners can check where they stand, focus their practice, and watch their progress grow over time. It is one more way we help every adult build real, usable skills at their own pace.

IMPACT BY THE NUMBERS

Seven Months. Real People. Real Results.

111

Unique Adults Trained

Dec 2025 – Jun 2026

65%

Participants Age 50+

Ages 18 to 75, digital skills have no age limit

89%

Rated Us 10 of 10

They are recommending us

20

Zip Codes Served

Our reach is growing across the Southland

Our participants keep coming back. We saw **170** total visits across **111** adults in our first seven months with many returning multiple times to retake classes or move to the next level.

PROGRAM ACTIVITY

Saturday AI Lab

By popular demand, we launched our Saturday AI Lab to provide free deep-dive AI sessions every Saturday. Each week takes on a different theme: Gemini AI for Google and Gmail, AI for Business and Nonprofits, AI for Resumes and Cover Letters, and AI for Parents and Youth. Our participants asked for more ways to use AI confidently and responsibly, and we are here for it!

IN THEIR WORDS

What Our Participants Are Saying

“It truly bridges the divide.”

“I am more confident in myself. Not afraid of the computer. I am getting there.”

“This was so inspirational! I really needed a refresher course. This was so informative! Thank you so much.”

“I truly enjoyed this class - knowing the different parts of using AI. I look forward to returning to get more information to assist me in writing my first book.”

LOOKING AHEAD

What's Coming in Q3 and Beyond

COOK COUNTY DIGITAL EQUITY

Digital Inclusion Week (Oct 5-9, 2026)

Join us this October to support Digital Inclusion Week, a national celebration of the people and programs expanding access to technology and the internet for all. As part of it, the Access Amplified Symposium on **October 7** brings ~250 participants together for keynotes, panels, and workshops on building a more digitally inclusive Cook County.

Be Part of the Story.

Our lab runs lean, and it stays free because people like you believe in it. There are many ways to be part of what we are building: come take a class, tell a neighbor, partner with us, or make a gift at BBWM.org. However you show up, thank you for supporting our lab.

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