



TO: Adult Education and Literacy Council Directors

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SUBJECT: Professional Development/Training Opportunity

The Arkansas Adult Learning Resource Center (AALRC) is pleased to announce the following workshop(s):

Using (and Navigating the Pitfalls of) Digital Tools (Zoom)
Session ID: 548319 ■ 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

This workshop is scheduled for Wednesday, February 26, 2025 via Zoom. Cynthia Peters, with JSI Research and Training Institute and Editor of *The Change Agent*, is the presenter.

Digital literacy means knowing how to use the available tools *and* navigating the pitfalls as well. Join us to learn some hands-on strategies for using digital tools to improve reading fluency and to write collaboratively online. Also, find out how adult learners think critically about what's in their news feeds, protect their children from too much screen time, and deploy apps for health, for learning, and at work. Teachers will leave with ready-to-use materials from *The Change Agent* that support standards-aligned reading and writing skills (e.g., citing evidence from the text, reading from multiple sources, and using digital tools to present content). In addition, teachers will see how these strategies align with key elements of the <u>BRIDGES Digital Resilience Toolkit</u>. Students will be engaged by peerwritten articles – supporting them to see themselves as agents of their own learning and as writers and critical thinkers.

All registrants will receive an <u>email confirmation</u>, generated through escWeb, that will provide the zoom login information. <u>Please read the entire email and save the zoom information to your calendar</u>. Access registration by clicking the link: <a href="http://www.escweb.net/ar esc">http://www.escweb.net/ar esc</a>. Registration is open!

The Arkansas Adult Learning Resource Center ensures equitable access and participation in federally funded Title II programs and meets the requirements of Section 427 of the General Education Provisions Act (GEPA). Participants should contact the AALRC at 1-800-832-6242 or info@aalrc.org regarding any special needs required during training, such as accessibility needs, special equipment needs, learning needs and dietary restrictions. In addition, The AALRC will ensure equitable access and participation in Adult Education activities conducted with federal adult education funds.