

Final Report - Ideas to Action 2021

Chilton Public Library: Technology Learning Lab and Technology Lessons

Did your project encourage partnerships and collaborations with any community partners or other WiLS members? Who did you connect with during this process and how might you sustain those connections?

We connected and worked with the Calumet County Aging and Disability Resource Center to determine what tech lessons our community needed. In addition, the ADRC promoted this program through its newsletter and directed people to the library. This relationship will continue through 2023, as the need for this program has not changed.

Thinking about your project, what was the most innovative part? What can you, or your community, do now that it couldn't before?

While I would not necessarily view it as innovative, we created a collaborative learning environment that only existed in our community. Through a series of lessons, we designed sessions to build technology skills for seniors and broke down the fear that many experience when it comes to a new digital world. Many finished up the 12-part program with a greater comfort level and understanding of technology that they did not have prior.

How do you think other WiLS members could use what you learned and accomplished at their own organizations?

This series of lessons showcase the immense need for this type of programming. The class registration filled up for the complete 12-month session within ten days of the initial signup. Using available online information and free online programs & apps, WiLS members could recreate a similar program at a low budget, using a single staff member.

Photos provided by Chilton Public Library



BEFORE - Old computer lab space



AFTER - New computer lab room

