

Technology and Distance Learning Symposium (TDLS) 2017 – A Success!

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Held on March 10-11, 2017 at the Anaheim Campus of the North Orange Community College District, this year's event was attended by adult educators and administrators from throughout California. Attendees selected from over 30 technology-focused workshops that ranged from increasing technical skills in a specific software program to how to create and effectively use digital badges with adult learners.

This was the second year that the APP-mazing Race was a featured highlight. Participants competed in small teams to create projects using their personal iPads and mobile devices with the purpose of increasing the digital literacy skills of the adult learners they serve. Workshops throughout the Symposium provided training, support, and individual assistance. The APP-mazing Race culminated with three teams showcasing their projects in front of a panel of judges and the TDLS audience.

This year's keynote presenter was Nell Eckersley, Director of Instructional Technology and Communications and Manager of the Support and Technical Assistance Center at the Literacy Assistance Center in New York. Ms. Eckersley's presentation was titled, "Digital Literacy; A Call to Action". She provided a broad perspective of the challenges faced by adult education programs across the nation and shared promising practices on topics ranging from assessment to data collection.

We know that an event such as TDLS cannot be accomplished without a dedicated team of people. Many, many thanks to our hosts at North Orange Community College District, our volunteer room monitors, our excellent presenters, and to the outstanding OTAN staff members!