

**WHAT:** Facing the Digital Media Future  
Chariho Forum on Becoming Smarter, Safer Tech Users  
**WHERE:** Chariho Library Media Center  
**WHEN:** Wednesday, April 26, 2017 6:00-8:15 PM  
**WHO:** The public is invited  
*Refreshments served*

In the four years since Chariho's Middle and High School 1:1 initiative began, we as parents, students, educators, and administration have seen the powerful impact that digital media technology has made in our lives. At home, work, and school, we recognize, as the National Association For Media Literacy Education has stated, that "media are a part of our culture and function as agents of socialization." To be effective communicators and engaged citizens we propose an informal gathering, comprised of members of our own community, as well as experts in their fields, to exchange ideas about how the exponential growth of media's accessibility affects us.

The purpose of this evening is not to assess or debate the educational efficacy of digital technology. Rather, we will hear a variety of topics introduced by a panel of speakers. Then we will have short break-out sessions with each panelist, reconvening to share strategies that may help us all to become better users and consumers of digital media.

The 2+hour program will include:

- viewing parts of the documentary film "MissRepresentation" to understand how women and girls are affected by the ways media represents them
- hearing from students and parents about how their use of digital technology has impacted family life
- hearing from a digital media specialist about Internet Safety
- hearing from a library media specialist about how to evaluate information sources from the Internet ("fake news")
- hearing from a non-profit edtech organization about social media and privacy
- hearing from a school nurse and school psychologist about students' relationship to their devices

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