



## NCWIT Aspirations and Libraries

Librarians are often some of the strongest advocates for youth success. Your encouragement and support can help inspire them to pursue new opportunities and undiscovered interests for the first time. This carries over to preparing youth for education and career journeys. The ALA's [Libraries Ready to Code](#) initiative and [NCWIT AspireIT](#) are looking forward to working together again in 2019 to connect young women program leaders to public libraries. You are uniquely positioned within your community to directly increase the meaningful participation of girls and women in computing. We are building on what we've learned through or pilot working with local libraries to build capacity for youth programs

The [National Center for Women & Information Technology's Aspirations in Computing \(AiC\)](#) program(s) were designed to support young women in computing by providing recognition, encouragement, and opportunities to jobs, scholarships, and connections to the tech community. NCWIT Aspirations has recognized over 12,000 women in 9th -12th grade for their aspirations and passion in computing and built a supportive network in each of the [79 regional affiliates](#). This network includes parents, industry professionals, community leaders, and educators, including librarians all working together to increase the meaningful participation of women in computing and technology within their community.

**To help further facilitate this endeavor NCWIT and ALA has created a  
"Community Champion" Learning Series for Libraries! We hope you will join us:**

Month	Monthly Webinar or Resource: <a href="http://www.ala.org/tools/readytocode">http://www.ala.org/tools/readytocode</a>
<b>January</b>	Welcome to NCWIT Aspirations! Learn more about how NCWIT programs can support libraries (you!) as you design computing programs for your community <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Click <a href="#">here</a> to watch the webinar (<a href="https://vimeo.com/291176009">https://vimeo.com/291176009</a>)</li> <li>• Click <a href="#">here</a> to access the slides (<a href="https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1mV3Pq-TxrrWYxNDllrHYZQnchy9Wvk9JiWZQppLGeOc/edit#slide=id.g42a8344e07_0_0">https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1mV3Pq-TxrrWYxNDllrHYZQnchy9Wvk9JiWZQppLGeOc/edit#slide=id.g42a8344e07_0_0</a>)</li> </ul>
<b>February</b>	NCWIT Aspirations and AspireIT

	<p>Learn how you can host a young leader in your library and offer computing programs to aspiring girls. Join Claudia Haines, Homer (AK) Public Library as she shares her experience hosting two young women leaders in her library.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Click <a href="https://vimeo.com/315771752">here</a> to watch the recording (<a href="https://vimeo.com/315771752">https://vimeo.com/315771752</a>)</li> <li>• Click <a href="https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1y3SpwhFFaXliTrWSCaqqhLk_9QLv3urs7Px0yJN_Lhg/edit?usp=sharing">here</a> to access the presentation slides and important links: <a href="https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1y3SpwhFFaXliTrWSCaqqhLk_9QLv3urs7Px0yJN_Lhg/edit?usp=sharing">https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1y3SpwhFFaXliTrWSCaqqhLk_9QLv3urs7Px0yJN_Lhg/edit?usp=sharing</a></li> </ul>
<b>March</b>	<p>NCWIT Diversity Resources and TECHNOLOchicas</p> <p>Libraries strive to connect with diverse users. These NCWIT resources can help make your programs even more relevant to the youth you serve and are available for free..</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Click <a href="https://www.ncwit.org/resources/customcatalog/ncwit-diversity-resources-and-technolochicas">here</a> to access NCWIT <a href="https://www.ncwit.org/resources/customcatalog/ncwit-diversity-resources-and-technolochicas">diversity resources</a> (<a href="https://www.ncwit.org/resources/customcatalog/ncwit-diversity-resources-and-technolochicas">https://www.ncwit.org/resources/customcatalog/ncwit-diversity-resources-and-technolochicas</a>).</li> <li>• How to order <a href="https://docs.google.com/document/d/1RYjbphOzZTNQ3OV1QZnlk11o1WCiLo8QC8gaziYO2ZA/edit#">here</a> (<a href="https://docs.google.com/document/d/1RYjbphOzZTNQ3OV1QZnlk11o1WCiLo8QC8gaziYO2ZA/edit#">https://docs.google.com/document/d/1RYjbphOzZTNQ3OV1QZnlk11o1WCiLo8QC8gaziYO2ZA/edit#</a>)</li> </ul>
<b>April</b>	<p>NCWIT C4C and ways to engage with local school counselors.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">See blog here.</a></li> <li>• Access resource collection <a href="https://www.ncwit.org/resources/customcatalog/c4c-resource-collection-libraries">here</a> (<a href="https://www.ncwit.org/resources/customcatalog/c4c-resource-collection-libraries">https://www.ncwit.org/resources/customcatalog/c4c-resource-collection-libraries</a>)</li> </ul>
<b>May</b>	<p>Webinar Topic: NCWIT Aspirations and AspireIT (applications open 2/1)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Click <a href="#">here</a> to watch the webinar</li> <li>• Access the slides and notes <a href="#">here</a></li> </ul>
<b>June</b>	<p>Building support, allies and community partnerships. How to host an AiC Community meet-up “opportunity”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Read the blog post <a href="#">here</a></li> <li>• Click <a href="#">here</a> to learn more</li> <li>• Click <a href="#">here</a> to learn more about “Bridging the Encouragement Gap in Computing”</li> </ul>
<b>July</b>	<p>Creating Inclusive CS Programs for Youth</p>

	<p>How can you make sure to connect with all youth? These resources will help you evaluate your strategy and build new ways to be inclusive.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To watch the webinar, <a href="#">click here</a> for part 1, <a href="#">click here</a> for part 2</li> <li>• Access the slides <a href="#">here</a></li> </ul>
<p><b>August</b></p>	<p>Webinar Topic: Libraries and NCWIT Aspirations Diversifying Tech</p> <p>Does your library champion tech diversity? Are you interested in bringing local opportunities to girls/young women in your community? On September 1st a new season of Aspirations will begin. Learn more about how your library can:</p> <p>-Join other libraries in encouraging young women to apply for the <a href="#">Aspirations in Computing Award</a> ,opening 9/1</p> <p>-Learn more about how you can partner with one of the Aspirations Community members to receive funding for peer-led <a href="#">K-12 computing programs</a></p> <p>-Learn about and be a part of local efforts. There are currently 79 volunteer affiliates across the country supporting Aspirations in Computing and 16,000 women in the Aspirations community</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To watch the webinar, <a href="#">click here</a>. To watch the Q&amp;A, <a href="#">click here</a>.</li> <li>• To access the slides and notes, <a href="#">click here</a>.</li> </ul>
<p><b>September</b></p>	<p><a href="#">NCWIT</a> is pleased to announce that applications for the NCWIT <a href="#">Aspirations in Computing Award</a> and the NCWIT <a href="#">Educator Award</a> has opened 9/1.</p> <p>Please encourage all high school women in 9<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grade who have aspirations in computing and technology to apply for the <a href="#">Aspirations in Computing Award</a>, so that they can be recognized for their passion and achievements. Regional Winners and Honorable Mentions of the AiC Award receive exclusive access to scholarships, internships, and job opportunities all across the nation as well as prizes, trophies, and swag during <a href="#">your local</a> NCWIT Ceremony in the spring. The deadline to submit an application is <b>November 5th</b>, please encourage any students you know to apply.</p> <p>Additionally, educators have the opportunity to apply for the <a href="#">NCWIT Educator Award</a>, where each educator award recipient receives trophy recognition, and up to <b>\$750 in professional development funds</b> to use on conferences, classroom supplies, and workshops, etc. Deadline to apply for the NCWIT Educator Award is <b>December 2nd</b>.</p>

	<p>How can you spread the word?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• You can use the “<a href="#">Encourage a Student</a>” form and NCWIT will communicate application information and reminders to apply.</li> <li>• <a href="#">Register</a> for upcoming Application Q&amp;A live-video chats with an AiC Team Member</li> <li>• Promote the awards locally, here’s an <a href="#">award promotion toolkit</a> to help you get started. If you need to order award promotion posters or other resources, <a href="#">click here</a>.</li> </ul>
<b>October</b>	<p>Measuring impact and reach effectiveness.</p> <p>How do you show the community or individual impact of your youth programs? Explore NCWIT’s resources and learn how they can support your library’s goals.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Click here</a> to access NCWIT’s collection of evaluation resources.</li> </ul>
<b>November</b>	<p>Are you looking to be inspired by the next generation of tech? Sign up to be a volunteer reviewer for NCWIT’s Aspirations program to recognize young women for their interests and achievements in tech and computing.</p> <p>Application reviews for the Award for Aspirations in Computing start on Nov. 13 (no technical background required). If you are interested in volunteering and want to find out more information or to sign up now, <a href="#">click here</a>.</p> <p>Questions? Join our <a href="#">live Reviewer Q&amp;A webinar on November 19th</a> or reach out to <a href="mailto:aichelp@ncwit.org">aichelp@ncwit.org</a>.</p>
<b>December</b>	<p><b>Wednesday, December 18th, 1pmEST</b></p> <p>Webinar Topic: NCWIT Aspirations Opportunities for College Students and information about the Aspirations in Computing “Community” support network.</p> <p><a href="https://cuboulder.zoom.us/j/107679832">https://cuboulder.zoom.us/j/107679832</a> or Telephone:Dial: +1 408 638 0968 (US Toll) Meeting ID: 107 679 832</p>

For questions about [NCWIT Aspirations in Computing](#) contact [aspirations@ncwit.org](mailto:aspirations@ncwit.org).