



DIGITAL LEARNING DAY



In partnership with the [Alliance for Excellent Education](#) and [Getting Smart](#), [KnowledgeWorks](#) and [Ohio Education Matters](#) are pleased to announce Ohio's participation in the first-ever **Digital Learning Day** on Wednesday, **February 1st, 2012**.

By participating in Digital Learning Day, Ohio strives to build momentum for a wave of innovation that changes policies, shifts attitudes, and supports wide-scale adoption of promising instructional practices.

This national effort is designed to celebrate educational practices that make learning more personalized and engaging for students and to explore educational policies to support innovative models of teaching and learning.

Events will take place across the U.S.—and you are cordially invited to the following activities in Ohio.

“Getting Smart” Book Chat with Tom Vander Ark



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KnowledgeWorks, Ohio Education Matters, The Ohio State University College of Education and Human Ecology and the Ohio Resource Center will co-host this exciting opportunity to engage in dialogue with Digital Learning Now! luminary [Tom Vander Ark](#) about his recently-released book [Getting Smart: How Digital Learning is Changing the World](#). Executive Director of Innosight Institute Michael B. Horn lauds: "Provocative and bold, Tom Vander Ark's *Getting Smart* challenges long-held assumptions about education, points to why innovation will be so critical to enabling the education system of the future, and paints a vision of what learning could look like throughout society—and how we so desperately need it." The book talk will conclude with reflection from President Debe Terhar of the State Board of Education of Ohio.

- 2:00pm
- The Ohio State University, Thompson Library, Campus Reading Room, 1858 Neil Avenue Mall, Columbus, OH
- Directions & Parking: There are entrances to the Thompson Library on the Oval (east) and Neil Avenue (west) sides of the building. Recommended parking for Library is Tuttle Parking Garage at 2050 Tuttle Park Place, Columbus, OH 43210. (Note: The Neil Avenue Garage, which is normally used for the library is not available to the public until after 4:00pm.) The Campus Reading Room is located on the top floor.

Education Committee to Hear Testimony on Digital Learning

The Education Committee of the Ohio House of Representatives of the 129th General Assembly will begin its February 1st hearing with testimony on digital learning from Tom Vander Ark and a cadre of digital learning stakeholders. This opportunity to engage with the committee is especially important as the recommendations of the Ohio Digital Learning Task Force will be released on March 1.

- 5:00pm
- Room 313, Ohio Statehouse, 1 Capitol Square, Columbus, OH
- Directions & Parking: Vehicles can reach the Statehouse parking garage from Broad Street, State Street or Third Street. Parking is available in the Statehouse's underground garage, which will provide you with direct, sheltered access to the Ohio Statehouse. There is no access to the garage from High Street.

Ohio Digital Learning Day Reception



[KnowledgeWorks](#), [Ohio Education Matters](#), [Getting Smart](#), and the [Alliance for Excellent Education](#) in partnership with the [Thomas B. Fordham Institute](#), [Ohio Grantmakers Forum](#) and [eTech Ohio](#) will co-host a reception to celebrate National Digital Learning Day in Ohio. Remarks by: Senator Peggy Lehner, Chair of the Senate Education Committee and member of the Ohio Digital Learning Task Force; Representative Gerald Stebelton, Chair of the Ohio House of Representatives Education Committee; Brian Ross, President and CEO of KnowledgeWorks; digital learning luminary Tom Vander Ark of Getting Smart, and more. The event (including light fare and refreshments) is an opportunity to recognize the work of the Ohio Digital Learning Task Force and celebrate the potential of digital learning in Ohio.

- Reception begins at 6:00pm, Opening Remarks at 6:30pm
- Statehouse Atrium, Ohio Statehouse, 1 Capitol Square, Columbus, OH
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[Click the registration link](#) for these Columbus, Ohio events and please forward this invitation to others.

Town Hall Meeting in Nation's Capital
Featuring Ohio's New Tech West

Digital Learning Day events will take place across the country, with many ways to participate. Don't miss the special live [Virtual Town Hall](#) meeting from 1:00-2:30pm EST that will feature Cleveland Metropolitan School District's New Tech West, a member of the [New Tech Network](#) of innovative schools. This Town Hall meeting will feature U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan, President of the Alliance for Excellent Education and Former Governor of West Virginia Bob Wise, Founder of the Foundation for Excellence in Education and Former Florida Governor Jeb Bush, Harvard University professor and author Chris Dede. [Click here to register for the Virtual Town Hall.](#)

Note: If you are an elected or appointed official, or employee of a state agency of the State of Ohio, we are required by the State of Ohio Inspector General's Office and the Joint Legislative Ethics Committee to disclose expenditures made on your behalf. This includes, but is not limited to, consumption of food/beverage, lodging and books. Please consult your chief ethics officer if you have any questions related to disclosure.