

Are we living in an “info healthy” community?

The Knight Commission report provides these 10 suggestions for considering whether your community has a “healthy information ecosystem.” We’ve added an 11th: Please Assign “10” to the questions you strongly agree with, “1” to those you strongly disagree with (or would answer “no”) and any number in between.

1. Do people have convenient access to both civic and life-enhancing information, without regard to income or social status?
2. Is journalism is abundant in many forms and accessible through many convenient platforms?
3. Is government is open and transparent (either in fact or intent)?
4. Do people have affordable high-speed Internet service wherever and whenever they want and need it?
5. Are digital and media literacy widely taught in schools, public libraries and other community centers?
6. Is technological and civic expertise is shared across the generations?
7. Does local media -- including print, broadcast, and online media -- reflect the issues, events, experiences and ideas of the entire community?
8. Do people have a deep understanding of the role of free speech and free press rights in maintaining a democratic community?
9. Are citizens are active in acquiring and sharing knowledge both within and across social networks.
10. Can people can assess and track changes in the information health of their communities?

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11. *Does an infastructure exist for constructive, civic problem solving?*