

NORTH CENTRAL WASHINGTON Cybersecurity Summit



October 7 | 10 AM - 6 PM

Big Bend Community College, Moses Lake



Welcome to the 2026 NCW Cybersecurity Summit + Tech Trailblazers Celebration

Presented in partnership with **NCW Tech Alliance**, **North Central ESD**, and the **Apple STEM Network**, today's program brings together national expertise, local leadership, and community perspective. From lessons learned at the national level to strategies being put into practice here at home, the NCW Cybersecurity Summit explores cybersecurity, workforce development, and the resources communities need to build resilience.

Cybersecurity now touches education, business, healthcare, public services, and daily life. Together, we'll explore practical ways to prepare for a changing digital world and close the day by celebrating the organizations advancing digital access across North Central Washington through the **Digital Access Commitments Campaign**.

Time	Sessions
10:05 AM – 10:40 AM	Morning Keynote Session: Raj Thiagarajan
10:40 AM – 11:05 PM	Hacker Tactics 101: Authenticated Access Joanna Wiggum
11:10 PM – 12:00 PM	Fireside Chat: Inside the Cyberattack Joanna Wiggum & Ian Fitzgerald
12:30 PM – 1:10 PM	Lunch Keynote Session: AI, Cybersecurity, and Rural Washington Joseph Williams
1:15 PM - 2:00 PM	Workforce Education Programs Walking Tour - Cyber and Data Center Big Bend Community College
2:10 PM - 3:00 PM	3 Doors to Ransomware April Mardock
3:00 PM - 3:50 PM	Information Literacy in the Age of AI Ash Kunz
3:55 PM - 4:40 PM	Digital Access and Security for Communities Panel Donna Baillie, Joan Krajewski, Prisma Corrales, Salyna Gracie, Wendy Brzezny, moderated by Jennifer Walker.
4:45 PM - 6:00 PM	Tech Trailblazers Reception

Thank you for the generous sponsorship and support:



VOICES INSPIRING INNOVATION, PROTECTION, AND ACCESS

Our speakers bring **real-world expertise and practical perspectives to today's digital challenges**. They represent cybersecurity, AI, education, workforce development, and community leadership, all **focused on building stronger, more resilient communities**. Their insights connect national expertise with lessons and solutions from across our region.

October is **National Cybersecurity Awareness Month**, and today is an opportunity to learn, connect, and strengthen digital safety, access, and resilience across North Central Washington.

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Speaker Bios



RAJ THIAGARAJAN
Cyber Security Advisor



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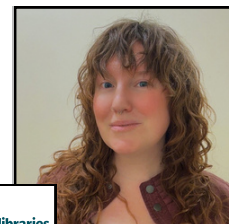
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SESSION OVERVIEW

MORNING KEYNOTE SESSION - RAJ THIAGARAJAN

This session will explore cybersecurity leadership in the age of AI, including approaches to security governance, organizational resilience, and risk management. Attendees will learn how enterprise security strategies can be applied across organizations of all sizes.

HACKER TACTICS 101: AUTHENTICATED ACCESS - JOANNA WIGGUM

This session will explore how digital footprints, trusted business relationships, and social engineering can contribute to cyber-enabled financial crime. Attendees will learn practical ways to identify risk and strengthen resilience against fraud.

FIRESIDE CHAT: INSIDE THE CYBERATTACK - JOANNA WIGGUM & IAN FITZGERALD

This fireside chat will explore how cyberattacks unfold, from reconnaissance to action on objective. Attendees will learn about common adversarial tactics and how defenders can use technology and security strategies to respond.

LUNCH KEYNOTE: AI, CYBERSECURITY, AND RURAL WASHINGTON - DR. JOSEPH WILLIAMS

This keynote will explore how AI is reshaping cybersecurity, workforce development, and organizational resilience. Attendees will learn about emerging challenges and opportunities for strengthening cybersecurity in rural businesses and communities.

3 DOORS TO RANSOMWARE - APRIL MARDOCK

This session will examine lessons from 24 school districts impacted by ransomware and three common pathways attackers used to gain access. Attendees will learn practical steps organizations can take to strengthen cybersecurity and reduce risk.

INFORMATION LITERACY IN THE AGE OF AI - ASH KUNZ

This session will explore how information literacy can help people safely navigate an AI-driven world. Attendees will learn how to evaluate information, think critically about AI-generated content, share responsibly, and build safer digital habits.

DIGITAL ACCESS AND SECURITY FOR COMMUNITIES PANEL

This panel brings together leaders in community development, aging services, and technology education to explore how technology, collaboration, and community programs can expand digital access and build more connected, resilient rural communities.

WHAT IS A DIGITAL ACCESS COMMITMENT MAKER?

Commitment Makers are organizations turning awareness into action. Through devices, skills training, connectivity, and inclusive tech programs, they expand digital access so everyone can thrive at work, in school, in healthcare, and beyond. Their efforts don't just close gaps. They open doors. Thank you to our 2026 Digital Access **Commitment Makers** listed below for leading this important work across North Central Washington.

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- Bates Counseling Services
- Big Bend Community College
- Boys & Girls Club Columbia Basin
- Central Washington Disability Resources
- Chelan Douglas Dementia Friendly Coalition
- City of Wenatchee Proclamation
- Chiwawa Mosquito District
- Ephrata School District
- Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance Central Chapter
- Foothills Community Center
- Foundation for Youth Resiliency and Engagement (FRYE)
- Getting Better Foundation
- Grand Coulee Dam Area Chamber of Commerce
- Highlands Community Support Coalition
- JBe Marketing Group
- La Pera Radio TV
- Lake Chelan School District
- Link Transit
- Macodo LLC Marketing
- Methow At Home
- Methow Valley Interpretive Center (MVIC)
- Mid Valley Hospital & Clinic
- Moses Lake Community Health Center - BHC
- Moses Lake Community Health Center - CIO
- Moses Lake Elks Lodge #2892
- Moses Lake High School
- Multicultural Association Services (MAS)
- NCESD
- NCW Arts Alliance
- NCW Libraries
- NCW Tech Alliance
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- Parque Padrinos
- Pinnacles Prep
- Pybus Market Charitable Foundation
- Rural Resources Community Action
- SkillSource
- The Economic Alliance
- The Rooted Collective
- Thriving Together NCW
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- Vanguard Metabolic Nutrition
- Ward Media
- Wavy Petal Designs
- Welcome to Quincy WA News
- Wenatchee for Immigrant Justice
- Wenatchee School District
- Wenatchee Valley College
- Wenatchee Valley Special Education PTSA



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