



**Becoming BN Virtual Session: Technology Chat
July 16, 2020**

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm central time

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Technology plays a large part in our community, from STEM education in our schools to cutting edge companies calling this region home, community residents can see innovation at work every day in McLean County. Today's "Technology Chat" will highlight some of the unique programs and initiatives happening in McLean County around technology. During this session we will explore the Challenger Learning Center as well as the Innovation District and Smart City Planning with the Town of Normal and beyond. Participants will be able to engage with two industry leaders and gain insight into these distinctive aspects of the greater Bloomington-Normal area.



Libby Torbeck, Senior Flight Director @ the Challenger Learning Center at Heartland Community College

Libby has enjoyed combining her bachelor's degree in Elementary Education with her passion for space and technology for nearly a decade at the Challenger Learning Center. Her adventures in the aerospace world help bring simulated space missions, camps, and other programs to life for both children and adults at the CLC. She particularly loves the magical moments where students realize that if they work together and put their minds to it, they are capable of amazing things!



Vasudha Gadhiraaju, Director of Innovation and Technology at the Town of Normal

In her current role, Vasudha is charged with overseeing the day to day operations of the Innovation and Technology Department as well as the innovation district and smart city planning and implementation. Previously, Vasudha served as the Executive Director for the McLean County Regional Planning Commission where she coordinated community planning, transportation planning, GIS and education and outreach efforts of the agency.