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## October's "Tech Month" Brings Tech Community Together for Economic Impact & Social Good

*Technology Professionals Work with Local Non-Profits & Government at "Hack the Stacks" event on October 26-27, 2013 in Burlington*

Burlington, Vermont, October 1, 2013 – On October 26-27, 2013, a local group of community-minded developers, technology integrators, designers, and hackers of all types will come together for "Hack the Stacks: Civic Hacking at Fletcher Free Library" in Burlington, Vermont.

"Hack the Stacks" is hosted by Code for BTV ([codeforbtv.org](http://codeforbtv.org)), a Code for America Brigade focused on the greater Burlington area. Code for BTV was recently selected to join the official Code for America Brigade program. Code for America is an organization that seeks to foster and facilitate innovation in government. Code for BTV works with the City of Burlington's Mayor's Office, among other civic, non-profit, and government partners.

At "Hack the Stacks," Code for BTV will collaborate with local government and non-profits in Vermont to build websites, web tools and apps that address local needs as well as leverage civic applications and open data to help communities better serve the public using technology. Participating organizations include Fletcher Free Library, Big Heavy World, and the Vermont Digital Economy Project. More are welcome!

"Hack the Stacks" is just one of many events happening in October that bring together the tech community. The month also includes Vermont Tech Jam, HackVT, StoryhackVT, and Burlington Startup Weekend. September also included a great lineup of tech

community events such as Vermont Code Camp and the Champlain Mini Maker Faire.

The growing number of technology-driven events in Vermont speaks to the greater economic impact of Vermont's tech professionals, a boon to the state's creative economy.

*"I believe that the local tech community has a huge, largely unrecognized, economic development impact on the greater Burlington area. I've counted 20 tech community events that happened or will be happening throughout September and October alone."*

*"A recent study by Neil Lee and Andrés Rodríguez-Pose of the London School of Economics, written about by Richard Florida in The Atlantic Cities, concludes that creative workers are a 'significant driver of product innovations overall' and a 'key driver of learnt process innovations.' Their study suggests that policy makers should shift from thinking about private firms and industries to thinking about developing the broader creative workforce. In other words, the innovations that drive job creation and economic growth come from creative workers. Tech community events like those happening throughout September and October bring together creative workers from all sectors of the economy to work together and learn from one another, ultimately driving the types of innovations that create jobs."*

–Bradley Holt, Code for America Brigade Captain with Code for BTV

To learn more, or to register for Hack the Stacks as a participant or organization, please visit [codeforbtv.org](http://codeforbtv.org).

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**Code for BTV** ([codeforbtv.org](http://codeforbtv.org)) Code for BTV is a Code for America Brigade that facilitates sustainable collaborations on civic software and open data projects between coders, designers, and organizations (both governmental and non-governmental) in the greater Burlington, Vermont area. We host events for civic hackers to come together and work on building and reusing civic apps and support open data initiatives.