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While I still find HTML, CSS, JS, and GitHub incredibly frustrating and confusing, I can still appreciate and understand why people find it so interesting. I feel like these technologies would have made more sense to me if I had started learning them at a much younger age and had continuous exposure to them. That is why my idea for the future involves kids.

In the future, I would love to see libraries offer coding and other technology programs for kids. I believe that it is important for the people of our future to have the ability to be self-sufficient on the internet and being able to create and fix websites is a huge part of that self-sufficiency. Whether it be in-person or virtually, I think that libraries should be giving all kids access to continuous exposure of these technologies so that they can gradually learn and continue to integrate these technologies into their lives.

This will be extraordinarily beneficial starting even in High School. Most high schools now require you to take at minimum one computer course. While they start off teaching you much simpler skills, anyone who has had access to coding and technology classes will have a much easier time following requests and troubleshooting. These courses will always continue to be beneficial especially as the people of our future continue to move through post-secondary and the workforce. I wish that I had had easily accessible courses on these technologies so that it wasn't a huge shock and so hard to understand now in college. This is why I feel that the future of libraries should include the education of HTML and other technologies.