Hour of Code is a global movement which seeks to inspire and challenge students to learn to computer code and to explore the field of computer science. This national initiative by Computer Science Education Week and Code.org has introduced over 100 million students to one hour of computer science and computer programming.

This month, many of your students have had the opportunity to explore the Hour of Code in school. Your elementary age students have done it in their library classes (here is an example); your older children have participated through their Tech Ed classes.

You can help them to continue their interest!

- For your younger students, ask them how they got to Hour of Code games through library class.
- To explore with them, visit http://code.org/learn to see the vast number of games and tutorials available. (Ask your child if they remember how to filter these games by device/platform; activity type; length; and language—younger children will have fun with block coding)
- You can also browse through the lists of coding games, apps and websites available through Common Sense Education.

“Every student should have the opportunity to learn computer science. It helps nurture problem-solving skills, logic and creativity. By starting early, students will have a foundation for success in any 21st-century career path. . .100 million students have now discovered how accessible and fun computer science can be by doing just one Hour of Code.”— (Hour of Code website, accessed 12/9/2017)