

New Resource for Entrepreneurs

The Library System of Lancaster County and the Lancaster Public Library have joined forces to provide a new source of information for small businesses in the community - the Duke Street Business Center at Lancaster Public Library.

The Center is close to Lancaster's major business organizations and provides an upscale professional setting. It houses a full business reference library, with free print and electronic resources and a full-time professional business reference librarian. Duke Street Business Center gives Entrepreneurs access to the following resources:

- Computers linked to authoritative electronic databases
- Access to the most current business reference books
- Business books, videos and audio books available for loan
- Current business magazines and newspapers including the Wall Street Journal and Barrons
- Foundation center collection
- Unlimited access to PC computers and laptops for individual use
- Wireless Internet access for laptops and other electronic devices
- Photocopy (including color) and fax services for a nominal fee
- Individualized training and assistance on usage of print and electronic resources

Rhonda Kleiman, business information coordinator for the Library System of Lancaster County, says, "The business community traditionally has not viewed the public library as a resource for obtaining business information. The primary goal of this project, the Duke Street Business Center at Lancaster Public Library is to increase the awareness of the business services offered by the library and its impact on individual business literacy, the actual business community, and on economic development."

She adds, "By working together, the Lancaster Public Library and the Library System developed this project, which is beneficial to the goals of both organizations and relevant to the needs of the business community. We are looking forward to expanding and enhancing the BIG program and providing an anchor in the downtown corridor."

HOURS

The Business Center is routinely staffed by a professional business reference librarian and the Center computers are available for use during the following times:

Monday 9:30 am - 4:30 pm
Tuesday 12:30 pm - 8:00 pm
Wednesday 9:30 am - 4:30 pm
Thursday 9:30 am - 4:30 pm
Friday 9:30 am - 4:30 pm
Saturday by Appointment Only

During other library hours, the Business Center is open only for access to print materials.

For extensive personalized assistance, it is recommended that you make an appointment in advance.

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