



San Francisco Public Library

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San Francisco Public Library Doubles Down on Programs to Aid Patrons with Economic Recovery

The Library launches new *Work It* series focused on jobs, business and finance

San Francisco, CA — With the unemployment rate at 12.5 percent in San Francisco, the Public Library is stepping up to help patrons find pathways to economic recovery. This fall, San Francisco Public Library launches *Work It* an ongoing series of virtual programs focused on supporting job and career seekers, personal finance needs and small business resources.

“Since the shutdown we have seen a tremendous uptick in participation in virtual programs and utilization of SFPL’s free [eLearning](#) platforms designed to help job-seekers acquire new skills or support them in finding new career opportunities,” says City Librarian Michael Lambert. “Clearly the need is great for this kind of service, and San Francisco Public Library is well positioned to help. Our new *Work It* series will offer a wide range of programming to assist patrons in navigating these challenging times. We want the public to know that we have their backs and that we are here to help them weather this storm.”

Highlights of the *Work It* series include Financial Planning Series, a virtual speaker series covering topics such as health insurance, taxes and investing. Jobs and Careers programs also feature *Resume Writing Essentials*, *How to Get a California State Job* and Hope Levy’s *Age as an Asset* program, which explores ways for older adults to use their life experiences to land the perfect job. In partnership with California Employment Development, the Library will offer *CalJOBS for Beginners* in Spanish and Cantonese.

Learn how SF Reserve First Impressions program matches talented, skilled older adults and people with disabilities with paid part-time and project-based work at local nonprofits and other community-based organizations in San Francisco.

Additionally, SFPL’s robust [Jobs and Careers portal](#) offers a multitude of options for job seekers, such as live resume, interview and career coaching with [JobNow](#) and [EDD](#). Check out the Library’s [Business and Personal Finance Resources, including COVID local resources](#). SFPL continues to partner with [Smart Money Coaching](#) for expanded one-on-one counsel on budgeting basics. Job seekers are also encouraged to check out the Library’s free technology workshop series, *Tech Time*.

For more information, email the Business, Science, and Technology Center at busscitech@sfpl.org or visit sfpl.org.

SEPTEMBER

CAREERS: How to Apply for a California State Job, September 3, 10-11:30 a.m.

An Employment Program Representative from the California [Employment Development Department](#) will cover everything you need to know to navigate CalCareers, what a Statement of Qualifications requires and how to effectively write one to submit with the job posting.

ZOOM I Reservations required: <https://bit.ly/StateJobs9-3>

Money: How to Budget, Save and Invest, Saturday, September 5, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

This workshop is designed to help you establish a money management system that works for your personal needs. The goal of the workshop is to help you learn how to become debt free and financially independent over time by managing your cash flow beginning with money psychology basics and more. This program is for youth and adults. Event speakers: Carly Matthews, CFEI and Alex Caswell, CFA, CFP

ZOOM I Reservations required: <https://bit.ly/Budgeting9-5>

How to Get Grants with Foundation Directory Online, Wednesday, September 16, 10 a.m. – noon

Looking for grants for your nonprofit? Come learn how to use Candid's Foundation Directory Online (FDO) – *now available online* via San Francisco Public Library. 90% of foundations don't have websites! FDO is the most comprehensive prospect research tool for fundraisers, with nearly 200,000 grantmaker profiles. Starting promptly at 10 am, this virtual class will provide a 40-minute overview of how to look for grants using FDO Essential, as well as how to use Candid's other services. After this formal instruction, you can request a short (up to 15 minutes) one-on-one session with a Candid representative – via Zoom –to help with your specific questions.

Reservation Required: <https://learning.candid.org/training/2020-09-16-learn-fdo-virtual-office-hours-with-candid/>

CAREERS: interviewing Essentials, Thursday, September 17, 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

An Employment Program Representative from the California [Employment Development Department](#) will cover everything you need to know to win the interview and land the job.

ZOOM I Reservations required: <https://bit.ly/InterviewEssentials9-17-20>

CAREERS: Resume Writing Essentials, Monday, September 21, 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

An Employment Program Representative from the California [Employment Development Department](#) will cover the essentials to creating a winning resume in today's job market.

ZOOM I Reservations required: <https://bit.ly/Resume9-21-20>

OCTOBER

Careers: How to Apply For a California State Job, Thursday, October 1, 10-11:30 a.m.

An Employment Program Representative from the California [Employment Development Department](#) will cover everything you need to know to navigate CalCareers, what a Statement of Qualifications requires and how to effectively write one to submit with the job posting. He will review and utilize the Duty Statement for your advantage when applying to positions.

ZOOM I Reservations required: <https://bit.ly/CAStateJob10-1-20>

Careers: SF Reserve First Impressions, Friday, October 2, 3-4:30 p.m.

Learn how SF Reserve matches talented, skilled older adults and people with disabilities with paid part-time and project-based work at local nonprofits and other community-based organizations in San Francisco. Presented by John Edmiston, SF ReServe Applicant and ReServist Manager

ZOOM I Registration required: <https://bit.ly/ReServe10-2-20>

CAREERS: Age as an Asset in Your Job Search, Tuesday, October 6, 12-1 p.m.

Are you ready to put your best foot forward as a mature job seeker? This workshop will cover stereotypes about older workers and how to overcome them, plus specific guidelines on leveraging your experience in your search and subsequent employment. Presented by Hope Levy, MA, Lifelong Learning Specialist.

ZOOM I Reservations required: <https://bit.ly/AgeasAsset10-6-20>

Money: Get Covered - Health Insurance While Unemployed, Thursday, October 8, 11 a.m. -12 p.m.

At a time when health and finances are top of mind, making informed decisions about health insurance options and costs is paramount. Join us to learn about health insurance options, financial implications, and how to make sure you get covered during unemployment. We'll reserve time for Q&A at the end of this virtual event.

ZOOM I Reservations required: <https://bit.ly/HealthInsurance10-8-20>

CAREERS: Resume Writing Essentials, Monday, October 15, 10 - 11:30 a.m.

An Employment Program Representative from the California [Employment Development Department](#) will cover the essentials to creating a winning resume in today's job market.

ZOOM I Reservations required: <https://bit.ly/Resume10-15-20>

CAREERS: Interviewing Essentials, Monday, October 19, 10 - 11:30 a.m.

An Employment Program Representative from the California [Employment Development Department](#) will cover everything you need to know to win the interview and land the job.

ZOOM I Reservations required: <https://bit.ly/Interviewing10-19-20>

Careers: CalJOBS for Beginners for Spanish Speakers, Monday, October 26, 10 a.m. -12 p.m.

In this CALJOBS basics training, conducted in Spanish, you will learn how to create your account, navigate the site, upload a resume, use virtual recruiter and tips and tricks on creating a stellar profile.

ZOOM I Reservations required: <https://bit.ly/CalJobsSpanish10-26-20>

Careers: CalJOBS for Beginners for Cantonese Speakers, October 29, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

In this CALJOBS basics training, conducted in Cantonese, you will learn how to create your account, navigate the site, upload a resume, use virtual recruiter and tips and tricks on creating a stellar profile.

ZOOM I Reservations required: https://bit.ly/CalJOBS_Cantonese10-29-20