

## ***“Librarian’s Shelf” by Heather St. Clair***

### Tax Information at the Columbus Public Library

Tax season is here again, and the Columbus Public Library is here to help. The Library has both Federal and Nebraska forms and instruction booklets available near the Reference Desk. We provide some of the most needed forms and while we cannot provide all of the forms we can provide access to them. Both the IRS and Nebraska Department of Revenue provide tax forms on their respective websites, and much more.

If we don't have a form you are looking for, the IRS, [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov), and the newly redesigned Nebraska Department of Revenue, [www.revenue.state.ne.us](http://www.revenue.state.ne.us), webpages have forms available to print out. If you would rather e-file, both websites have links for e-filing, including free filing, provided you meet the requirements.

Please remember, while the library does provide these forms the staff are not tax preparers and can only help you locate forms and the information on them. Should you need additional help, both websites have “Frequently Asked Questions” links. The IRS’s is located toward the bottom, right side of the homepage, but is found in the menu on the left side for most other pages within the site. For the Nebraska Department of Revenue, it is in the menu on the left side of the page. The Nebraska Department of Revenue also provides a toll free number to call for assistance, 1-800-742-7474.

The IRS has various phone numbers you can call depending on your needs, which can be found through the IRS website by clicking on “Help” and then “How to Contact the IRS.” The phone numbers are listed under “Call Us With Your Tax Questions.” Should you need to speak with someone in person, also under “How to Contact the IRS,” you can find local IRS offices by clicking on “Contact Your Local IRS Office.” Two important numbers are the number to order tax forms, 1-800-829-3676, and the number for tax advice, 1-800-829-1040. For listings of local tax preparers look in the yellow pages (business section) of the phone book under either “Tax Return Preparation” or “Tax Preparation Services.”

The Library also has the following books to aid you with your returns: “How to Pay Zero Taxes,” by Jeff Schnepfer; “J.K. Lasser's 1001 deductions and tax breaks 2010,” by Barbara Weltman; and “J.K. Lasser's your income tax 2010.”

If you have questions about these or other materials, please feel free to stop in the library, call us at 564-7116, or email us at [library@columbusne.us](mailto:library@columbusne.us).