

Gain Financial Education

What questions do you have about your budget, getting started with investments, or retirement planning? Columbus Public Library has resources to help you find answers. We offer books, DVDs, magazines, and online resources to help you make better decisions about your money and plan for retirement.

From basic budgeting to information about government pensions, the library has a resource for you. Howard Davidoff's "The Everything Personal Finance in your 20s and 30s Book" is a great resource to start learning how to eliminate debt, spend your money well, and plan your financial future. "Military Finances: Personal Money Management for Service Members, Veterans, and Their Families" by Cheryl Lawhorne-Scott and "Social Security, Medicare & Government Pensions" by John Matthews are two other helpful, new books available for checkout. Columbus Public Library and the UNL Cooperative Extension are partnering to bring you free resources designed especially to help you better manage money, credit, investments, and debt, plan for retirement, learn to avoid identity theft, protect your privacy, and steer clear of financial scams and fraud.

Take advantage of these unbiased resources offered in our upcoming Gain Financial Education training. Join us Saturday, January 17 at 2pm to kick off the Gain Financial Education training offered at Columbus Public Library. Register in advance by visiting the library to sign up, email library@columbusne.us, or call 402-564-7116. Participants who attend both the Kick-Off and Wrap-Up events and participate in the online curriculum will be eligible to win an iPod Shuffle.

The aim of this training is to help people make well-informed financial decisions for themselves and their families. This financial education effort is supported in part by a grant from Smart Investing @ your library®, a partnership between the American Library Association and the FINRA Investor Education Foundation. The *Smart Investing @ your library® Builds Nebraska Communities* program is coordinated in Nebraska by the Nebraska Library Commission and the Northeast Library System.

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The FINRA Investor Education Foundation supports innovative research and educational projects that give underserved Americans the knowledge, skills and tools necessary for financial success throughout life. For details about grant programs and other FINRA Foundation initiatives, visit www.finrafoundation.org.

Columbus Public Library is excited to partner with these reputable organizations to bring you the information you need to make well informed decisions for your financial future.