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Celebrate Economic Development Week with Your Library

May 8-12 is Economic Development Week, a celebration of local career development and continuing education resources that improve quality of life in our community. Sonoma County Library invites you to invest in your career by taking advantage of free programs designed to improve your job skills and help your business succeed.

“Economic Development Week aims to increase awareness for programs that advance career development and create jobs for people in our community,” said Sonoma County Library Director Erika Thibault. “We’re excited to continue to support our patrons’ economic success.”

The library is your partner in creating the future you want. Access free career and business development resources online at sonomalibrary.org/business. Highlights include:

Career Development:

- [LinkedIn Learning](#) provides access to award-winning courses and video tutorials by industry experts. Explore a variety of topics, from using Adobe Acrobat to developing your project management skills.
- [LearningExpress Library](#) offers job search and workplace skills help; skill-building in reading, writing, math and basic science; career certification and licensure exam prep; college and grad school entrance test prep, GED test prep and more!
- [Coursera](#) partners with more than 200 leading universities and companies to offer flexible, job-relevant online learning opportunities, from hands-on courses to job-ready certificates and degree programs.

Business Resources:

- [Reference Solutions](#) provides information about millions of businesses, from major corporations to sole proprietorships. Use Reference Solutions to research and analyze U.S. companies, industries and consumers.
- [Legal Information Reference Center](#) is a great starting point for researching your legal issue. It includes complete, up-to-date legal forms and texts written by lawyers for small businesses and consumers.

- [Small Business Reference Center](#) is a great tool for researching everything from starting a company to managing business operations. Learn from experts how to deal with contract and employee issues, minimize taxes and avoid legal problems.

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