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Money Sense at the Greenville County Library System

Greenville, SC – No matter your age, the library is the perfect starting place to better your relationship with your money. Wrap up 2009 right with tax preparation assistance courtesy of volunteers from AARP or VITA from the United Way. Look ahead with using new materials on money sense designed to help at every level of financial experience. Even children and teens have the opportunity to learn about spending and saving in our *Money Smarts for Kids!* series. Receive tax help and learn financial basics and smart investment practices – all at no cost from the library! Now what makes better Money Sense than that?

VITA: Volunteer Income Tax Assistance

Qualified volunteers will provide free income tax preparation assistance for those with a household income of \$49,000 or less. Call United Way at 211 for appointments and more information.

Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays	February 1- March 25, 5:00p-8:00p	Travelers Rest Branch
Wednesdays	January 27- April 14, 12:00p-4:00p	Main Library
Saturdays	February 13-April 10, 12:00p-4:00p	Fountain Inn Branch

AARP Tax Assistance

Wednesdays and Thursdays
February 3-April 15, 9:00a-2:00p
Greer (Jean M. Smith) Branch

AARP offers free tax preparation assistance to elderly and low-income taxpayers. Call 877-8722 for an appointment and more information.

**Financial Empowerment Program Series:
*Your Recipe for Success!***

Become master chef of your financial future. With even the simplest of ingredients, a skilled cook can create a masterpiece. ***Your Recipe for Success!*** is designed for people, like you, looking to find the right recipe for financial freedom. Learn the basics to building your savings and discovering peace of mind – presented in plain English by qualified experts. Ready to get started on your piece of the pie? Then join us and start transforming your dreams into reality.

Your Shopping List: Preparing to Invest

Saturday, February 27, 10:00a-12:00p

Hughes Main Library, Meeting Rooms A-C

In the first of six weekly sessions, adjunct faculty from Clemson University will teach how to: create a budget, set investment goals and establish emergency funds. Learn how to choose investments wisely and practice good financial habits.

Some Basic Ingredients: Key Investment Concepts and Bank Products

Saturday, March 6, 10:00a-12:00p

Hughes Main Library, Meeting Rooms A-C

Learn basic terms and concepts like “rate of return” and “dollar cost averaging,” then explore how to establish, allocate, diversify and rebalance your financial portfolio. Different types of bank accounts and services will also be explained.

A Few Favorite Recipes: US Treasury Securities and Common Types of Investments

Saturday, March 13, 10:00a-12:00p

Hughes Main Library, Meeting Rooms A-C

Join a discussion of treasury debt, marketable securities and investment risk, followed by advice on buying, selling and using treasuries.

Great Tools and Good Taste!: Retirement Savings Vehicles and Choosing the Right Investments

Saturday, March 20, 10:00a-12:00p

Hughes Main Library, Meeting Rooms A-C

A brief introduction to individual, employer-sponsored and small business retirement plans, followed by general rules of investing for short-, medium- and long-term goals. Information about risk tolerance and portfolio management close the session.

How Hot is Your Pot?: Managing Investment Risk and Evaluating Performance

Saturday, March 27, 10:00a-12:00p

Hughes Main Library, Meeting Rooms A-C

Session five opens with a discussion of risk assessment. Why do investors take risks and what types? Learn to minimize risk and protect your investments. Learn to read your statements and understand concepts like yield, return and capital gains and losses. Finish with tools for tracking your portfolio performance.

Help and Safe Handling: Investment Professionals and Safeguarding Your Investments

Saturday, April 3, 10:00a-12:00p

Hughes Main Library, Meeting Rooms A-C

Investment professionals can help...*if* you know the different types of professionals, strategies involved in choosing one and how to check backgrounds. They can work with and for you to safeguard investments. We will also discuss how to keep good records, learn investor rights and protections, and spot fraud and file a complaint.

Want more online? Visit our Smart Investing @ Your Library page on our website for more information about materials and events. www.greenvillelibrary.org

Smart investing@your library® Program Series is open to the public at no cost. Don't miss out on Your Recipe for Success! Space is limited. This series requires registration. Participants may register for single classes or the entire series beginning **February 1** by calling 527-9293. The Hughes Main Library is located at 25 Heritage Green Place in Greenville, SC. This program is made possible by a grant from the FINRA Investor Education Foundation through Smart investing@your library®, a partnership with the American Library Association.



Money Smarts for Kids!

Does it seem that your children have no concept of money? Do they ask for things you can't afford? No matter their age, it is never too early to begin teaching money concepts to children. *Money Smarts for Kids!* is a financial skills education series designed to be fun and insightful for all age groups. You'll be amazed by your children's response to ideas of earning, saving and spending when put into everyday terms. Don't be surprised if your children soon ask for more chores to earn extra money!

A Kid's Guide to Money

Saturday, February 27, 11:00a-12:00p

Hughes Main Library, Story Room

Join us for a super cool time learning about money! Each child will receive *A Kid's Guide to Money* with games, worksheets and ideas created by the Learning Center of the Federal Reserve. Best suited for school age children. Registration begins February 1. Call 527-9248.

Home School Time at the Library: Smart Money

Monday, March 8, 2:00p-3:30p*

Greer (Jean M. Smith) Branch

Explore the history of money, the importance of earning and the four basic money management choices: Save, Spend, Donate and Invest. For children in grades 3 and up. Call 877-8722 or email greer@greenvillelibrary.org to register. *Please note day/time change due to tax preparation schedule.

Science Station: Yen, Euros, Dollars

Monday, March 8, 2:00p-3:30p

Hughes Main Library, Meeting Room A

Learn about the stock market, world currency and foreign exchange. Test your money skills through Price Is Right gaming! Open to 6th-8th grade home schooled students. Registration is limited and begins February 9. Call 527-9248 or email jbabb@greenvillelibrary.org.

Explore Your World: Money from around the World

Tuesday, March 9, 4:00p-4:30p

Hughes Main Library, Story Room

Join us for an imaginary trip around the world as we discover global currency. We will look at real money from other countries and make piggybanks! Ages 5-11; ages 5-8 with an adult caregiver.

A Kid's Guide to Money

Saturday, March 13, 11:00a-12:00p

Simpsonville (Hendricks) Branch

Join us for a super cool time learning about money! Each child will receive *A Kid's Guide to Money* with games, worksheets and ideas created by the Learning Center of the Federal Reserve. Best suited for school age children. Registration begins February 12. Call 963-9031.

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About the Greenville County Library System:

Founded in 1921, the Greenville County Library System operates 11 facilities, a bookmobile, and a website that provide information, materials, and engaging programs delivered with world-class technology and a customer-centric approach. The Library System offers free access to resources and experiences and continually strives to be the community's destination of choice for exploring the world. For more information, visit the Library's website at www.greenvillelibrary.org.

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