

Business Matters

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The Economy... get the facts

Times are tough, money is tight. As you plan your new business, plan for success by knowing the facts. Research the facts and know your risks.

The library recommends taking a look at your local economy through the treasure trove of data and statistics available on the government's U.S. Census website.

Get actual and estimated economic statistics for your area, by looking at the American FactFinder information on www.census.gov.

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SMALL BUSINESS AND TAXES

DO YOU OWE LOCAL, STATE OR FEDERAL BUSINESS TAXES? STUDY AND RESEARCH YOUR TAX OBLIGATION TO BE PREPARED AND MORE IMPORTANTLY, TO BE COMPLIANT.

All small businesses must be aware of tax obligations. Find out more online. There's a lot of well-organized instruction for new business owners who are navigating the world of business taxes.

Check out the free classes given by the [Florida Department of Revenue](http://www.floridarevenue.com). There are dozens of offerings held throughout the state of Florida. The tax seminars help you understand your obligation and how to be prepared to comply with tax regulations.

Take a look at what the Federal government offers through the Internal Revenue Service website. The IRS provides free online classes for business owners. Check out [Online Learning and Education Products](#).

Learn through online workshops, DVDs (order or view video class online), booklets and brochures, tax planning

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When you go to census.gov, click into the *American FactFinder*, in the menu on the left, for all kinds of recently updated data.

American Community Survey

American FactFinder
2005 to 2007

People Statistics like... population, aging, employment, income, poverty, veterans

Housing Data like... Types of Structures, Owner Occupied, Renter Occupied, Vacancies

Economic Fact Sheets for your county or city or zip code

Business and Industry Economic Fact Sheets

Obtain information in the form of maps, tables and reports for as narrow an area as your street address. The Housing section includes popular tables on home values, ownership, housing characteristics and mortgage.

Gain quick access to basic demographic, social and economic data on your city, town, county, state or ZIP Code.

Fight the tough economic times by doing your due diligence research and getting the facts on www.census.gov.

LearningExpressLibrary.com

Learning Express*

Premium Info Available Free Online

New career? Fresh start? Renewing your license?

[Go online](#)* and take a look at Learning Express*, an interactive online database of practice tests and tutorial course series.

Designed to help you successfully pass exams you need to succeed in your career. Provides immediate scoring, complete answer explanations, and an individualized analysis of your results.

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Nursing

Police Officer

Real Estate

Go to www.seminolecountyfl.gov/library/business
Click into **Business Databases**.

* Requires a Library Card Number to access from home.

Coming soon to a library near you!
Small Business Seminars, Winter 2009
Business Startup 101
Business Plans 101

A joint venture with the Small Business Development Center at Seminole Community College.

[Register Online.](#)



Calendar of Events

*Register Online

January 15, Thursday, 6:00-7:30 PM
 Business Startup 101
 Central Branch - Casselberry

January 22, Thursday, 6:00-7:30 PM
 Business Plans 101
 Central Branch - Casselberry

January 27, Tuesday, 6:00-7:30 PM
 Business Startup 101
 East Branch - Oviedo

February 3, Tuesday, 6:00-7:30 PM
 Business Plans 101
 East Branch - Oviedo

February 18, Wednesday, 6:00-7:30 PM
 Business Startup 101
 Northwest Branch - Lake Mary

February 25, Wednesday, 6:00-7:30 PM
 Business Plans 101
 Northwest Branch - Lake Mary

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calendars, and more. Did we mention the FREE classes? And, no travel required!

Read up on local business taxes at www.seminoletax.org. Review the Business Tax Receipts information. Take a careful look at the information on Property Tax - Tangible Personal Property, which assesses furniture, fixtures and equipment located in businesses and rental property.

No excuses...you've got to pay business taxes, so get educated and plan ahead.

Seminole County Public Library System
 Monday - Thursday, 9:00 am - 8:00 pm
 Saturday, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
 Sunday, 1:00 - 5:00 pm

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