

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **FREE SMALL BUSINESS WORKSHOPS**

What loans are available to small business owners? What management skills are necessary for small business success? How can small business find lucrative opportunities with government and large corporations? If you are a small business owner, plan to attend one of the three special workshops offered by the St. Charles City-County Library District in cooperation with the Economic Development Center of St. Charles County, Missouri Small Business Development Center, United States Export Assistance Center (USEAC), Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE), United States Small Business Association, Grace Hill Women's Business Center and the Missouri Procurement Assistance Center (MoPTAC).

The **Financial Assistance** workshop will be held on Wednesday, April 9, **Management Assistance** workshop on Wednesday, June 11, and **Business Opportunities** workshop on Wednesday, August 13. All workshops will be held from 6:00 to 8:00 pm in the St. Charles City-County Library District Nonprofit Development Center located at 425 Spencer Road in St. Peters. The workshops are free and open to the public. Space is limited and registration is required. Please call the Spencer Road Branch Library at 636 441 0974 to register for one or more of the workshops.

"This is the chance for the small business owner to learn from the pros" stated Trevor Rees, Business & Public Management Information Resource Manager for the Library District. "To have all of these organizations present in one place at one time is the chance of a lifetime to find the answers you need to make your business more profitable."

The **Financial Assistance** workshop on April 9 is designed to explain different types of loans that are available to small businesses and what lenders are looking for from borrowers. Speakers include Mark Diliberto of the Economic Development Center of St. Charles County; Ron Mueller, Missouri Small Business Development Center; John Blum, United States Export Assistance Center (USEAC); Rajiv Gupta, Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE); Bob Newman, United States Small Business Administration (SBA); Lynn Steel Grace Hill Women's Business Center (WBC).

Speakers at the **Management Assistance** workshop on June 11 will offer information on their programs that help people develop skills to manage their business. Speakers include Mark Diliberto, Economic Development Center of St. Charles County; Ron Mueller, Missouri Small Business Center; John Blum; United States Export Assistance Center (USEAC); Rajiv Gupta; Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE); Bob Newman, United States Small Business Administration (SBA); Lynn Steel, Grace Hill Women's Business Center.

Presenters at the **Business Opportunities** workshop on August 13 will discuss how small businesses can potentially do business with the federal, state, and local governments and with large corporations. Speakers include Mark Diliberto, Economic Development Center for St. Charles County; Ron Mueller, Missouri Small Business Development Center; Rajiv Gupta, Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE); Bob Newman, United States Small Business Administration (SBA); Lynn Steel, Grace Hill Women's Business Center; Rich Fyke, Missouri Procurement Assistance Center (MoPTAC).

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