April is Financial Literacy Month
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MONEY SMART WEEK®

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Money Smart Week @ your library is a partnership between the American Library Association and the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, through which libraries of all types provide financial literacy programming for all stages of life. Retirees, school kids, college students—everyone can learn more. Money Smart Week partners will be hosting their events April 5-12, 2014, and here at the Fairfield Public Library we will be offering programs throughout the month of April.
QuickBooks Online* Easy-to-use yet robust accounting software is essential to the success of small business owners. This demonstration will discuss the benefits of cloud technology, compare QuickBooks online to the desktop version and include updates for 2014.

**Tuesday, April 8, 7:00 PM**
*Rotary Room, Main Library*

**Presenter:** Susan McAteer is a certified QuickBooks Pro advisor who specializes in bookkeeping, payroll, and taxes.

*Part of our Technology Topics Series*

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**Stock Market Basics**
Come and learn about the different vehicles in which to consider investing from a beginner’s perspective. We’ll cover primarily stocks, bonds and mutual funds. Focus will be on how to understand the financial information available on the radio, TV, internet and in the paper every day, and how to make investment decisions using this information.

**Wednesday, April 9, 7:00 PM**
*Rotary Room, Main Library*

**Presenter:** Rick Bolton is the former Director, Continuing Professional Education for the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and is currently a financial consultant with AXA Advisors.

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**Buying and Selling on eBay**
Learn the basics of buying and selling on eBay, the most popular auction site on the Internet. We’ll discuss bidding and selling strategies, auction types, fees, shipping options, using PayPal, how to set up an eBay buyer and/or seller account, how to write effective descriptions, and more.

**Thursday, April 17, 7:00 PM**
*Rotary Room, Main Library*

**Presenter:** Alan Weaver is a technology and business instructor at Housatonic Community College and owner of The Big Picture, a web design and hosting firm.

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**Beginner Portfolio Management**
Considering starting to manage your different assets as a comprehensive financial portfolio? Then join us to find out the critical components of a carefully conceived portfolio designed for your personal needs at various stages of life.

**Tuesday, April 22, 6:30 PM**
*Fairfield Woods Branch Library*

**Presenter:** Rick Bolton

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**Budgeting with Excel**
Do you want to maintain a realistic budget but don’t want to buy special software to do it? All you need is Microsoft Excel (version 2007 or higher). The course will be taught using Excel 2010. Learn how to use budget templates, modify them, and customize them to track your daily, weekly or monthly expenses. Learn formulas that can help you determine if you can afford to buy a car or house; or, when you’ll pay off your credit card based on the monthly amount you are currently paying. The options are endless... (This course is intended for people with some Excel experience.)

**Saturday, April 26, 9:15-11:15 AM**
*Harold B. Harris Computer Lab, Main Library*

**Presenter:** Jan Byrnes, an employee of the Fairfield Public Schools, has been teaching computer classes to rave reviews at the Library for many years.

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**Join the Revolution: Cut the Cord**
Frustrated paying high television bills? Want to know how nearly 20% of your friends and neighbors are accessing programming without cable or satellite? This workshop will give an overview of current choices for broadcast, live events, television series and film.

**Tuesday, April 29, 7:00 PM**
*Rotary Room, Main Library*

**Presenter:** Philip Bahr is a Reference Librarian at the Fairfield Public Library and a voracious television and film consumer. He has lived successfully without cable TV for over six years.

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**A Gift for Your Family: Making Your Wishes Known**
Do your children or other family members know what you want in the event of illness? The importance of having “Advance Directives” or “Health Care Instructions” and designating a health care proxy will be explained. Learn why you need to discuss with your family what happens if you need assistance and where you would want to live in that case, as well as the management of your finances. Feel good about the arrangements of your choosing.

**Wednesday, April 30, 7:00 PM**
*Memorial Room, Main Library*

**Presenter:** Greta Solomon, a principal and chair of Cohen and Wolf’s Trusts & Estates, Elder Law, and Tax Groups.

*REQUIRES REGISTRATION*
**Main Library**
1080 Old Post Road
Fairfield, CT 06824

**All programs are free and open to the public. Limited seating.**

Register online at www.fairfieldpubliclibrary.org, or call 203-256-3160.

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### Additional Resources

#### Over 200 Books
You can find these resources and many more in the Personal Finance section of the reference area at the Main Library:

- Market Upside Down: How to Invest Profitably in a Shrinking Economy (Tran)
- Managing Retirement Wealth: An Expert Guide to Personal Portfolio Management in Good Times and Bad (Jason)
- The Complete Idiot’s Guide to Stock Investing (Fisher & Shelly)
- What Color is Your Parachute? For Retirement: Planning a Prosperous, Healthy, and Happy Future (Nelson & Bolles)
- Protecting Your Parents’ Money: The Essential Guide to Helping Mom and Dad Navigate the Finances of Retirement (Opdyke)
- Social Security, Medicare and Government Pensions: Get the Most Out of Your Retirement & Medical Benefits (Matthews & Matthews Berman)

#### Magazines in Periodicals Reading Room at the Main Library

- Money
- Kiplinger’s
- Kiplinger’s Retirement Report
- Consumer Reports Money Adviser
- Benjamin Shepherd’s Wall Street

#### Databases (Fairfield Public Library card required)

- Business Insights: Essentials
- Consumer Reports/Money
- Morningstar Investment Research Center
- Standard & Poor’s NetAdvantage
- Value Line Research Center

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### Financial Education Resources

#### The Department of Banking’s mission
is to protect users of financial services from unlawful or improper practices by requiring that regulated entities and individuals adhere to the law, assuring the safety and soundness of state-chartered banks and credit unions, educating and communicating with the public and other stakeholders, and promoting cost-efficient and effective regulation.

www.ct.gov/dob/site/default.asp

#### The Office of the State Treasurer
aims to improve the financial literacy of Connecticut residents. Financial education programs and related links are provided on their web site.

www.state.ct.us/ott/financialeducationoverview.htm

#### The Connecticut Partnership for Long-Term Care
is a program of the Office of Policy and Management. The Connecticut Partnership provides public forums and programming on long-term care and protection of your assets/investments.

www.ct.gov/opm/cwp/view.asp?a=2995&q=383408

#### The Connecticut Money School (ctmoney.org) is a project of the Connecticut Association for Human Services (www.cahs.org) and five nonprofit partners. They provide free financial education classes for adults and seniors with topics such as Debt, Saving, Credit, Loans, Homeownership and Senior Issues. They also have a free, online financial education program called “Financial Avenue” that teaches adults and young adults the keys to financial success.

For those interested in children’s financial education, the ‘Money as You Grow’ website has age-appropriate financial lessons and activities for each age group.

www.moneasyougrow.org

For additional resources, please visit this website for a wealth of information:

http://tinyurl.com/k7gc75

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### Podcasts

Please visit fairfieldpubliclibrary.org to listen to podcasts from some of the 48 presentations of past financial events at the Library. Programs include topics such as: Budgeting, Medicare, Social Security, Wills and Trusts, Long-Term Care Planning, IRAs, 401Ks, 457s, Couponing, Stock Market Basics, Advanced Investment Products and Techniques, Quicken, Mortgage/Housing Options, Portfolio Management, Banking Basics, Using Credit Wisely to Keep Debt Under Control, Choosing a Financial Planner, Advanced Estate Planning and Wills, and Personal Finances as You Near Retirement.

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