LIFELONG LEARNING

Friends and Foundation of the San Francisco Library maintains the Lifelong Learning Fund that designates $200,000 in annual program support for Library programs that empower residents to enrich and advance their lives.

ADULT LITERACY AND LEARNING

Project Read for Adult Literacy
- One-on-one instruction by trained volunteers in person and online
- Classes and workshops to improve essential reading and writing skills

English as a Second Language Programs
- One-on-one language tutoring by trained volunteers in-person and online.
- ESL *Convo Club* weekly online sessions empower learners to practice together, regardless of language of origin.

JOBS AND CAREERS

The Bridge at the Main is an in-person service center on the 5th floor that hosts programming onsite and online. Technology classes in the computer lab teach everything from computer comfort, coding and use of Office, Google, and Adobe suites. It also houses Career Online High School, Project Read/ESL adult literacy programs, and the Veterans Resource Center, hosting over 500 programs serving 5,000 patrons each year.

Work It! provides a combination of in-person and online support services in career development and personal finance. A partial representation of programming includes:

- Resume Writing Essentials
- Building Your LinkedIn Profile
- 50+ Job Search Strategies
- Interview Skills
- How to Apply to Public Service Positions
- Financial Management Essentials
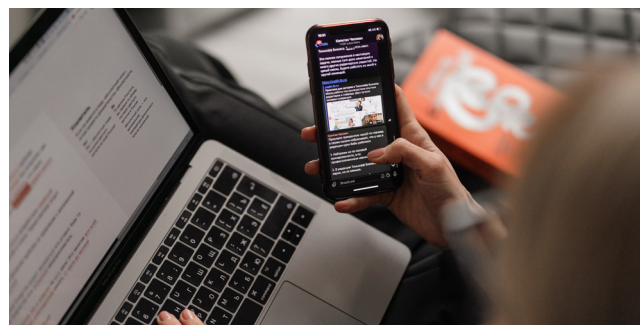
ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Career Online High School allows California residents aged 19 and older to earn an accredited high school diploma and career certification online. COHS is available via the internet at SFPL and at home 24 hours a day, with additional in-person support at The Bridge. Since its inception in 2015, 69 students have earned their high school diplomas.

The Small Business Center in the Main Library meets the needs of entrepreneurs with materials for planning, financing, operating, and marketing a small business. Staff and information services provide help with:

- Business Databases
- Business Start-up Resources
- Common Law Trademark Sources
- Market Research Resources
- Restaurant business information

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TECHNOLOGY ACCESS AND LEARNING

Digital Inclusion. All SFPL technology programming promotes a citywide initiative to reduce the digital divide. Programs target seniors and low-income patrons with limited access to technology resources and opportunities for skill-building. Virtually all print collections in more than 30 languages are available for download on personal phones and reading devices, along with free digital streaming and learning applications through the SFPL website 24 hours a day. Free digital applications include:

- 12 for audiobooks (including Chinese, classic books, and tech specializations)
- 11 for digital magazines and newspapers
- 2 for movie streaming
- 8 for music streaming
- 14 for e-learning (job skills, homework, second language, and even the DMV driving test)
- 5 for online exhibits, image galleries, and historical photos

Free WIFI Network. The Library is a lifeline for those who do not have internet access at home or data plans they can afford. A strong and reliable internet connection, computers, printers, scanners, and assistance are available during all service hours at 28 locations.
- 13,000 patrons use the Library's WIFI daily
- 150 patrons use computer stations every hour

Tech Time! is a state-of-the art curriculum of in-person and online classes for learning and thriving with new technology skills. Programs include:

- Basics of PCs and Macs
- Computer Skills Quick-Start
- Using Google Docs
- Microsoft Word Suite
- Useful websites for everyday life
- Managing Photos on your Mac

ALL ARE WELCOME IMMIGRATION AND CITIZEN RESOURCES
- **Know Your Rights** provides resources, hands-on workshops, and counseling on immigrant rights and applying for amnesty, residency, and citizenship. It also helps residents register to vote and access city services and benefits.
- **Citizen Resources** help residents apply for naturalization and pass the USCIS interview. Resources include practice materials for the citizenship exam and referrals to local organizations that provide legal and social support.