

Microbusiness Center

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The Microbusiness Center at the Akron-Summit County Public Library provides accessible business training, educational resources and individualized direction to business owners, entrepreneurs and students.

Free Co-Working Space

The co-working space is free to use and open during regular library hours. The space can be open as early as 8 am.

The open, modern work-space is 1000 square feet with free Wi-Fi, mobile furniture, standing workstations, white board, projector, copier/scanner and enclosed meeting room.

An application & orientation are required to use the co-working space. Call or text Linda Hale for information at 330-802-0839.



Maker Space

Design Computers equipped with Adobe Creative Cloud are available. Also available:

- 3D printer
- Laser printer/engraver for glass, metal, plastic, wood, cork, canvas, rubber and leather
- Vinyl printer produces banners, signage and window decals
- Media-Transfer Station
- Recording Studio
- Photo-Studio in a Box
- Green Screen
- Photo Printer
- Button/Magnet Maker
- Sewing Machine
- Silhouette
- Computer Training
- Passports
- Notary

Equipment is free to use. A materials/document fee may be required. Call the TechZone@Main for more information at 330-643-9145.



Business Training

Intellectual Property & Patent Workshops-330-643-9075

Computer Classes-330-643-9145

Business Research & Non-Profit Workshops -330-643-9020

Caffeinated Ideas & Business Model Canvas Engagement Sessions-Register at Eventbrite or text 330-802-0839

Business, Arts and Community resource agencies often teach additional classes and workshops in the Microbusiness Center.

Call or Text Linda Hale for information at 330-802-0839.

Classes, Workshops and Meetings Schedule

January-June 2018 – Call Linda Hale for details 330-802-0839

Business Research Essentials

10:15 am-Noon, Computer Lab—330-643-9020

Only 12 spaces available per session. Register through Eventbrite or call B&G.

Saturday, February 3

Saturday, April 7

Saturday, June 2

Non-Profit Series

9:30-11 am, Meeting Rooms—330-643-9020

Finding Grants: Tuesday, February 13, 9:30 – 11 am

Proposal Writing and Budgets: Tuesday, March 20, 9:30 – Noon

Fundraising Planning: Tuesday, April 17, 9:30 – 11 am

Introduction to Intellectual Property

6:30-7:30 pm, Meeting Rooms—330-643-9075

Tuesday, January 9

Tuesday, February 6

Tuesday, March 6

Tuesday, April 10

Tuesday, May 8

Tuesday, June 12

Introduction to Patents & Patent Searching

10:15 am-Noon Meeting Rooms—330-643-9075

Saturday, January 13

Saturday, February 10

Saturday, March 10

Saturday, April 14

Saturday, May 12

Business Etiquette for Small Businesses

Sunday, March 11, 1:30-3 pm, Meeting Room 3

Learn skills that are useful in maintaining and growing your business.

Business Etiquette 101 - Information for Your Professional Career

Wednesday, March 14, 6-7:30 pm, Meeting Room 3

Invest in yourself and learn skills that benefit you whether you are beginning your professional career or are looking to advance.

Register with the Business & Government Division, 330-643-9020.

Akron Inventors' Club – 6-7:30 pm in the Meeting Rooms—330-643-9075
Second Thursday of each month

Caffeinated Ideas – 10-11am in the Microbusiness Center—330-802-0839
Second Tuesday of each month

Business Model Canvas Engagement Sessions – in the **Microbusiness Center**—330-802-0839
Second Tuesday of each month – 11:30 am-12:30 pm
Third Saturday of each month – 10:15 am-Noon

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