

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

In addition to design computers equipped with Adobe Creative Cloud the following equipment is available:

- 3D printer
- Laser engraver for glass, wood, cork, canvas and leather
- Vinyl printer produces banners, signage and window decals
- Heat press
- Media-transfer station
- Recording studio
- Photo-Studio in a Box
- Green Screen
- Photo printer
- Button/Magnet maker
- Sewing machine
- Embroidery machine
- Silhouette
- Computer training
- Notary

Most (but not all) equipment is free to use. For additional information about costs and appointments, please call the TechZone@Main 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

July-December 2017 – Call Linda Hale for details 330-802-0839

Business Research Essentials

Saturdays in Computer Lab

10:15 am-Noon—330-643-9020

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

August 5, September 9, October 7, November 4

Non-Profit Series

Wednesdays in Meeting Rooms—330-643-9020

Please note: Space is limited. Please register by calling 216-861-1933, Extension 325

September 6, 2017, 9:30 am - 11 am

—Introduction to Finding Grants

September 27, 2017, 9:30 am - 11:30 am

—Introduction to Proposal Writing and Project Budgeting

October 18, 9:30 am – 11 am

—Introduction to Fundraising Planning

Introduction to Intellectual Property

Tuesdays in Meeting Rooms

6:30-7:30 pm—330-643-9075

August 15, September 12, October 17, December 5

Introduction to Patents & Patent Searching

Saturdays in Meeting Rooms

10:15 am-Noon —330-643-9075

August 19, September 16, October 21, December 9

Ask a Patent Attorney

Mondays, 6-8 pm—330-643-9075

Registration begin 30 days before event. Please come to the Science & Technology Division on the first floor to begin your session.

August 7, November 6

Akron Inventors' Club – 6-7:30 pm in the Meeting Rooms—330-643-9075

Second Thursday of each month. Doors open at 5:30 pm for refreshments and networking.

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.

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