

From the Director's Desk....

When you think about the educational institutions in your community, remember that the library is one of them. We seek to serve a wide range of life-long learners from babies to the oldest residents, who have not been in a school classroom for over half of their lives.

What is it that the library offers that other institutions do not? Of course, it is expected that we provide books, videos, CD's, story times, summer reading programs, book discussion groups and more.

The Hershey Public Library also provides some great online resources that you may not know about, but will find very useful and interesting. Check into the following:

Gale Courses: A collection of over 300 courses taught by highly qualified instructors, the *Gale Courses*, are the library's newest online educational tool. The courses introduce or update skills and refresh knowledge in Accounting and Finance, Business, Computer Applications, Design and Composition, Healthcare and Medical, Language and Arts, Law and Legal, Personal Development, Teaching and Education, Technology, and Writing and Publishing.

LegalForms Library: Access legal online documents you can customize. No special skill or extensive knowledge of the law is required. The topics range from Adoption to Workers Compensation, containing guidelines and forms for just about everything from self written wills to do it yourself copyrighting.

Career Transitions: Find help to create resumes, on writing cover letters and applying for positions. Interactive interview practice help. Discover career interests and explore growing career paths. Find education and training.

These are just a few of the great resources available to our community members. I encourage you to take a look at them when you have a question or need. They are all free for your use as long as you have your library card number and (possibly) your pin number available. If the login requires a pin, stop in at the library or call to get one assigned to your account.

Have fun learning more each day at the Hershey Public Library!

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