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RICHLAND LIBRARY OFFERS VIRTUAL BUSINESS RESOURCES

Small Businesses, Entrepreneurs & Job Seekers to Receive Local Support

Columbia, SC- While the coronavirus pandemic is impacting the public health of Americans across the country, it's also triggering economic concerns.

During these uncertain times, **Richland Library is communicating and offering support to small businesses, entrepreneurs and job seekers in our community in the following ways:**

- The library is **launching a [new online service](#)**. Customers can choose from a variety of options, based on their unique circumstances, to find trusted information on loans, unemployment benefits and more.
- **Each week**, the library is **hosting a virtual meeting with local business leaders** to identify growing needs and discuss accessible resources.
- With help from Midlands Technical College, the library is **training nearly 20 employees to become certified career coaches by the end of May 2020**, adding to the dozen certified career coaches that the library already has on staff.
- Certified career coaches are **interacting with customers through virtual, one-on-one appointments** by visiting us [online](#) or calling any [library location](#). These one-on-one appointments **also extend to the library's entrepreneur-in-residence, Kimico Myers**. Learn more about Myers' business experience [here](#).
- Lastly, the library is **connecting entrepreneurs and small businesses with a dedicated [Facebook group](#)** to bounce ideas off each other, ask questions and find useful tools.

For questions, please contact Emily Stoll at 803-587-3637 or email estoll@richlandlibrary.com.



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About Richland Library

Awarded the National Medal in 2017 by the Institute of Museum and Library Services, Richland Library is a vibrant, contemporary organization that provides resources and information that advance the Midlands. Offering state-of-the-art technology, a variety of literary and cultural programs and 13 bustling facilities located throughout the county, Richland Library provides a truly customizable, modern library experience for residents and visitors alike.

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