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LA County Library Receives Funding from Supervisor Janice Hahn for Workforce Support Workshop Series

*This Pandemic-Era Program Will Be Offered Virtually, with Laptops & Wireless Hotspots
Supplied to Participants at 20 Libraries*

LA County Library has received funding from Los Angeles County Supervisor Janice Hahn to develop a new virtual workforce support workshop series that will complement existing, ongoing virtual programming focused on skills for jobseekers.

The COVID-19 pandemic has caused LA County to enter unprecedented times, including considerable job losses, with unemployment numbers hitting record highs. The goal of the workforce support workshop series is to help individuals—especially in communities impacted by high unemployment and with low internet connectivity—by providing both technological resources and learning support, enabling them to successfully reenter the workforce.

The program will consist of six 6-week virtual workshop series conducted by expert presenters, with the first beginning in December 2020. Up to 200 people will be able to participate in each 6-week workshop, and will receive valuable tools and information to expand their skill sets and strengthen their job-seeking efforts, including resume writing and interviewing skills. Participants will have to register for the full 6-week series and borrow a Chromebook laptop and a wireless hotspot kit from the Library, for the duration of the program, to ensure internet connectivity. The kit will also include supporting materials such as books, a planner, notebook, and headphones.

The kits will be available from the following 20 participating libraries: Charter Oak, Compton, East Los Angeles, East Rancho Dominguez, Florence, Graham, Hawaiian Gardens, La Puente, Lake Los Angeles, Lancaster, Lennox, Little Rock, Los Nietos, Norwalk, Rosemead, San Fernando, South Whittier, Topanga, Willowbrook, and Woodcrest.

“We are truly grateful to Supervisor Hahn for providing these funds to ensure that our communities, especially underserved communities, have equitable access to the resources they need at this crucial time,” said Library Director Skye Patrick. “Our hope is that this Workforce Support Workshop Series can help our job-seeking customers to re-tool for the new work environment, further defining the Library as a Center for Learning, even when virtual.”

More information regarding registration for the workshop series will be released later this winter, as details are confirmed.

About LA County Library

Founded in 1912, LA County Library is one of the largest and most innovative library systems in the US. It offers free public resources including books, music, multimedia materials, computer and internet access, and educational and recreational services to 3.4 million residents across 3,000 square miles through its 86 libraries and mobile fleet of 18 vehicles, including 3 Bookmobiles, 6 MākMōs (maker mobiles), 1 Reading Machine, and 8 outreach vehicles. LA County Library is dedicated to reducing barriers and increasing access to and equity of public services for all. To learn more, visit [LACountyLibrary.org](https://www.lacountylibrary.org) and follow @LACountyLibrary on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).

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