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LA County Library Continues *Work Ready* Program to Enhance Job-Readiness *Borrow a Laptop, Build Job Skills, and Get Ready to Work*

LOS ANGELES COUNTY (February 8, 2021)— LA County Library announces the continuation of its *Work Ready* series, a workforce development program launched in December, designed for Library customers who are looking to build job skills or discover new career opportunities, but who lack the device or internet connection to make it happen.

The pandemic has created new challenges for those in the workforce and those looking to reenter it. Customers who are interested in *Work Ready* can enroll in a 6-week session, offered several times throughout 2021. Participants will borrow a Chromebook laptop and Wi-Fi hotspot from one of 20 participating libraries for the duration of the session, to help them in their job and career goals.

The Library is also providing weekly virtual *Work Ready* programs, covering topics ranging from writing cover letters and interviewing, to identifying high-growth careers and working from home. The webinars, conducted by special guest presenters and LA County Library staff, provide valuable tools and information to individuals seeking to expand their skill sets.

The program, which is partially funded by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, has a strong focus on helping individuals reenter the workforce, especially those who reside in areas heavily impacted by high unemployment and the digital divide.

“The dynamics of the employment landscape have drastically and quickly changed due to the pandemic” said Library Director Skye Patrick. “By providing our customers with the necessary equipment and job resources to adjust to the new work environment, we are helping to level the playing field and can better prepare them to reach their goals.”

The next session starts February 16. Customers can register now to borrow a laptop and Wi-Fi hotspot and enroll in the *Work Ready* program. Equipment loans are available on a first-come, first served basis.

For more information or to sign up for *Work Ready*, visit LACountyLibrary.org/Work-Ready

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 and follow @LACountyLibrary on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).

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