

**Farmington Area Public Library District  
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**Farmington Area Public Library District Announces Economic Development Activities**

The Farmington Area Public Library District is excited to announce a group of activities designed to promote community economic development and invites the public to discover that the library is “Open for Business” and ready to help with the business community’s informational needs.

The Smart Investing @ Your Library Van will be at the library Tuesday, June 17<sup>th</sup> from Noon till 3:00 PM. The van, provided by the Alliance Library System, will include educational materials on investing, retirement planning, and more. The public is invited to visit the van and learn about available resources. The Smart Investing coordinator will be on hand to help find all kinds of personal finance information.

The library has also posted an “Economic Development Resource” webpage with an array of community and state information of interest to business people. The webpage serves as a launching point for new and established local entrepreneurs. The webpage can be found at [www.farmingtonpublic.org/economic\\_development.htm](http://www.farmingtonpublic.org/economic_development.htm)

Along with the webpage, the library has purchased a collection of up-to-date business and personal finance books and created a helpful carry-away handout for those who are interested in business on-the-go.

The library district is one of ten rural libraries partnering with Western Illinois University, the Illinois Institute of Rural Affairs, and the Alliance Library System in a grant-funded program “Expanding the Entrepreneurial Role for Rural Libraries.” Grant funds provided a computer, electronic resources, and training to assist the community in obtaining quality business information. Funding for the grant is provided by the Library Services and Technology Act and administered through the Illinois Office of the Secretary of State.