

## Libraries and Financial Literacy

Libraries can help citizens become informed consumers and guide individuals, small businesses, and other organizations to contribute to the economic vitality of their community through innovation, entrepreneurship, and economic development.

### Financial Literacy in Action

In Philadelphia, the library partnered with a local Consumer Credit Counseling Service to offer *Financially Hers*. A series of five workshops, the program was designed to support financial empowerment for women. The topics included budgeting, spending habits, saving for retirement, understanding insurance, and understanding credit scores.

In the borough of Dover, the library and the Community Progress Council provide a free *Homebuyer Education Class* where area experts provide information on real estate and house hunting; mortgages and finances; credit reports; and available local grants that help pay for down payments and closing costs.

Additional examples can be found on the PA Forward | Pennsylvania Libraries website, [www.paforward.org](http://www.paforward.org).

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