



Manatee County Public Library System

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Small Business Resources

At the Library

Business Conference Room @ Central Library

This collaborative space provides businesses with a semi-private room (up to 10 people) for meeting with colleagues and for trainings (no sales use). It is equipped with a whiteboard and large display monitor that can be hooked up to a laptop for presentations. [currently closed due to COVID]

Magazine and Reference Collection

The library subscribes to several business periodicals, in print and electronically. Find current and back issues of *The Economist*, *Forbes*, *Bloomberg Businessweek*, and others in print at several library locations. More titles are available electronically via the databases and apps listed below. The reference and non-fiction collections at the Central Library include books and indexes related to business, manufacturing, and finance.

Online Resources from the Library

Business Collection: Articles from academic journals and trade magazines on all business disciplines, including accounting, economics, finance, marketing, management and strategy, as well as business theory and practice.

Business Insights: Authoritative company and industry information, including investment research, SWOT analyses, corporate histories, market and industry research reports, and articles from *Market Share Reporter* and *Business Rankings Annual*. Also financial reports of publicly traded U.S. companies, from Thomson Reuters.

DemographicsNow: Reports on any geographical area with information such as income, housing, race, age, education, retail spending, consumer expenditures, businesses and more.

Hoopla: Browse the non-fiction business eBooks and eAudiobooks section to locate over 1000s of items on business-related topics that can be instantly downloaded to your computer or Hoopla app. Includes several titles from *Harvard Business Review* and *Business Plans Handbooks*.

Lynda.com: Video courses on business, management, productivity, technology, software and more

Mergent Intellect: Industry profiles, market research and demographics, key business ratios, and business look-up. Create mailing lists or potential business client lists for neighborhoods, zip codes, cities, or states. Powered by Hoover's™, a Dun & Bradstreet Solution.

NewsBank: *Access Business News* offers articles from over 530 business journals and newswires.

OverDrive: eBooks and eAudiobooks. Search 'business' and locate 100s of items on business-related topics that can be instantly downloaded to your computer, Kindle, or Libby app.

Small Business Collection: 120 recent full-text journals and magazines tailored to those interested in small businesses. Content includes tips, strategies and success stories.

Entrepreneurship Center: Sample business plans, articles related to how to start and manage a business, directories of information by business type or topic, and trustworthy websites.

Florida and National Websites

Small Business USA: Articles and training videos on the latest governmental regulations, financing opportunities, starting a business, and exporting goods. usa.gov/business

Business Licensing in Florida: Florida Department of Business & Professional Regulation www.myfloridalicense.com/dbpr. Florida Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services www.fdacs.gov

Florida Small Business: Assessment tools, analysis templates, worksheets, how-to articles, and links for local Florida information and resources. www.floridatrend.com/small-business

Manatee-Sarasota Virtual Entrepreneur Center: A directory of services and resources for entrepreneurs on topics ranging from franchising to green, by The Corridor (UCF, USF, UF) www.flvec.com/manatee

OpenMyFloridaBusiness.gov: From the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation, this portal has interactive checklists for starting your specific business in Florida. openmyfloridabusiness.gov

U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA): Information and tutorials for financing your business, writing a business plan, obtaining business licenses, and more www.sba.gov Includes recovery resources for COVID

Local Resources

Bradenton Area Economic Development Corporation: Services and statistical information to help businesses succeed in Bradenton. Includes COVID-19 resources bradentonareaedc.com
Lakewood Ranch at the McClure Center, 4215 Concept Court, Bradenton (941) 803-9030

Connect Bradenton: Collaborative workspace, office and conference room rental, networking and training opportunities, event space connectbradenton.com 1201 6th Ave W, Bradenton (941) 822-8722

Downtown Development Authority: serves as the Advisory Board to the CRA for the 14th Street Community Redevelopment Area and the Bradenton Community Redevelopment Area.
<https://cityofbradenton.com/downtowndev> Program Administrator Karen Kyser (941) 932-9440

Manatee Chamber of Commerce: Information and opportunities to establish business in Manatee County. manateechamber.com 222 10th St. W., Bradenton (941) 748-3411 RecoverManatee.com: COVID-19 info

Manatee County Redevelopment and Economic Opportunity Division: County resource for economic incentives, impact fees, and job creation. 1112 Manatee Ave W., Bradenton (941) 749-3029
www.mymanatee.org/recovermanatee: resources for business recovery related to COVID-19

Manasota SCORE: Free business mentoring, local and online workshops and seminars, podcasts, templates, tools, and tips. manasota.score.org 2801 Fruitville Road Suite 280, Sarasota (941) 955-1029

Florida Small Business Development Center at USF: Free consulting services and training. Website has templates and information on financing, business plans, disaster preparedness, and more.
sbdctampabay.com/manasota 1112 Manatee Ave. E, Suite 300, Bradenton (941) 748-4501 ext. 6201

Spark Growth: Entrepreneur services, including the Station 2 Innovation business incubator at 912 7th Ave East, Bradenton, FL 34208 sparkgrowth.net CEO: Sara Hand, sara@sparkgrowth.net, (941) 228-4033

THRIVE: Sarasota-based business accelerator and co-working space. Affiliated with CareerSource. Contact: Michael Meerman michael@thriveinsrq.com

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