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**SURVIVING THE RECESSION WITH THE HELP OF YOUR LIBRARY**  
***New Online Tools Help Make Finding a Job and Saving Money a Little Easier***

Your library is a key resource to help you and your family weather the current recession. Providing resources to assist people through difficult times is an important service that libraries perform for their patrons on a daily basis. In an effort to further consolidate available information for job seekers and anyone else feeling the impact of the current recession, the Delaware Division of Libraries has launched two useful and easily-navigated web sites which can be accessed from anywhere, including your local public library.

“Public libraries are essential to the community, and their reach goes far beyond the buildings, themselves,” says Secretary of State Jeffrey W. Bullock. “Our Delaware libraries are using technology to better inform the public and to further strengthen the community through access to information and services.”

At the Virtual Career Center (<http://guides.lib.de.us/careercenter>), users are introduced to helpful job-related books that can be borrowed from public libraries across the state for free using a library card. Tips on resume writing and interviewing are provided, as are links to various employment databases. In addition, the Virtual Career Center presents links to selected quality resources with information for disabled individuals, senior citizens, African Americans, the GLBT community, ex-offenders, and other groups that encounter specific issues in seeking employment.

Another guide, entitled “Recession Resources,” (<http://guides.lib.de.us/recession>) offers a much broader menu to users. As an extension of Delaware’s library resources, this online guide gathers references in one place to take some of the stress out of locating valuable information. The site provides links to social service and aid organizations, state and local government agencies, and other organizations that provide assistance to those struggling economically and for anyone trying to save money. All Delawareans can benefit from the tips on lowering energy, food, and other costs.

Additional resources will continue to be added to both guides. For more information on Delaware libraries and the Division of Libraries, please visit [www.lib.de.us](http://www.lib.de.us) or [www.state.lib.de.us](http://www.state.lib.de.us).

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