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### Library helps Hamilton County residents improve their careers with new series of free workshops

In support of Ohio's commitment to public libraries as "continuous learning centers" and an important piece of workforce development, the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County launched a series of job and career readiness workshops to provide Hamilton County residents with the resources they need to contribute to a growing work force.



In September, the Library, in partnership with Ohio Means Jobs, launched the Find Your Future Career Workshop Series at the Corryville, Reading and Westwood Branch Libraries. Workshops expanded to the Groesbeck and College Hill Branch Libraries in January 2017. In February, the Library was honored as a Super Outreach Partner by The Southwest Ohio Region Workforce Investment Board (SWORWIB) for the series.

“The Library is a great place for work-related resources, even if you already have a job,” says Paula Brehm-Heeger, Chief Strategy and Technology Officer. “We’re really focused on offering these types of workshops because they align with our strategic plan, and we’re grateful for the support we’ve received from government agencies and the community.”

Additionally, the Library and Ohio Means Jobs has collaborated with Job and Family Services to add workshops focused on “Breaking Barriers.” The Breaking Barriers series, offered at the Mt. Healthy and North Central Branch Libraries, provide those with criminal records information on how to overcome barriers associated with employment.

Another round of the Find Your Future Career Workshop Series will be offered at the Bond Hill, Covedale and Norwood Branch Libraries in April. Topics include career assessment, application and resume assistance, interactive mock interviewing and business etiquette. Registration for these workshops is free and open to the public.

For more information about the Library’s commitment to workforce development, visit [CincinnatiLibrary.org](http://CincinnatiLibrary.org) or call 513-369-6900.

#### About The Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County

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