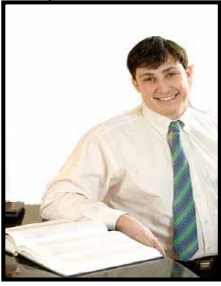


Business Plans



Are you starting a new business and need to write a business plan? Is it time to review your old business plan? Do you need some tips? Here is a list of business plan web sites that cover the basics and provide tips to improve your business plan writing style.

- **BizToolkit HillSource. JHill Library**

<http://www.biztoolkit.org/>

A free gateway to business and nonprofit tools, databases and research resources to help your company/nonprofit begin, grow or mature. Information and free articles on marketing, branding, naming, financing, etc. Use "Free Access" link.

- **Bplans**

www.bplans.com

Bplans.com contains a collection of free sample business plans online. It also has helpful tools and tips for creating business plans, practical advice on planning, interactive tools, and a panel of experts who provides answers to common questions.

- **Entrepreneur Magazine**

www.entrepreneur.com/bizstartups/

More than just an online version of the popular magazine, this site is full of ideas and examples for business planning and startups.

- **My Own Business**

www.myownbusiness.org

This nonprofit offers a free online course that includes a section on business plans. The site also has free, downloadable forms and business plan templates. Join a business forum or receive a free newsletter.

- **SCORE Business Toolbox**

www.score.org/business_toolbox.html

SCORE "Counselors to America's Small Business" is a source of free and confidential small business advice from idea to start-up to success. The SCORE Business Toolbox site offers many links including a business plan template gallery.

- **Small Business Administration - Business Plan Basics**

www.sba.gov/starting_business/planning/basic.html

This SBA web site takes you through every step of your business start-up.

- **Small Business Development Center- Larimer County**

www.sbdclarimer.com/

Our local SDBC offers business-planning classes, entitled "Planning for Success." These half-day classes are invaluable for their expertise and hands-on help. Check out the full schedule for other small business classes

- **Small Business Resource Center**

<http://poudrelibraries.org/research/databases.html#business>

A library database covering major areas of starting and operating a business. Search and browse sample business plans, how-to articles, overviews, and directories. Includes an index to over 200 business and trade journals.

- **Writing a Business Plan**

www.inc.com/guides/write_biz_plan/

Inc. Magazine provides two guides to business plans. One is an in-depth look at each section of a plan, the other is a guide to quickly building and improving a business plan.

Books – Poudre River Public Library District – Business and Nonprofit Center

- Barrow, Colin. The complete small business guide : a sourcebook for new and small businesses. Chichester : Capstone, 2006. 658.022 Barrow, C. 2006 MAIN Nonfiction
- Crouch, Holmes F. Before Starting a Business Saratoga, CA : Allyear Tax Guides, c2006 MAIN Nonfiction 343.73068 Crouch, H. 2006
- Harvard Business Essentials: Entrepreneur's Toolkit Boston: Harvard Business School Press, c2005. MAIN and HARMONY Nonfiction 658.11 Harvard 2005
- How to Start a Business in Colorado Entrepreneur Press. Irvine, CA : Entrepreneur Press, 2003. MAIN Bus. Ref. 658.11 How 2007
- Pinson, Linda. Steps to small business start-up : everything you need to know to turn your idea into a successful business / Chicago, IL : Kaplan Pub., c2006. Main, Harmony and Council Tree: 658.111 Pinson, L. 2006
- Strauss, Steven D., 1958- The small business bible [sound recording] : everything you need to know to succeed in your small business Prince Frederick, MD : Recorded Books, [2007]. 658.022 Strauss, S. [2007] MAIN Audio Book and NetLibrary.
- The Unofficial Guide to Starting a Business Online Jason R. Rich. Hoboken, NJ : Wiley Pub., c2006. MAIN Nonfiction 654.040285 Rich, J. 2006

Downloadable Audio Books:

Poudre River Public Library District NetLibrary
<http://poudrelibraries.org/research/databases.html#books>

The Entrepreneur Starter Kit: Expert Insights into Small Business Success! Your Coach in a Box (eAudiobook) by Lyn Christian. Prince Frederick, MD: Recorded Books, 2006.

You Need to be a Little Crazy: Your Coach in a Box (eAudiobook—Unabridged) by Barry J. Moltz, Barry J. Boulder, CO: Recorded Books, 2007.

For more information ... on starting and growing your business, go to the Poudre River Public Library District Business and Nonprofit webpage: <http://library.fcgov.com/adult/business/> .

Keep <http://www.biztoolkit.org> and <http://www.sba.gov> as your Google favorites!!

Any questions?
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