



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. **Highly Recommended**

- **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. Be sure to go make www.sba.gov one of your favorites. **Highly recommended**

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

www.sdbc-larimer.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. Register online.

- **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

- Barringer, Bruce. Preparing effective business plans: an entrepreneurial approach. Prentice Hall 2009. 684.4012 Business 2009 684.401 Barringer, B. 2009
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- Crouch, Holmes F. Before starting a business Saratoga, CA : Allyear Tax Guides, c2006 343.73068 Crouch, H. 2006
- Hitz, Dave. How to castrate a bull : unexpected lessons on risk, growth, and success in business. San Francisco: Jossey-Bass, c2009 658.401 Hitz, D. 2009
- How to Start a Business in Colorado Entrepreneur Press. Irvine, CA. Entrepreneur Press, 2007. Bus. Ref. 658.11 How 2007
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- Pakroo, Peri H. The small business start-up kit. Berkeley, Calif. Nolo, 2010. 346.730652 Pakroo, P. 2010
- Peterson, Steven D., et.al. Business plans kit for dummies Hoboken, N.J. : Wiley Pub., c2010 658.4012 Peterson, S. 2010
- The Unofficial Guide to Starting a Business Online Jason R. Rich. Hoboken, NJ : Wiley Pub., c2006. 654.040285 Rich, J. 2006

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

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

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Economic Gardening
General Business Questions – “How Do I?”
General Investment Questions – “How Do I?”
Industry Information
Industry Information in Ten Steps
Information Sources for Business Startup
Information Sources for Nonprofits
Investment Research Online and Free
Legal Structure of a Business
Library and Online Resources to Help with Your Business Plan
Marketing Research and Resources
Marketing Research Online and Free
Social Entrepreneurship
Ten Most FAQ About Starting a Business in Colorado

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