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The Community Engagement and Resources Program Newsletter

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E-Government & Job Resources



Statewide portal for county and local resources, organized by county.

Let's Chat: Community Check-In!

Each month, I pose a question about community engagement that I hope you will respond to. This month's question is:

What gardening, canning or seed library partnerships are in place at your library or are currently being developed?

I welcome the opportunity to help other libraries develop these same partnerships, or make them aware of resources that might be useful to them. The Community Engagement program exists to help tell and share library stories; but the program also serves as a resource to assist library staff with identifying and building potential partnerships and initiatives related to community engagement. Any suggestions or recommendations will be well-received. I look forward to hearing from you!



Career and job resources from the Florida Electronic Library.

Tax Scam Awareness

Tax season is the time when tax scams are the most prevalent. The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) reminds taxpayers to avoid “ghost” tax return preparers. Ghost preparers are people who don’t sign tax returns they have prepared and submitted on a taxpayer’s behalf. This results in their tax return being incomplete, with the taxpayer ultimately held responsible.



The IRS offers a [directory](#) of vetted Federal Tax Return Preparers, as well as [more information](#) on ghost preparers.

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Financial Literacy: Your Money, Your Goals Toolkit



The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) provides the [Your Money, Your Goals](#) toolkit. The toolkit has information that helps improve financial literacy, such as how to order and fix credit reports, keep track of your income and bills, and avoid various scams.

Check out the CFPB website for [more information](#).

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Rebuild Florida Job Fairs

[Rebuild Florida](#) is a program of the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO), created to assist with Florida’s long-term recovery efforts from recent hurricanes. The program supports homeowners, small businesses and communities.



Rebuild Florida is holding [mobile pop-up application events](#) in various counties throughout Florida. These application events provide an opportunity for local homeowners with remaining damage from Hurricane Michael to begin applications for housing repair assistance from the program. No appointments are necessary.

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