**Business Resources at Mesa County Libraries**

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- Go to mesacountylibraries.org
- Hover your cursor over the eResources tab
- Click on Research Guides
- Click on Business. This will direct you to our Business Libguides where you can browse all business-related databases, local and national business resources, blogs, and recommended books available in the library catalog.

(If you already know the eResource database you want to use, from the library home page click on eResources and scroll down the alphabetical list, or use the letters as a shortcut to jump to the eResource you want.)

**Business Databases**

**Business Source Premier:** Allows you to research company profiles, industry profiles, market research, news articles, trade journal and special interest articles.

**Gale Business: Entrepreneurship:** Allows you to search a multitude of business-related topics and routes you to relevant publication articles, journals, and peer-reviewed documents that will aid you in your hunt for information. You can save desired articles, highlight important information, and take notes to stay well-organized during your business research.

**Gale Business: Plan Builder:** Provides a structured, “fill in the blank” format for you to formulate a logically structured business plan. This planning tool is useful for non-profits, new businesses, and experienced business owners.

**Legal Forms:** A wide variety of Colorado-specific and general US legal forms. This database goes beyond strictly legal forms and includes sample documents for a variety of applications (e.g., financial statements for an individual, personal property inventory, sample recommendation letters).

**Reference USA:** A great resource for compiling specific competitor information and potential consumer demographics. This resource can be used to create mailing lists to your desired geographic area, compile a phone and address list of competitor profiles, and help entrepreneurs to study comparative research within their industry.

**Universal Class:** Free college-level non-credit classes with a human instructor who provides timely feedback and grades. There are business topics and a wide range of other academic (for example, history) and non-academic (for example, aromatherapy) topics.
**Library services**

- **Book a Librarian:** Meet with a librarian one-on-one for 30 minutes to get assistance with research or technology questions. To arrange for an appointment, call the library (970-243-4442) or from the library website, click on Services and Book a Librarian. A librarian will contact you within a couple of days.

- **Ask-a-Librarian:** The library can also field reference or research questions by email. From the library website, select About Us and Contact Us.

- **Computer classes:** If you need to bolster your computer skills or learn to use popular software or websites, check out our computer classes. You can find a printout of these classes at your Mesa County Libraries or online. From the library website, select Services and Computer Classes.

- **Patent and trademark research assistance:** Mesa County Libraries is proud to say we are one of the few Patent and Trademark Research Centers (PTRC) in the entire state. If you’d like to more information regarding the patent or trademark application process and answers to patent and trademark related questions, please call (970-243-4442) or visit our website to set up an appointment. From the library website, select Services and PTRC.