

Community Resources

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Bankers can advise on financing options.

Certified Public Accountants can advise on business entity types and income tax consequences.

Lawyers can advise on potential liability issues.

National Organizations

National Association for the Self-Employed

www.nase.org
PO Box 612067
DFW Airport, TX 75261-2067
800.232.6273

Small Business Council of America

www.sbca.net
PO Box 2283
Wilmington, DE 19899
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Resources for Small Business Entrepreneurs

Starting a small business takes initiative, determination, research, and planning. The Satilla Regional Library System is dedicated to helping entrepreneurs with their information needs. This pamphlet provides an overview of resources available in print, online, and in the Satilla Regional Library community. Please contact us with questions or concerns you have as you begin your research. Good luck on starting your business!

Satilla Regional Library System

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www.srlsys.org

Books

How to Start a Business in Georgia, 5th edition (2008), Charles T. Robertson II and Mark Warda.

Includes information on preparing a business plan, laws specific to small business owners, the Internet, and taxes. Forms with step-by-step instructions are included.

Legal Forms for Starting & Running a Small Business, 5th edition (2008), Fred Steingold.

Includes forms related to forming a business, borrowing money, purchasing real estate, and hiring employees, among others. A CD-ROM is included.

Both titles are available at Satilla Regional Library.

Search for books with these **subject headings** in the library's online catalog (gapines.org):

small business	business enterprises
new business enterprises	self-employed

Or search for books with these **call numbers** in the nonfiction section of the library:

338	Entrepreneurs
338.6	Small Business
658	Management

Check both the nonfiction and reference sections at the library. Satilla Regional Library allows two-week checkout of the circulating collection. Reference materials may be checked out one hour before closing, and they are due when the library opens the next day. Ask the staff if you need assistance.

Online Resources

Business Owner's Toolkit, www.toolkit.com

This site developed by the company CCH, Inc. includes guides to planning, financing, and marketing a business as well as spreadsheet templates and government forms. Web-based seminars include "Finding Money to Start a Business" and "Small Business Tax Workshop." Free membership is required to access all resources.

Nolo Business & Human Resources Guide, www.nolo.com

This site created by the publisher of do-it-yourself legal guides includes articles on topics such as "Consulting & Contracting," "Ownership Structures," and "Making a Profit."

State of Georgia, www.georgia.gov

Click on the Business, Labor & Employment tab to access information on operating a business in Georgia. The state government provides links to register a business, file as a corporation, and obtain licenses.

U.S. Government, www.usa.gov/Business/Business_Gateway.shtml

The federal government provides data and statistics as well as information on laws and regulations, taxes, and financial assistance.

U.S. Small Business Administration, www.sbaonline.sba.gov

This site from an independent agency of the federal government provides planning assistance, information on financial assistance, and contact information for local resources. Free, self-paced Web courses include "How to Prepare a Business Plan" and "Retirement Planning."