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JobNow service helps prepare job seekers

Job seekers needing help with résumé or interview preparation, studying for the GED or U.S. Citizenship, or even help with reading, writing or math, can now get live expert help at the Stanislaus County Library. A new service called JobNow is available to anyone with a library card through www.stanislauslibrary.org.

“JobNow can help people in every step of the job search process,” said County Librarian Vanessa Czopek. “It not only provides needed information about jobs, but one-on-one help with everything from improving academic skills to acing the interview.”

The JobNow service offers personality assessments to help beginning job seekers pinpoint their desired career field, as well as résumé and cover letter samples, general and industry-specific sample interview questions, online resources, local job search websites, and more. Job seekers can get constructive suggestions on their own résumés, help in writing a professional cover letter and even get live interview practice and feedback.

Tutors are online seven days a week, from 1 to 10 p.m. Pacific Standard Time and they offer assistance in English and Spanish. If those times don't work, job seekers can submit their résumés at any time of day through the JobNow Résumé Lab and a job coach will send it back within 24 hours, with detailed feedback and suggestions for improvement.

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JobNow can be accessed from any computer with an Internet connection, including public computers at all 13 Stanislaus County Libraries, ReadingWorks and Alliance Worknet Career Resource Centers in Modesto, Oakdale, Turlock and Ceres. Two dedicated computers with longer time allowances are located at the ReadingWorks office inside the Modesto Library. Appointments to use the JobNow computers can be made by calling 558-4505 or visiting the ReadingWorks office Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The JobNow service is provided through a Library Services and Technology Act grant, administered by the California State Library. Locally, the program is offered through a partnership with the Stanislaus Literacy Center and Alliance Worknet.

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