



## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**“Financial Fitness Fair”  
Provides Free Money Management Advice  
Saturday, April 6, 10:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.  
at Central Library, 630 W. Fifth St.**

***Event launches “National Financial Literacy Month,” which continues with Library’s free “Money Matters” workshops & classes citywide in April***

A free Financial Fitness Fair featuring experts who will answer questions related to a wide range of money management issues will be held on Saturday, April 6, 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., at the Central Library, 630 W Fifth St., downtown. Among the topics addressed will be credit and debt, financial planning, banking, homeownership and education savings programs. Experts also will answer questions related consumer rights and applying for public benefits such as CalFresh and Medi-Cal. Tax experts will be available to assist with tax preparation; advance appointments are required for this service and can be made by calling 323-909-1975.

The Financial Fitness Fair is free and open to the public. It is presented by the Los Angeles Public Library (LAPL), the City’s Community Development Department (CDD) and more than 15 organizations.

The event launches “National Financial Literacy Month,” which will continue with a series of “Money Matters” workshops and classes at the Central Library and 72 branch libraries citywide. This is the third year of a citywide initiative to provide financial services and education to residents.

Workshops at the Financial Fitness Fair will cover a wide variety of topics including first-time home buying, education savings programs, debt consolidation, credit counseling, money management and avoiding fraud.

“The Los Angeles Public Library is committed to improving financial literacy throughout L.A. and is pleased to partner with the city, CDD and organizations to expand the reach and impact of our financial literacy initiative,” said City Librarian John F. Szabo. “Through this event and our new “Money Matters” program, residents can

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take advantage of the Library's free resources and learn to better manage their money, credit, investments and debt. People can also learn to avoid identity theft, protect their privacy, and steer clear of financial scams and fraud. Our goal is to make the library your one-stop shop for basic financial information, programming and instruction.”

In the past two years, more than 130 free workshops and classes on a variety of financial topics have been held at the Los Angeles Public Library

The Financial Fitness Fair is sponsored by the LAPL, CDD, the County's Department of Public Social Services, the Internal Revenue Service, Koreatown Youth & Community Center, East LA Community Corp., ClearPoint Credit Counseling, Bank of the West, Citibank, Union Bank, US Bank and many others.

Los Angeles Public Library serves the largest and most diverse population of any library in the United States through its Central Library, 72 branch libraries, and Web-based services accessed at [www.lapl.org](http://www.lapl.org).

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