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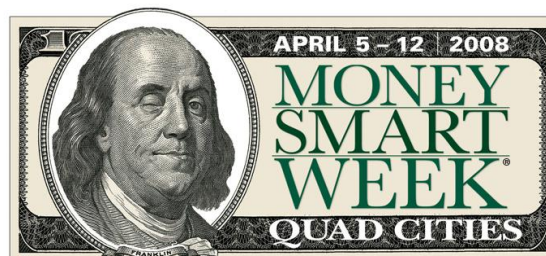


Get Money Smart @ Your Library, April 5-12, 2008!

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Could You Be More Money Smart?

It's too bad money doesn't come with instructions, because we all need to know how to spend it, save it and borrow it wisely. Your Rock Island Public Library, in cooperation with 39 other non-profits, libraries, financial institutions, schools and others, is helping to support financial education during the Quad Cities' first Money Smart Week, April 5-12.



The Rock Island Public Library will offer four FREE events to help you protect your financial identity and learn how to use library resources to invest wisely. Plan now for:

Community Shred Days, offered in cooperation with nationally certified shredder Document Destruction and Recycling Services. Shredding documents with personal information is the more confidential and secure way to dispose of them. Participants may bring in up to 100 pounds of paper documents for FREE offsite shredding by Document Destruction and Recycling Services at the following dates, times and places:



Wednesday, April 9, from 4 to 6:30 p.m., Rock Island Main Library, 401 19th Street. Bring material inside, via the south entrance on the ground floor.

Saturday, April 12, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Rock Island Southwest Branch Library, 9010 Ridgewood Road. Bring material inside, to the Community Room.

Additional Money Smart Week Quad Cities events at your library include:

Monday, April 7 – Getting the Most Out of The Value Line, Rock Island Main Library, 7 to 8:30 PM. The Value Line is a free set of volumes about small, mid and large cap stocks. It's updated weekly and is available at the Main Library Reference Desk and the 30/31 Branch Library. Learn what is contained in the publication and how to apply it to your world of investing on a regular basis. Value Line offers facts and figures to help you make your job of selecting quality stocks so much easier. This is

your chance to learn about the "market of stocks" out there to increase your personal net worth in the future.

Getting the Most Out of Value Line is presented by Jim Kopel, an investor for 45 years. He is a retired professor of Accounting and Personal Finance from Black Hawk College and has taught investing courses for more than 25 years. Dr. Kopel is a Certified Financial Planner and holds a Doctorate Degree in Higher Education Finance. A founding member of the Iowa Buy States Council of Better Investing, he currently serves as the Vice Chair of the organization.

Friday, April 11, *Identity Theft: Protect Yourself!*, Rock Island Main Library, 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. Identity Fraud, or theft, is when someone uses your good name to fraudulently open accounts, make purchases and run up charges. It's a preventable crime, but it continues to be one of the top consumer complaints sent to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC.) Most security breaches occur as the result of traditional means – such as a lost or stolen wallet, lost or stolen mail or garbage theft.

Learn how to protect yourself with just a few simple steps, with tips from Consumer and Family Economics Educator Debbie Bartman, of the University of Illinois Extension Office. Bartman will discuss how to protect your personal privacy, reduce the amount of unwanted mail you receive, and what to do if you think your personal information has been misused or compromised.

Events are free and open to the public. Money Smart Week is registered service mark of the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago. For more Money Smart Week Quad Cities events, pick up a brochure at local libraries or visit www.moneysmartweek.org/quadcities

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