



## Resources for Adult Learners

***The Washington County Free Library has several resources that will help support your success at work or school. Below are descriptions and hints on how to best use these resources. With all resources, please first sign in with your library card on the WCFL [homepage](#). To sign in,***

***navigate to the  icon located in the top right corner of the [homepage](#). You'll need your library card and pin number to sign in. If you need a library card click [here](#). Each listed resource has a hyperlink you can use once you are signed into WCFL.***

### **Resources for life-long learners**

#### **Brainfuse Adult Learning Center**

Whether you are going back to school, switching jobs, or just want to brush up on an academic skill, *Brainfuse Adult Learning Center* is here to help. For lifelong learners the site contains skill building exercises, live tutoring, a writing lab, and a test center with practice tests. Topics include Algebra I, Algebra II, Calculus, English and Language Arts, Geometry, Math, Pre-Algebra, Pre-Calculus, Statistics, and Writing. Once you have signed in to the WCFL you can use this link to access *Brainfuse Adult Learning Center*. [https://alc.brainfuse.com/alc/home.asp?a\\_id=716B86E4&adult=1](https://alc.brainfuse.com/alc/home.asp?a_id=716B86E4&adult=1)

#### **Help Now! Powered by Brainfuse**

*Brainfuse's "HelpNow"* is a comprehensive suite of tutoring services designed for a range of academic needs; whether it's tackling a tough homework problem, learning an academic skill, or writing a term paper. "HelpNow" is available for Adult Learners in the following subjects: Math, Science, Social Studies, English/Language Arts, and Foreign Languages. Once you have signed in to the WCFL you can use this link to access *Help Now! Powered by Brainfuse*.

[https://www.brainfuse.com/highed/helpNow.asp?a\\_id=716B86E4&ss=&r=](https://www.brainfuse.com/highed/helpNow.asp?a_id=716B86E4&ss=&r=)

#### **LearningExpress**

This resource is excellent for all adult learners. Learning Express has resources to help adults build math, reading, and writing skills. To access these resources start on the *Learning Express* home page and select Adult Core Skills. There is also help for adults whose primary language is Spanish. Once you have signed in to the WCFL you can use this link to access *Learning Express*.

<https://www.learningexpresshub.com/ProductEngine/LELIndex.html#/center/school-center-ccss/home?AuthToken=7E9F9E17-E903-450C-BE51-4712351FB979>

#### **BrainFuse VetNow**

*BrainFuse's VetNow* has a real time "Veteran Navigator" to help with information about benefits and resources for veterans. Specifically, *VetNow* offers online academic and job assistance for veterans transitioning to civilian life. Resources include:

- Resume Review
- Job interview coaching

- Standardized test practice
- Live academic tutoring

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## **Career Resources**

### **Career Information Center**

*The Career Information Center* provides information every job seeker needs to be successful. Updated with a full volume devoted to computer careers, the first 12 volumes each focus on a different career area, and contain over 700 job profiles. Each profile includes a job summary chart, a job description, and up-to-date salary information. The 13th volume contains the index, as well as essays on different aspects of employment. Once you have signed in to the WCFL you can use this link to access *The Career Information Center*.

[https://go.gale.com/ps/i.do?id=GALE%7C9780028662435&v=2.1&u=westmd\\_wcl&it=etoc&p=GVRL&sw=w](https://go.gale.com/ps/i.do?id=GALE%7C9780028662435&v=2.1&u=westmd_wcl&it=etoc&p=GVRL&sw=w)

### **Brainfuse Adult Learning Center**

For those looking for help with career seeking, *Brainfuse Adult Learning Center* offers live on-line tutors to craft a winning resume and cover letter and help learning Microsoft Office Word, Excel or Powerpoint. You can also get live on-line tutoring for help preparing for the GED or U.S. Citizenship Test. Once you have signed in to the WCFL you can use this link to access *Brainfuse Adult Learning Center*.

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### **LearningExpress Job and Career Accelerator**

*LearningExpress Job and Career Accelerator* features online tutorials, practice tests, and e-books to help patrons of all ages. It offers job search and workplace skills improvement, skill building in reading, writing, math, and basic science, career licensure exam prep, college and grad school entrance test prep, GED® test prep, and more. Once you have signed in to the WCFL you can use this link to access *LearningExpress Job and Career Accelerator*.

<https://www.learningexpresshub.com/ProductEngine/LEIIndex.html#/learningexpresslibrary/libraryhome>

## **Exploring Post-High School Education**

### **College Blue Book**

*College Blue Book* is a comprehensive guide to thousands of 2- and 4-year schools and programs in the U.S. and Canada. The series is part of the Gale Ebooks Education Collection. The Blue Book is divided into 6 sections: Narrative Description, Tabular Data, Degrees offered by College and Subject, Occupational Education, Scholarship, Fellowships, Grants, and Loans, and Distance Learning Programs. Once you have signed in to the WCFL you can use this link to access *College Blue Book*.

[https://go.gale.com/ps/displayAllBooksForSubject?subject=Education&userGroupName=westmd\\_wcl&nPS=true&prodId=GVRL](https://go.gale.com/ps/displayAllBooksForSubject?subject=Education&userGroupName=westmd_wcl&nPS=true&prodId=GVRL)

### **College Navigator**

*College Navigator* is a website from the Institute for Educational Sciences, which is the research and

evaluation arm of the U.S. Department of Education. *College Navigator* provides you and your family with information about colleges and federal financial aid. The website also provides current data on expenses, financial aid, enrollment, admission, graduation rates, majors and the college selection process. <https://nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator/>

### **Scholarships, Fellowships and Loans**

An annually updated resource that provides more than 4,200 sources of education-related financial aid and awards at all levels of study. Provides comprehensive information on sources of education-related financial aid sponsored and administered by private organizations and companies. Covers a variety of programs in all educational areas, including area and ethnic studies, business, computer science, education, liberal arts, medicine, physical sciences, theology and religion, and more. Intended for students and others interested in education funding. Once you have signed into the WCFL you can use the link to access the *Scholarships, Fellowships and Loans database*.

[https://go.gale.com/ps/displayAllBooksForSubject?subject=Education&userGroupName=westmd\\_wcl&nPS=true&prodId=GVRL](https://go.gale.com/ps/displayAllBooksForSubject?subject=Education&userGroupName=westmd_wcl&nPS=true&prodId=GVRL)

### **College and Higher Ed - USA.Gov**

This site is the US government's online guide to post-high school learning. It covers trade schools, technical colleges, two-year colleges and four-year colleges. This site also outlines programs and educational rights of people with disabilities. <https://www.usa.gov/higher-education>

## **Life Skill Resources**

### **Chilton Library**

ChiltonLibrary.com represents the most authoritative automotive repair information available to car owners. There are thousands of year, make and model combinations covering the most popular vehicles of the past 30 years, plus additional coverage of specialty models. ChiltonLibrary.com gives you the confidence to service or repair virtually any system on your vehicle. Once you have logged into the WCFL site you can click this link to access the *Chilton Library*. <https://www.chiltonlibrary.com/lh>

### **Driving-Tests.org**

Every person with a driver's license, from a regular commuter to a racecar driver, started exactly where you are right now: worried about passing their permit test. In the past, the only thing you could do was pick up the study manual from the MVA and go over each page until you felt like you had the information memorized. But now, with the entire internet at your fingertips, there's a better way to prepare, *Driving-Tests.org*. Once you log into the WCFL you can use this link to access *Driving-Tests.org*. <https://washcolibrary.driving-tests.org/maryland/>

### **Reference Solutions**

*Reference Solutions (formerly ReferenceUSA)* has vital information on every business & consumer in the United States & Canada. It assists businesses find valuable sales leads, conducting market research or competitive analysis to conduct effective marketing and outreach. Students are able to reference this data for research projects and job seekers may find gainful employment. Once you have logged into the WCFL you can use this link to access *Reference Solutions*. <https://www.washcolibrary.org/databases#R>