

Investor Education @ your library

“Investing Fundamentals”

Free seminars to educate Michigan residents about investing will be held at libraries around Michigan beginning March 7 and continuing throughout 2007.

Sponsored by the Securities Section of the Michigan Office of Financial and Insurance Services (OFIS), the *Investor Education @ your Library* “Investing Fundamentals” program is designed to help individuals make informed investment decisions, whether in their company-sponsored retirement accounts or in their private savings accounts.

“This is a great opportunity for consumers to get solid information from knowledgeable experts,” said OFIS Commissioner Linda A. Watters. “Unlike many investment seminars, our consumers will be presented with good information—not a sales pitch.”

Investor Education @ your Library will involve 90 minute seminars on investing fundamentals that will be taught by an experienced investment professional. There also will be tips on fraud prevention from state securities regulators. The seminars will be followed by optional, one-on-one counseling sessions for participants.

Investor Ed @ Your Library is funded entirely by a grant from the Investor Protection Trust (IPT) to the Securities section of OFIS. The primary mission of IPT is to provide consumers with independent, objective information required to make informed investment decisions. Funding for the IPT comes from the Investor Education Fund (IEF), a fund established with contributions from the analyst conflicts-of-interest settlements. The IEF is designated for investor education programs designed to provide consumers with the knowledge and skills necessary to make informed decisions and to increase their personal financial literacy.

“Libraries have always provided patrons with information and resources to help them make good decisions for themselves and their families,” ALA President Michael Gorman said. “Libraries are places of opportunity for all people.”

Through the same grant program, the Office of Financial and Insurance Services has provided Michigan public libraries a DVD set of IPT’s national “MoneyTrack” series, a new 13-part public television series devoted to helping consumers learn to invest successfully and get control of their personal finances. Libraries were also mailed samples of the materials available through the Office of Financial and Insurance Services at no charge, which includes a series of investment booklets from IPT and Kiplinger Washington Editors, Inc.

The seminars are free; however, advance registration is required. Consumers must also indicate if they wish to receive the one-on-one counseling. Seating is limited. For more information, contact your local library.

Investor Education @ your library© Presentations

July 2007

Saturday, July 21
1:00 PM

Adrian Public Library
143 E. Maumee St.
Adrian, MI 49221
(517) 265-2265

Thursday, July 26
6:00 PM

Salem-South Lyon District Library
9800 Pontiac Trail
South Lyon, MI 48178-7021
(248) 437-6431

Saturday, July 28
1:00 PM

Plymouth District Library
223 S. Main Street
Plymouth, MI 48170
(734) 453-0750

Monday, July 30
6:30 PM

Brighton Public Library
100 Library Drive
Brighton, MI 48116-4328
(810) 229-6571

August 2007

Saturday, August 18
10:00 AM

Dorsch Memorial Library
18 E. First Street
Monroe, MI 48161
(734) 241-7878

September 2007

Saturday, September 8
1:00 PM

Hackley Public Library
316 W. Webster Avenue
Muskegon, MI 49440
(231) 722-7276

Tuesday, September 11 6:30 PM Rochester Public Library
500 Olde Towne, Rd.
Rochester, MI 48307
(248) 650-7122

Thursday, September 13 6:00 PM Grant Area District Library
122 Elder Street
Grant, MI 49327
(231) 834-5713

Saturday, September 22 11:00 AM Manchester District Library
912 City Road
Birmingham, MI 48158
(734) 428-8045

Tuesday, September 25 5:30 PM Spring Lake District Library
123 E. Exchange Street
Spring Lake, MI 49456
(616) 846-5770

Saturday, September 29 10:30 AM Saline District Library, Saline, MI
555 N. Maple Road
Saline, MI 48176
(734) 429-2313

October 2007

Monday, October 1 6:00 PM Portage District Library
300 Library Lane
Portage, MI 49002
(269) 329-4542

Wednesday, October 10 6:00 PM Wayne Public Library
3737 S. Wayne Rd.
Wayne, MI 48184
(734) 721-7832

Saturday, October 13
10:00 AM
Brandon Twp. Public Library
304 South Street
Ortonville, MI 48462
(248) 627-1460

Saturday, October 20
1:00 PM
Rawson Memorial Library
6495 Pine Street
Cass City, MI 48726
(989) 872-2856

Thursday, October 25
6:00 PM
Albion District Library
501 S. Superior
Albion, MI 49224
(517) 269-3993

Saturday, October 27
1:00 PM
Walled Lake City Library
1499 East West Maple Rd.
Walled Lake, MI 48390
(248) 624-3772

Monday, October 29
6:00 PM
Orion Twp. Public Library
825 Joslyn Rd.
Lake Orion, MI 48362
(248) 693-3000

November 2007

Saturday, November 3
1:00 PM
Novi Public Library
45245 West Ten Mile Road
Novi, MI 48375-3014
(248) 349-0720

Wednesday, November 7
6:00 PM
Northville District Library
212 West Cady St.
Northville, MI 48167-1560
(248) 349-3020

Thursday, November 8 6:00 PM Highland Township Public Library
444 Beach Farm Circle
Highland, MI 48357-0277
(248) 887-2218

Saturday, November 10 10:00 AM Leland Township Library
203 East Cedar Street
P.O. Box 736
Leland, MI 49654
(231) 256-9152

Monday, November 12 5:30 PM Auburn Hills Public Library
3400 E. Seyburn Drive
Auburn Hills, MI 48326
(248) 370-9466

Saturday, November 17 1:00 PM Farmington Community Library
32737 W. Twelve Mile Rd.
Farmington Hills, MI 48334
(248) 553-6880