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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Career Services from Delaware Department of Labor available at select public libraries**

**Wilmington, DE, June 17, 2019** - Delaware Department of Labor has begun providing career and other labor assistance at libraries in all three counties under a pilot program.

The [Delaware Division of Libraries](#) and [Delaware Department of Labor](#) (DOL) rolled out the partnership in February 2019 to be able to reach out to more residents who may be in need of services but can't travel to Department of Labor locations. With the many computers available at libraries, a staff member can offer residents help.

The Department of Labor Employment and Training Staff will be at your library to assist with career needs such as:

- Search for jobs, exploring career paths
- Help jobseekers develop resumes that meets employer needs
- Learn about federal and state funded employment and training programs
- Assist residents as they navigate the online unemployment insurance claims application
- Discover our apprenticeship programs and other services

The current schedule and locations of Employment and Training Staff at the following libraries:

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| • Bear Library          | Mondays   | 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.      |
| • Seaford Library       | Mondays   | 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. |
| • Rt. 9 Library         | Mondays   | 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.      |
| • Milton Library        | Tuesdays  | 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.       |
| • Appoquinimink Library | Tuesdays  | 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. |
| • Newark Library        | Fridays   | 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.      |
| • Dover Public Library  | Saturdays | 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.      |

To ensure the most up-to-date schedule and locations, please visit: <https://lib.de.us/jobassistance/>

Public libraries are an ideal setting for the delivery of career services. As centers for community engagement and accessible technology, people in need of assistance in many cases are already library patrons.

“This partnership enables libraries to leverage Department of Labor expertise in assisting library patrons with meeting their needs,” said **Jeffrey Bullock, Secretary of State**. “Our libraries have evolved into force-multipliers for community outreach, and adding Department of Labor to the compliment of resources available through our libraries is a perfect fit.”

“Every day, in all Delaware public libraries, people come through the doors seeking assistance on a variety of topics, including employment,” said **State Librarian Dr. Annie Norman**. “This pilot project reflects the reality that critical needs have become more pronounced.”

“Helping people discover services and opportunities as easily and efficiently as possible is our goal and this program is a great example of that,” said **Cerron Cade, Secretary of the Department of Labor**. “Library patrons will receive assistance with an employment and training specialist who can help them at a place that is location friendly.”

Currently, more than 200 agencies and nonprofits are collaborating with Delaware libraries to provide services to patrons across the state.

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