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MARIN COUNTY FREE LIBRARY ADDS ELECTRONIC RESOURCES: Computer Skills, Job & Career Accelerator and Tuition Funding Sources

San Rafael, CA, February 7, 2011 — Library Director Gail Haar says “As part of the highly successful Measure “A” campaign, Marin County Free Library (MCFL) promised to increase educational and job seeking resources. I am pleased to announce that MCFL is now able to offer three new electronic resources: Computer Skills, Job & Career Accelerator and Tuition Funding Sources (TFS). All three resources are free to MCFL library patrons and were possible because of supplementary parcel tax funds and the economy of scale we gain in purchasing through our cooperative library networks.”

Whether you need to strengthen your computer skills for work or just want to learn how to take advantage of all your computer has to offer, you'll find the tools you need using Computer Skills. Learn at your own pace with interactive tutorial courses on today's most popular software and operating systems, including Microsoft Access, Excel, Outlook, PowerPoint and Word, as well as both Windows and Mac Operating Systems. Each course offers detailed, easy-to-follow instructions with audio and captions for the program and skill level of your choice and includes tests, courses and eBooks.

Job & Career Accelerator is the most comprehensive and easy-to-use job search application on the market. It integrates everything a patron needs to conduct a successful job search. Interactive wizards guide patrons through each step of the search process in a personalized manner, from recommending occupations to fetching up-to-the-minute job postings that are based on each user's career preferences. In addition, users will have access to tools essential to getting hired such as the resume and cover letter builders, interview course and tips and expert advice to help make the job search more effective.

Both Computer Skills and Job & Career Accelerator are LearningExpress, LLC products. LearningExpress is a leading provider of print and online educational and professional resources that are used in over 4,000 libraries and 5,000 schools and benefit over one million students, teachers, administrators, and career professionals around the country.

Our subscription to both Computer Skills and Job & Accelerator is made possible via our membership with the NorthNet Library System (NLS), a consortium of northern California independent city, county, academic and special libraries that have joined to form a cooperative network to save money and share resources.

Tuition Funding Sources is a private website designed to help students find scholarships, college and career information. TFS offers students the largest scholarship database in the world with over \$41 Billion in scholarship awards along with a career personality test and detailed college and career information. The website is sponsored by and subsidized by the Pepsi-Cola Company and is a non-commercial website — meaning no advertising, pop-up ads, no selling of any email addresses or other confidential information. We are able to provide this valuable service through our membership with the Califa Library Group

To start using these resources, you will need your library card and PIN number. You can access these resources from home at: <http://www.marinlibrary.org/digital-content/index.php> .

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