Helping Library Patrons with Financial Information Needs

Things Are Tough—Can You Tell Me Where to Turn for Help?

17 Useful Information Resources

1. Mortgage Help
   A first-stop resource maintained by the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau

2. Find a Housing Counselor
   Agencies approved by the federal government offering independent advice

3. Housing Finance Agencies
   Listed by state, these agencies offer a wide range of support and assistance

4. Making Home Affordable® Program
   A federal government resource to help struggling homeowners avoid foreclosure

5. Rental Assistance Information
   Information resources compiled by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

6. FloodSmart.gov
   The official site of the National Flood Insurance Program

7. America’s PrepareAthon
   A FEMA resource to help individuals and communities be resilient when disaster strikes

8. Ready.gov
   Learn what measures to take before, during and after an emergency

9. Coping with Debt
   A well-organized, plain-language resource from the Federal Trade Commission

10. U.S. Trustee Program
    The part of the U.S. Justice Department that supervises bankruptcy cases and trustees

11. Credit Counseling and Debtor Education
    A state-by-state listing of agencies approved by the U.S. Justice Department

12. How to Repay Your Student Loans
    Details from the U.S. Department of Education, including guidance for struggling borrowers

13. Divorce and Social Security
    Know your benefit options if you are divorced

    Easy access to information about federal and state benefit and assistance programs
15. **Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program**  
   Eligibility and application information for food stamps or public assistance

16. **Dealing with Job Loss**  
   A FINRA resource to help manage the financial impact of unexpected job dislocation

17. **Job Seekers/Unemployed Portal**  
   An aggregated list of resources and services from the U.S. Department of Labor