

## News Release

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### More Library Programs Offer Help for Tough Times

Libraries play a critical role in helping people outlast tough times, both by providing free and low-cost materials that stretch family budgets, and as a powerhouse of useful resources, information and tools. “**Survival 101**,” an ongoing series of programs from the Rock Island Public Library, continues to grow with the following new programs at the Rock Island Main Library, 401 19<sup>th</sup> Street:

#### **Tuesday, July 28 – Survival 101: Smart Money for Now!**

##### **6 p.m., Main Library**

Learn tips and tricks for creating usable budget plans to help you do more with your money, as well as ways to save for more wallet-friendly holidays. If the budget word scares you, remember that it's simply a tool to help you know how and where you spend your money. Budgeting can also help you set some goals for spending and saving. Mike Van Speybroeck of QC DollarWi\$e will show how planning now could save you some bills in January! QC DollarWise is a non-profit group dedicated to advancing financial education through free public programming.

#### **Wednesday, Aug. 19 - Survival 101: Learn to Quilt!**

##### **6 p.m., Main Library**

Grandma could take just about any scrap of material and make a warm piece of useful art. If you've always wanted to learn more about how to get started in this do-it-yourself hobby, come to your library. Carol Baldry of the Mississippi Valley Quilt Guild will talk about fabric and pattern selection, tools you'll need, and steps in the process. This is an overview only – not a hands-on class or in-depth program. But if you want to know how to get started, Carol can help. No materials required.

#### **Wednesday, August 26 – Survival 101: All About Canning**

##### **6 p.m., Main Library**

If you've always wanted to can your own food, but weren't sure how, the Rock Island Public Library can help you learn how to get started. Our next Survival 101 program will share tips on safety, benefits and the materials you'll need to can your own fruits and vegetables – and capture the bounty of your summer garden for enjoyment later this fall and winter. Information presented by the University of Illinois Extension Service, Quad Cities Center.

All of the above programs are free and open to the public. For more information about any of the library's Survival 101 programs, please call 732-7315 or visit [www.ripl.lib.il.us](http://www.ripl.lib.il.us) or [www.rockislandlibrary.org](http://www.rockislandlibrary.org) or visit the Rock Island Main, 30/31 and Southwest Branch libraries for money-saving entertainment, enlightenment and enrichment for all ages.



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