Branigan Library launches new Research Center

LAS CRUCES - Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave., has opened a new Research Center for job seekers, small-business owners, non-profit organizations and those researching their family history.

The Research Center is an expanded collection of books, online databases and computers. It is located next to the reference desk, where staff will be available to help.

Databases for job searching and training include Learning Express, which has job skills training, practice tests and software tutorials. Another database, Brainfuse Job Now, has resume help, live interview coaching and job searching.

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The library also provides access to the Small Business Resource Center database for those who currently run a small business or are hoping to start one.

Nonprofit organizations and others seeking information on grants and fundraising can access the Foundation Center Collection, which includes both books and access to the Foundation Center database, which has information on grants and fundraising for non-profits; grant writing help; and training that focuses on non-profit management, networking and effective strategies for leadership and career development.

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For those looking into their family history, the new Research Center will include resources such as Ancestry, Family Search, Heritage Quest and Digital Sanborn Maps to search for family history online.

Limited free printing is available for some resources. The Research Center is part of the library's reference services, and is separate from the public computer lab.

For more information, call the library's reference desk at 575/528-4005 or e-mail library.reference@las-cruces.org