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Erie County Public Library to host virtual re-entry job program

Erie, PA – The Erie County Public Library in conjunction with Rep. Bob Merski and PA CareerLink will be hosting a job program for those re-entering the workforce from the criminal justice system. The program will take place Wednesday, March 31, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and will feature guest speaker Brandon J. Flood, Secretary of the Pennsylvania Board of Pardons.

Rep. Merski will open the program and introduce Secretary Flood, who will speak about the Clean Slate Law, which shields some arrest records and minor criminal histories from public view. Passed in 2018, this law is the first in the nation to do this. Secretary Flood will also offer his perspective on the law's impact.

Rebecca Whitney, a talent engagement facilitator with PA CareerLink, will then talk about preparing a resume with a criminal record and how to format it. She will also discuss employer benefits of hiring persons with a criminal record.

The program will be held online; those needing a computer to participate can use the internet lab located on the first floor of the Blasco Library, or find additional computers at the library's branch locations. Registration is required for the event at <https://events.erielibrary.org/event/7374604>.

This is the first program in a series tailored to assist those needing help adjusting to the job market from re-entry. Find all announced upcoming events at events.erielibrary.org. The program will be recorded and stored on the [Erie County, Pennsylvania – Government YouTube page](#) for those unable to attend the live session.

Participants of the series may also take advantage of Erie County Public Library's walk-in job fair: a take-home kit available at all Erie County Public Library locations, including Bookmobile, that contains information about resumes, interviews, career and job programming at the library and PA CareerLink, and some flyers from employment agencies around Erie.

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