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ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS NOW FOR RISE TEEN ENTREPRENEURSHIP PROGRAM

December 5, 2025 - Gwinnett County Public Library (GCPL) is taking applications for its RISE Teen Entrepreneurship Program.

With more than 60% of teens considering entrepreneurship, GCPL offers a 4-week intensive workshop beginning on February 17, 2026, teaching teens the entrepreneurial skills needed to start a business. Participants, with the help of instructors and mentors, will develop a business concept, create a small business plan, and pitch their ideas. They will pitch to a panel of local entrepreneurs in a *Shark Tank*-style competition. Competition winners can earn cash awards for their business ideas.

Applicants must be between 13 and 19 years old and be residents of Gwinnett County. They must have reliable transportation to the weekly meetings, which take place from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm at the Lawrenceville Hooper-Renwick branch.

Apply by Monday, January 5, 2026—don't miss out!

Additionally, library cardholders 13 years of age and older have access to 9 maker spaces across Gwinnett County to explore entrepreneurial interests. Our technology includes laser printers, digital cameras, podcasting mixers, sewing machines, software, and more. All of this is industry-leading and FREE! Young entrepreneurs can develop their ideas using our maker spaces and then promote their businesses on free platforms like Etsy, Fiverr, Instagram, WordPress, and YouTube.

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