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Back to BIZ Open House hosted at Hastings Public Library

Hastings – The Hastings Public Library recently expanded resources available to entrepreneurs and small business owners and operators with the addition of a business resource center. The library is working in combination with the HomeTown Partners Entrepreneur Pillar (E-Pillar) to identify resources and materials often used in the business start-up process. The library plans to expand the array of books and reference materials available for business minded individuals creating a one-stop shop for entrepreneurs seeking information. The Michigan Room located upstairs in the Hastings Library will be the new home of “The BIZ!” providing broader resources and easier access to information both in hard copy and on-line. The Barry County Chamber of Commerce is also on board with this strategic effort to better serve the business community and plans to offer SCORE counseling services at the library by appointment.

The library and the E-Pillar will host a “Back to BIZ Open House” on Wednesday, September 8 from 4:00 – 6:30 p.m. to introduce the newly expanded business service center to the community. The open house will include free refreshments and a free drawing to win Chamber Barry Bucks. Gain an extra chance to win Barry Bucks by making a book donation to help grow the resource center. A wish list of book titles is located on-line at www.tiny.cc/thebiz.

In addition to the materials available at the library, the Open House will also allow entrepreneurs the chance to learn more about services available locally including free SCORE business counseling, The BIZ library resources, Barry County Chamber of Commerce Membership, MSU-Product Center services and networking through the Barry County eClub. The BIZ is improved and expanded to help an entrepreneur make a transition into starting a new business or for owners seeking to grow their knowledge to run a business more effectively. The BIZ resources provide a wealth of free and low-cost information to our business community.

To get involved with the E-Pillar or local entrepreneurial initiatives, please contact E-Pillar Co-Chair Erin Welker at the Barry Community Foundation at 945-0526.

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