

Personal Finance & Investing

I. Library Sources

Books, EBooks, Serials

[MyMediaMall](http://overdrive.com) (overdrive.com)

Patrons can access ebooks on just about any topic through this service. The Libby app is user-friendly and works on Android, iOS, and Windows 10. You can use the Overdrive app on Kindles. You can also read/listen through a Web browser. Visit your app store or the Web link noted above.

[eReadIllinois](http://ptpld.axis360.baker-taylor.com) (ptpld.axis360.baker-taylor.com)

This service uses the Axis 360 app, which loads on Android, iOS, and Kindle devices. You can also read/listen through a Web browser. Visit your app store or the Web link noted above.

Print Books

You can still avail yourself of our traditional print collection. These books are located in the nonfiction collection under the 332 call number.

Standard & Poor's stock reports (R332.662 STA, current), (332.662 STA, back issues)

This trusted source provides reports on about 1100 companies traded on various exchanges.

The Outlook (R332.63 STA)

Also published by Standard & Poor's Corp., this weekly newsletter gives investment advice.

Value Line Investment Survey, Small and Midcap Edition (R332.6 VAL)

This weekly loose-leaf service specializes in profiling smaller companies.

Databases

Morningstar

This subscription product provides comprehensive information on all types of investment products. It can be accessed at home as well as in the library. To access . . .

- Navigate to the [library homepage](http://www.prairietrailslibrary.org) (www.prairietrailslibrary.org)
- Click on the **Research** link at the extreme right of the menu bar near the top.
- On the following page, click on the **Business** link.
- On the next page, click on the appropriate **Morningstar** link (in-library vs. home use)
- If accessing at home, put in your library barcode when prompted.

Ebsco Business Source Premier

Through this database, you can access full-text articles from thousands of business and personal finance periodicals, company, industry, and country reports, as well as market research reports. The best way to access this database is through the Business Searching Interface:

- Navigate to the [library homepage](http://www.prairietrailslibrary.org) (www.prairietrailslibrary.org)
- Click on the **Research** link at the extreme right of the menu bar near the top.
- On the following page, click on the **Business** link.
- On the next page, click on the **Business Searching Interface EBSCOhost** link.
- At that point, you should be asked to input your library barcode (if accessing at home).

Programs

The library, often in conjunction with the Heartland Institute of Financial Education and Stickney Township, presents programs dealing with personal finance. Consult the latest issue of our newsletter in print or at our site.

II. Non-Library Sources

Web Sites

[Yahoo Finance](http://finance.yahoo.com/) (finance.yahoo.com/)

Part of Yahoo's network since 1997, this site offers a good assortment of information and personalizable tools to help guide you in your decision-making. For instance, you can establish a login and save screeners to help you perform regular searches of investment products. Also, now you can link to brokers through this interface, so you can access all of your trading accounts from one place for free--a good site for the active investor.

[The Balance](http://www.thebalance.com) (www.thebalance.com)

The latest incarnation of *About.com*'s guide on this topic, *The Balance* carries the torch forward with articles on all aspects of personal finance, and all accessible to the laymen.

[Investopedia](http://www.investopedia.com/) (www.investopedia.com/)

This site started as a resource for business professionals, but has morphed into one that, while retaining its appeal to entrepreneurs and professional investors, has a lot to offer consumers. For instance, you can create a login and save your portfolio to the site. It has some premium (paid-for) features, such as online classes, as well. It was recently acquired by the parent company of *The Balance*, and it will be interesting to see how these sister sites evolve. For now, Investopedia is, of the two, geared somewhat more toward the business and investing professional, but, again, still has a lot to offer the casual layman.

[Nolo Personal Finance](http://www.nolo.com/legal-encyclopedia/personal-finance-retirement) (www.nolo.com/legal-encyclopedia/personal-finance-retirement)

Nolo is a publisher of print and online legal publications for the layman. In addition to premium (paid-for) content on their Web site, there is a lot of free stuff, including this personal finance area with articles to help you manage your financial affairs, especially from a legal standpoint.

[Kiplinger](http://www.kiplinger.com) (www.kiplinger.com)

The Web site of this venerable business/investing publisher has much free, authoritative information, including links to other sites.

[Bankrate](http://www.bankrate.com) (www.bankrate.com)

Bankrate is the place to go to compare rates on credit cards, CDs, mortgages, savings accounts, and other financial products. It also has articles on personal finance and investing.

Other

[Center for Economic Progress](http://www.economicprogress.org) (www.economicprogress.org) (info@economicprogress.org) (312 252 0280)

This organization provides financial services, such as financial coaching and help with income taxes, to those with low-incomes.