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Ohioans have free access to the online learning platform, Lynda.com



The Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County is happy to report that all Ohioans with a valid Ohio Library card will soon have free access to the more than 12,000 online courses from Lynda.com. Although our Library has been offering this service since 2016, starting in September all Ohio public libraries will have the ability to offer this service through an agreement between the Ohio Public Library Information Network (OPLIN) and LinkedIn. This agreement is the first-of-its-kind in the nation between LinkedIn and a statewide system of public libraries.

Lynda.com, a company acquired by LinkedIn, is now part of LinkedIn Learning, and helps individuals learn specific software, technology, creative and business skills to achieve their personal and professional goals. Library customers can view video tutorials to improve design, coding, and multimedia production skills as well as learn how to use many pieces of equipment and software found in the Library's MakerSpaces.

Hamilton County residents also have access to the online video and interactive learning platform, Treehouse. Courses (called "tracks") are available on a wide variety of advanced technology related topics such as web design, web development, mobile development, and game development. These courses are self-paced and customers are able to save their progress over multiple checkouts. Since its launch in 2017, nearly 1,200 tracks have been started with more than 500 of those tracks being completed. All 100 seats available through our Library are in constant use.



The Library has long offered a broad range of resources to build a strong, educated workforce which positively impacts workforce development in the community. For additional information or to see some of our many online learning tools visit the eBranch page on our website at <https://www.cincinnatiLibrary.org/eBranch/> and scroll to eLearning.