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BURLINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY LAUNCHES NEW LEARNING PLATFORMS

Gale Presents: Udemy gives users access to thousands of on-demand courses across 75 categories in business, technology, design, and personal development.

Gale General OneFile includes thousands of cross-searchable general-interest periodicals and millions of articles

Gale Presents: GetSetUp offers the growing older adult population lifelong learning, wellness, and community

Burlington, IA, January, 30, 2026 – Beginning on February 1st Burlington Public Library cardholders will have free access to three learning platforms including:

Gale Presents: Udemy, an online learning platform that connects patrons to video-based courses taught by leading experts in business, technology, and more. Users can explore thousands of continuously updated, on-demand video courses that match their professional goals and personal interests.

As the employment landscape continues to change, workers are being tasked to learn new technologies and skills to stay competitive. Studies show that on average, workers change jobs 12 times in their lifetime.¹ This makes it essential for libraries to offer services that help adults build new skills that align with industry trends and prepare for the shift toward workforce automation.²

Gale General OneFile, from Gale, a Cengage company offers a robust collection of magazines and journals that includes reference, newspaper and audio content.

Gale General OneFile provides millions of articles available in both PDF and HTML full-text to serve a wide audience of readers. The database allows researchers to find the information they want quickly. With intuitive searching that mirrors Internet searches, users can easily tap into sources that are guaranteed for quality.

Gale Presents: GetSetUp, a proven digital resource designed to support the growing needs of older adults across our community. According to the [2024 Active Aging Report](#), older adults are increasingly turning to digital tools for health, wellness, and lifelong learning as evidenced by their participation in over **5.27 million** *GetSetUp* online activities last year.² To meet their needs, [Library Name] is offering free access to this innovative platform built specifically for adults aged 55 and over.

“The Burlington Public Library is committed to supporting the wellbeing of older adults, working adults, and curiosity,” said Library Director Brittany Jacobs. “The addition of these Gale databases will enhance our lineup of available tools to carry out that support.”

Burlington Public Library patrons will be able to access all three databases by visiting the library’s website, www.burlington.lib.ia.us

For questions or more information, please contact Library Director, Brittany Jacobs.

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Providing opportunities for all people to connect with others, to learn about the world around them, and to imagine the futures before them.

1. Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor, “Number of Jobs, Labor Market Experience, Martial Status, and Health: Results from a National Longitudinal Survey,” news release no. USDL-21-1567, August 31, 2021.

2. Smith, Aaron, “[Public Predictions for the Future of Workforce Automation](#),” Pew Research Center, March 10, 2016.

