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*Jackson District Library has been awarded a \$99,187 grant from the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) Investor Education Foundation and the American Library Association as part of the nationwide Smart investing@your library<sup>®</sup> Program*

**Jackson District Library receives national grant to promote financial literacy**

Jackson – Jackson District Library (JDL) is pleased to announce that it is one of 16 public libraries nationwide selected for the Smart investing@your library<sup>®</sup> grant by the American Library Association (ALA) and the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) Investor Education Foundation. JDL will be working with the United Way of Jackson County, Community Action Agency, Marriage Matters Jackson and Central Michigan 2-1-1 to make financial literacy resources, programs and information available to families and households in Jackson County.

The grant project, titled *Let's Talk About Money*, will build and expand upon financial literacy and financial information programs currently being delivered throughout the county.

Initially, the grant will target members of financially fragile households and couples with combined incomes. The project partners plan to offer classes and workshops, delivered by experts drawn from local educational institutions, at locations in Jackson County over the next 2 years.

"We are very proud to have received this prestigious grant. It couldn't have come at a more opportune time," said Ishwar Laxminarayan, Director, Jackson District Library. "Smart investing@your library<sup>®</sup> allows us to meet a critical need for people to have information they can trust to help them arrive at a brighter financial future. We look forward to using this grant to offer innovative programs that help people in our community prosper."

"We are excited about the programs and services the new grantees will provide for people seeking unbiased information on the full range of financial issues that affect their everyday lives," said Gerri Walsh, President of the FINRA Foundation.

Smart investing@your library<sup>®</sup> is a partnership between the Reference and User Services Association (RUSA), a division of the American Library Association, and the FINRA Investor Education Foundation. The program supports public libraries across the country in their efforts to meet financial education needs at the local level.

The Reference and User Services Association is the foremost organization of reference and information professionals who make the connections between people and the information sources, services and collection materials they need.

Established in 1876, the American Library Association is the oldest and largest library association in the world. It strives to provide leadership for the development, promotion and improvement of library and information services and the profession of librarianship in order to enhance learning and ensure access to information for all. For more information, visit [www.ala.org](http://www.ala.org).

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The FINRA Investor Education Foundation supports innovative research and educational projects that give underserved Americans the knowledge, skills and tools necessary for financial success throughout life. For details about grant programs and other FINRA Foundation initiatives, visit [www.finrafoundation.org](http://www.finrafoundation.org).

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