



LIFT: LEGAL INFORMATION FOR TENNESSEANS

Information for Librarians

The Legal Information for Tennesseans (LIFT) website can be accessed at <http://www.legalinfotn.org>. A project of West Tennessee Legal Services and the Tennessee Alliance for Legal Services, the site is the web portal for the Tennessee Library and Legal Resource Partnership Project. It is funded by a Legal Services Corporation Technology Initiatives Grant (TIG). The project is managed by the Tennessee Alliance for Legal Services in partnership with the Tennessee State Library and Archives and the Tennessee Access to Justice Commission. For feedback or questions about the project or the site, email afox@tals.org.

The LIFT website provides general information to help Tennesseans with civil legal questions. It will help residents learn about an issue and in some cases will guide users through the process of completing a legal form or advocating for themselves. Though the site does not offer specific legal advice, it does have links to other programs in the state that offer free legal advice for low-income individuals. Finally, the site can be accessed from a local library computer or on a resident's own Internet device (computer, smart phone or tablet). Its content is available in five languages: English, Arabic, Korean, Persian and Spanish

LIFT offers information on the following topics:

Bankruptcy	Education/Juvenile Issues	Public Assistance/Benefits
Going to Court	Employment	Renters/Homeowners
Divorce	Families/Children	Veterans/Military
Domestic Violence	Health/Disability	Wills/Financial Planning
Dating Problems	Money Problems	Disaster Legal Services
		Immigration/Citizenship

It also has a number of articles that answer questions such as:

- Do I need a will?
- How do I get disability benefits?
- How do I get Social Security retirement & survivors benefits?
- What do I do when a loved one dies?
- How do I keep medical records private?
- How do I protect against identity theft?

Librarians are encouraged to log into the site and add content for their specific library. There is also additional written information and training materials to help navigate the site. If a librarian does not have a user name and password, he or she may email Anne Fox at afox@tals.org to obtain one. Finally, if a librarian needs additional training on using the LIFT website he or she should contact the Tennessee Bar Association Young Lawyers Division, which has made librarian education its public service project for the year. Feel free to reach out to either:

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