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## LIBRARIES OFFER NEW ONLINE CAREER AND TEST PREP

Taking practice tests that could help you reach your school and career goals used to be expensive and inconvenient. Those days are over. It's all available online now to BMCC students and public library patrons at each library or remotely with a BMCC or local public library card. Beginning February 1, 2009, the Umatilla County Special Library District (UCSLD) began partnering with all twelve City public libraries and the BMCC library to provide online test preparation for hundreds of official school and career exams.

UCSLD and BMCC have made this possible by subscribing to Learning Express Library, a completely interactive and comprehensive website that features more than 300 online practice tests and courses for students and adults from 4<sup>th</sup> grade on up. Today, Learning Express is one of the major providers of test preparation, basic skills and career guidance materials serving 3,000 libraries and 80 million people nationwide.

Exams and course areas include Advanced Placement, Business Writing, Civil Service, College Entrance, EMS, Elementary, Middle & High School Skills, Firefighter, Graduate School Entrance, Health Careers, Job Search and Success, Law Enforcement, Math Skills, Military, Nursing, Resumes & Interviewing, Algebra, Grammar, Reading & Vocabulary, Skills Improvement with Spanish Instruction, Teaching, Tech & Career College Skills, TOEFL Preparation, U.S. Citizenship and Writing Skills.

The innovative platform includes self-paced interactive study, instant scoring, and diagnostic feedback. All Learning Express tests provide high quality assessment. As a test taker, you get immediate scoring and detailed explanations of answers to all questions. Test results also indicate areas in which you might need additional practice and include recommendations for free online tutorial courses that will help you improve your performance on your next test.

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