



LIBRARY CORNER

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This area is hurting for jobs and everyone knows it. The libraries have been inundated with patrons looking for job information, resume guidance and help with filling out online applications.

I was fortunate to attend a very informative seminar last Wednesday called "Sustainable San Bernardino: Green Jobs Summit."

Somewhere around 400 contractors, training professionals and job seekers attended the event at the Inland Regional Center.

The first presenter from "Every Watt Matters" was Devon Hartman. He gave an inspiring PowerPoint on the need for conservation, retrofitting and energy sustainability and the coming need for trained workers.

Two presenters from SC Edison and SC Gas Company concentrated on "Energy Upgrade California."

Following them on stage was the president of CalCERTS (California Energy Ratings) Michael Bachand.

The Home Energy Rating System is a key component of the sustainability field. Both Bachand and the regional director of BPI (Building Performance Institute) Tiger Adolf presented their companies' certification credentials.

All these capital letters are confusing and it is important for anyone looking to become certified in this industry to investigate them in depth. Come to the library to check out the programs and acronyms. Training programs at community colleges should also be looked at according to representatives from Chaffey and Valley Colleges.

A Job Fair with On-the-Job training is set for Oct. 28 at the Ontario Airport according to Shelly Swanston of the County Workforce Development Agency.

Imran Farooq finished the day introducing his exciting proposal called "Revitalizing Neighborhoods through Green Building Retrofits." This is a potentially labor intensive field that is opening up right now. A television program on this proposal should be broadcast early next year on KVCR-TV.