

Junior Achievement: Be Entrepreneurial Program in Pike County

Pike County Public Library, the Junior Achievement Program, Dime Bank, CellularOne, the Pike County Chamber of Commerce, and the local business community are partnering to bring an exciting program, JA Be Entrepreneurial, to Pike County for the first time. Though originally designed for high school students, this program will be open to both teens and adults who are interested in learning about how to start a business and other aspects of entrepreneurship. It is never too late to start your own business.

Some very successful teenagers around the world should be looked to as an inspiration to begin your own business when you are their age, or to take the skills and knowledge you've acquired throughout your life to begin as an adult.

Michael Zuckerberg founded the popular social networking site *Facebook* with some of his college roommates. Though it originally began as a network for Harvard students, it has now expanded to allow any user over the age of 13, and there are currently more than 350 million active users worldwide.

Michael Dell, the founder of what is now Dell, Inc. began rebuilding computers at the age of 15 and started his own business selling computers at the age of 19.

Tom Anderson co-founded the youth-oriented social network *Myspace* that combines music and the search to connect with friends online. With its debut in 2003, this network now has more than 22.5 million registered users. Though not a teen when he began the business, he has still managed to become hugely successful from a young age.

These are only a few examples of what teens and adults of any age can accomplish with a little bit of hard work and a few good ideas.

Those interested in this *free* program are encouraged to sign up now by contacting the Milford Branch of PCPL in person or by calling 570-296-8211. The program will run for seven weeks on Wednesday evenings, from March 24th through May 5th, from 7-8:30 p.m. at the Library Annex, located at 201 West Harford Street (across from the Post Office.)