PSA: Build financial literacy, build confidence

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April is “National Financial Literacy Month” – a good time to boost your financial knowledge to help set the stage for a lifetime of financial stability.

For 80% of Americans, having confidence in their financial knowledge translates into confidence in their financial future, according to a study by Edward Jones and Morning Consult. That's an enviable place to be, and one you can create for yourself by heading down a learning path.

You can start with any topic where you have a need or an interest – investing or debt management, monthly budgeting or improving your credit score, for example.

Whatever the topic, the more you know, the better informed you'll be to make financial decisions. That doesn't mean you need to be an expert – just start with a working knowledge and never be afraid to ask questions.

You can educate yourself by reading or talking to people knowledgeable in these subjects. You also might find it valuable to work with a financial professional — someone who will take a holistic approach to your finances and make appropriate suggestions.

Financial Literacy Month ends April 30th, but the benefits of financial literacy can last a lifetime.

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