

# NAVIGATING TAX TIME

Special points of interest:

- There are aids to help you with your taxes. Some are community-based, others are online.
- There are yearly tax guides published with titles such as Lasser's.
- The AARP often forms community partnerships to help people with their taxes. They have this kind of partnership with the Plainfield Public Library.
- Publication 17, published every year by the IRS, can be a very useful guide which you can consult before you begin calculating your taxes.
- The federal government enacted the first permanent income tax law in 1913.

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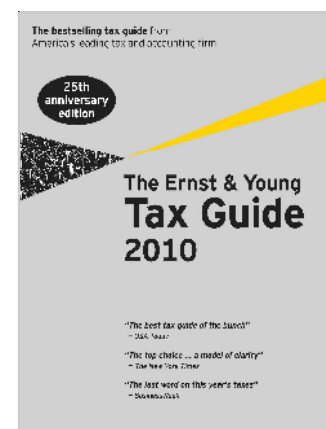
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## Overview Commentary

There are many resources available to taxpayers annually to make tax time less burdensome. Some of these resources are in print and available in libraries and bookstores, others are online via the Internet, and others are community-based organizations which may act independently or in conjunction with other community agencies or organizations such as the Plainfield Public Library. For instance, we have partnered with the local Plainfield branch of the AARP for many years. Plainfielders may make an appointment for tax assistance at either the library or the Plainfield senior center by calling 1-908-753-3506.

The printed and online sources available to you at the library will be summarized in this pathfinder.

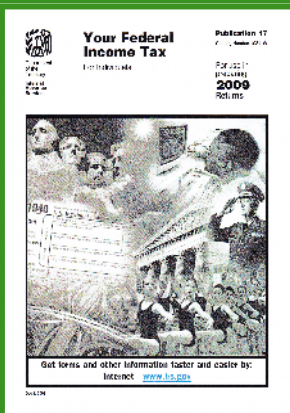


Ernst & Young tax guides are useful printed resources which can clarify information for taxpayers. It is published annually.

## Some Highlighted Sources for Tax Help

There are examples of printed resources in the library that can guide you through tax time, which extends roughly from January through April 15th of each year. These are J. K. Lasser's Your Income Tax and Publication 17 (a booklet by the IRS widely distributed to libraries each tax season). Also, there are many electronic magazine and journal articles available via our Jersey Clicks and EBSCO Host databases at the Plainfield Public Library. Examples include Kiplinger's Personal Finance, Forbes, Fortune, Time, among others.

If you need help in accessing EBSCO Host, ask a Reference Librarian to show you the steps to enter the database.



**Publication 17 resembles this illustration. The cover may differ from year to year, but it is always labeled. During tax time, ask a librarian if you can't find it on your library's tax table.**

"Our Constitution is in actual operation; everything appears to promise that it will last; but in this world nothing is certain but death and taxes".

Benjamin Franklin  
(1706–1790)



The banner above is found on the NJ tax web site at: [www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation](http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation).

### In-house Books

- J. K. Lasser's Your Income Tax by the J.K. Lasser Tax Institute (R 336.24 JKL 2009)
- J.K. Lasser's New Rules for Estate and Tax Planning: Revised Edition by Apolinsky, Harold I. (LP 343.73 APO)
- Publication 17 (The Plainfield Public Library receives copies of this booklet from the IRS every year; they are always placed on the tax table to the front of the first floor)
- Multistate Corporate Tax Course by Healy, John C. (R 343.73 HEA 2009)

### Articles

- Franklin, Mary Beth. "Tax Moves That Save Big Bucks." Kiplinger's Personal Finance 63, issue 12 (Dec 2009): 56-58.
- Lankford, Kimberly, Mary Beth Franklin, and Jane Bennett Clark. "How the Stimulus Helps You." Kiplinger's Personal Finance 63, issue 5 (May 2009): 70-71.
- Mankiw, N. Gregory. "Tax Cuts Might Accomplish What Spending Hasn't." New York Times, December 12, 2009, Economy section.

### Online Resources

The library provides computers for Internet access for online research. Try some of these web sites for information on finding help in preparing your income tax: [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov), [www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation](http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation), [https://locator.aarp.org/vmis/sites/tax\\_aide\\_locator.jsp](https://locator.aarp.org/vmis/sites/tax_aide_locator.jsp), and <http://turbotax.intuit.com>.

