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at a computer and walks them through the library Web site ([www.imcpl.org](http://www.imcpl.org)) to the Education page, where a "Scholarships and Financial Aid" listing offers helpful links.

Using a regular online search engine, a glut of Web sites can be found offering cash for college and links to offers and products. However, searchers should be wary of splashy promotional offers and shallow marketing ploys.

The College is Possible Web site warns that many companies which claim to have access to untapped sources of financial aid are phony.

"The Federal Trade Commission states that thousands of families are taken advantage of in the scholarship scam game ... (which targets) vulnerable students and worried parents," says Scholarships.com, a Web site that works to help students obtain

scholarships and explore financial aid opportunities available to students and parents.

A good rule of thumb, warns College is Possible: "If you have to pay money to get money, it's probably a scam."

In some cases, good old-fashioned books are the best bet for getting the juice on scholarships. Diehl is happy to help you with the library's collection of 55 books and binders chock full of college cash opportunities.

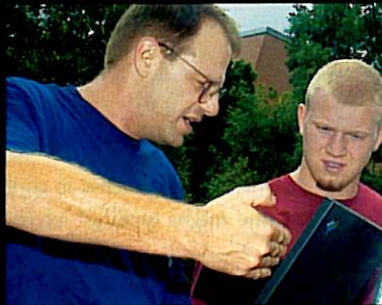
*Princeton Review Scholarship Advisor* serves up 935 pages of scholarship goodies.

And with everything from *Scholarships and Loans for Adult Students* and *Making a Difference: Scholarships for a Better World to Financial Aid for Native Americans* and *Free College and Training Money for Women*, the Central Branch's collection proves there's a scholarship out there for every type of student.

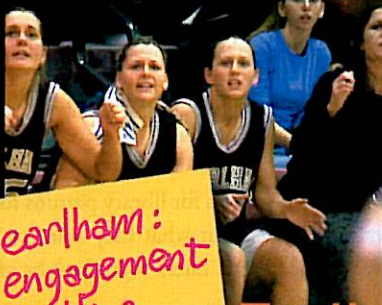
Patrons can leaf through shelf copies or check out past editions of the books.

Diehl warns scholarship-hunters not to expect a quick 15-minute visit to the library to nip all their financial woes in the bud; she also doesn't want them to be overwhelmed by the vast amount of material.

"I encourage people to take a look at our available material. It's an involved process that takes lots of time, not just 10 minutes." ♦



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