



Transform U – Q & A from Local Business Owners

1. Owners Name and Name of Business
 - Kelly Meier – Niko’s Antiques
2. Would you be open to a video Interview?
 - Too shy, but thanks for offering!
3. How long have you been in business?
 - One year
4. What do you think it takes to be a successful business owner?
 - Be patient. Give the company time to grow.
 - An advertising budget to SHOUT OUT the company.
5. What was the hardest part of starting a business?
 - Having enough working capital to invest in the company
 - Taking the risk
6. What is something you wish someone would have told you before you started your business?
 - About having business patience.
7. What resources could the library have had to help you?
 - Sample Business Plans, in digital format
8. What online resources did you use?
 - Full-text databases
9. Did you find any books that were helpful? Titles?
 - Many; I initially needed business information on starting a retail business in Illinois. I needed to find out where I needed to register the business, where to pay sales tax, etc, the libraries had State publications on how to start a business in Illinois. I also needed a refresher in bookkeeping and a How-To Quickbooks. No problem finding titles to help.
10. Any words of advice?
 - If you want to start your own business, have enough start-up money to support the business, and maybe yourself.