

RESOURCES FOR HOME SCHOOLING



A compilation of resources to give current homeschoolers fresh ideas or for those thinking about homeschooling to gather information and tools to begin their journey in home education.

2023-2024 School Year Edition

Informational & Curriculum Resources

Alternative Education Resource Organization (AERO)

<https://www.educationrevolution.org/store/>

A non-profit organization that provides information to homeschooling families.

Apple Family and Homeschool Group

<https://www.applenetwork.us/ny/>

Unites and encourages networking of homeschooling families in New York.

Checkology

<https://get.checkology.org/>

Provides lessons on subjects like news media bias, misinformation, conspiratorial thinking and more.

CK-12

<https://www.ck12.org/student/>

Offers free, personalized learning through creation of digital classrooms, customized textbooks, and learning K-12 STEM concepts.

Consumer Affairs

<https://www.consumeraffairs.com/education/online-homeschools/#>

Compare reviews for online homeschooling options.

Fast Transcripts

<https://www.fasttranscripts.com/>

Fast Transcripts tracks high school courses via online record and helps produce an official transcript.

Homeschool Legal Defense Association

<https://www.hslda.org/>

An organization created by a group of lawyers providing legal information about homeschooling.

The Homeschool Mom

<https://www.thehomeschoolmom.com/homeschooling-in-new-york/>

This portal of free resources includes information about ordering free curriculum, online unit plans, lesson plans, and worksheets, as well as information on supplementing or creating a homeschool curriculum.

HomeSchool Curriculum Reviews

<http://homeschool-curriculum-reviews.com/>

The purpose of this site is to provide a community where homeschoolers can read reviews and discuss curriculum and other issues that relate to homeschooling.

Intrepid Sea Air and Space Museum Complex

<https://www.intrepidmuseum.org/Education/Teacher-Resources/Lesson-Extensions.aspx>

Lessons that can be used as stand alone assignments or as an extension of a visit.

Khan Academy

<https://www.khanacademy.org/>

A 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization that provides free education.

Long Island Aquarium

<https://www.longislandaquarium.com/schools-groups/teacher-resources/>

Lesson plans for visits to the aquarium or in other educational settings.

Long Islanders Growing at Home Together (LIGHT)

<https://longislandhomeschool.com/>

A stepping stone for gaining information, creating cooperative learning opportunities, and networking with other homeschool families.

Museum of the City of New York

<http://www.mcny.org/lesson-plans>

A variety of lesson plans for different grade levels.

Museum of Natural History

<https://www.amnh.org/learn-teach>

Programs, resources and more for educators and learners of all ages.

National Home Education Research Institute (NHERI)

<https://www.nheri.org/>

A nonprofit research and educational organization that conducts and collects research about homeschooling.

NYSED/ P-12 / OSI / SSS / Home Instruction

<http://www.nysed.gov/nonpublic-schools/home-instruction>

Key laws relating to home instruction.

PBS Parents Education

<https://www.pbs.org/parents/thrive>

Tips and advice to help with schooling endeavors.

Secular Homeschooling

<https://www.homeschool.com/secular-homeschooling/>

A comprehensive homeschool support system including tools, resources, and support

Time4Learning

<https://www.time4learning.com/homeschooling/new-york/laws-requirements.html>

Outlines requirements for homeschooling in NYS, recordkeeping for school work, returning to public school after homeschooling, and additional homeschool resources including demo lessons.

Virtual & In Person Opportunities

Contact organizations for fees and registration procedures.

Children's Museum of the East End

<https://www.cmee.org/>

In person and virtual classes designed to spark imagination and foster learning. To schedule a visit call Liz 631-537-8250 or e-mail liz@cmee.org.

Cold Spring Harbor Whaling Museum

<https://www.cshwhalingmuseum.org/museum-to-you.html>

A variety of programs offered to all ages year round. Call 631-367-3418 ext. 10 or email info@cshwhalingmuseum.org.

Suffolk County Farm and Education Center

<http://ccesuffolk.org/suffolk-county-farm>

The 220-acre working farm offers fun hands-on educational activities about LI's agricultural heritage while showcasing present day agriculture. A wide array of hands-on and unique opportunities. Virtual and in person programs are offered. Call Kaylyn Reynolds 631-852-4627 or email ccefarmgroups@cornell.edu.

Cradle of Aviation

<https://www.cradleofaviation.org/education/homeschool.html>

Home school families can take advantage of school group rates and museum classes for groups of 10 or more. Call 516-572-4066 to book a group visit.

Hallockville Museum Farm

<https://hallockville.org/education/>

An educational experience where history and farmstead are combined to provide informative experiences that can be tailored to the needs of the group. Call 631-298-5292 to schedule.

Heckscher Museum of Art

<https://www.heckscher.org/>

Offers students enriching curriculum-based opportunities to explore art and creative expression. 15 or more are required for booking. Call 631-380-3292 or email education@Heckscher.org.

Intrepid Sea Air and Space Museum Complex

PreK-12 School Programs

<https://www.intrepidmuseum.org/education/pre-k-12-school-programs>

The Intrepid Museum's Education Department offers virtual and in person programs for students in grades pre-K–12 from schools, homeschool groups, after-school programs and more. To make a reservation call 646-381-5010 or email education@intrepidmuseum.org.

Long Island Aquarium

<https://www.longislandaquarium.com/schools-groups/>

Educational programs that align with New York State Learning Standards that can be utilized in the aquarium or through outreach. To schedule your visit call 631-208-9200 ext. 426.

Long Island Children's Museum

<https://www.licm.org/visit/school-groups/>

Field trip options and live theater performances align with a range of state and national learning criteria including the Common Core and Next Generation Science Standards. Call 516-224-5847 or e-mail outreach@licm.org to schedule a visit or outreach opportunity.

Long Island Explorium

<https://longislandexplorium.org/programs/#schools>

STEM based programs and workshops built on New York State Science Learning Standards, New York State English Language Arts and Mathematics Learning Standards, and the National Core Arts Standards. Call 631-331-3277 or e-mail

Info@Longislandexplorium.org for more information.

Long Island Museum

<https://longislandmuseum.org/learn-and-explore/at-home-with-lim/>

At Home with LIM

A series of online family art and history activities, based on the Museum's collection, historic buildings and grounds. Email educators@longislandmuseum.org or call 631-751-0066 for more information.

Museum of the City of New York

<https://www.mcnyc.org/education>

Virtual programs for educators and students, resources, and lesson plans. Contact 917-492-3334 or email schoolprograms@mcnyc.org

New York Historical Society

<https://www.nyhistory.org/education/in-person-homeschool>

Education programs and curriculum resources about the history of our city, state, and nation. In person classes offered. Contact homeschool@nyhistory.org for more information.

Old Bethpage Village Restoration

<https://www.oldbethpagevillagerestoration.org/school-group-reservations>

Explore the history of Old Bethpage Village and a 19th century Long Island agricultural community. 15 or more are required for a group booking. Call 516-572-8409 to schedule a school or group visit.

Old Westbury Gardens

<https://www.oldwestburygardens.org/education/#educationintro>

A wide variety of guided programs designed for K-12 students and educators to explore Westbury House and Gardens. Call 516-333-0048 or email education@oldwestburygardens.org for more information or to arrange a visit.

Science Museum of Long Island

<https://www.smlil.org/schoolprograms>

Science classes for elementary, middle, and high school offered at the museum and through outreach. Call 516-627-9400 or email info@smlil.org to schedule your visit.

Stony Brook University Institute for STEM Education

https://www.stonybrook.edu/commcms/istem/students/grades_5-12/programs_5-12.php

STEM education programs designed for middle and high school students. Call 631-632-9750 or email istem@stonybrook.edu.

Sweetbriar Nature Center

<https://www.sweetbriarnc.org/school-programs>

Interactive and hands on programs that meet New York State Science Standards are designed to involve participants through the use of live animals, hands-on activities, and interactive experiences at the nature preserve or through outreach. To schedule a visit contact Veronica Sayers 631-979-6344 ext. 303 or email vsswbriarnc@aol.com.

Urban Air Adventure Park – Lake Grove

<https://www.urbanair.com/>

Attractions available to get your children active and earn P.E. credits! For more information call (631) 861-4125.

Vanderbilt Mansion Museum Planetarium

<https://www.vanderbiltmuseum.org/education/>

Offers museum programs in History and Science. Call at 631-854-5539 to schedule a group visit.

Print Resources

Located in the Children's Department Parenting Collection.

Bauer, Susan Wise (2016)

The Well-Trained Mind –A Guide to Classical Education at Home

Shares recommendations for providing a child with an academically comprehensive education for preschool through high school. Incorporates resource listings, contact information, and Internet links.

Bogart, Julie and S. Wise Bauer (2019)

The Brave Learner: Finding Everyday Magic in Homeschool, Learning, and Life

A joyful and accessible approach to homeschool that harnesses children's natural curiosity and makes learning a part of everyday life, whether they're in elementary or high school

Carne, Lisa (2016)

Natural Curiosity: Educating and Nurturing Our Children At Home

Provides insight on moving from mainstream schooling to home education and learning through the lens of nature and natural history.

Garfias, Lea Ann (2021)

Everything You Need to Know About Homeschooling: a Comprehensive Easy-to-Use Guide for the Journey From Early Learning Through Graduation

A homeschooling mom of six and herself a homeschool graduate, made this guide to provide you with resources to successfully tackle homeschooling in your own style, filling your experience with confidence, grace, and the joy of learning

Knerl, Linsey (2021)

Homeschool Hacks : How to Give Your Kid a Great Education Without Losing Your Job (or Your Mind)

A working mother of six, who has homeschooled her own children, shows how any family can do it, with customized plans for every schedule, lifestyle, and educational goal.

Linsenbach, Sherri (2015)

The Everything Guide to Homeschooling: All You Need to Create the Best Curriculum and Learning Environment for Your Child

An accessible guide for fun and stress-free homeschooling!

Lippincott, Lorilee (2020)

Homeschooling for Absolute Beginners: Make Learning at Home Simple, Affordable, Fun and Effective

A homeschooling mom answers questions about educating children at home and explains how to instill a love of learning and avoid burnout.

Riley, Gina, Ph.D. (2021)

The Homeschooling Starter Guide: How to Create and Adapt the Best Education Action Plan for Your Needs

This starter guide to homeschooling is the ultimate resource for turning any home into an ideal school environment and helping any child succeed.

Rupp, Rebecca (2020)

Home Learning Year by Year: How to Design a Creative and Comprehensive Homeschool Curriculum

A comprehensive guide to designing a homeschool curriculum from preschool through high school.

Wayne, Israel (2018)

Answers for Homeschooling: Top 25 Questions Critics Ask

Answers to help you become confident in your homeschooling journey!

Oak Meadow

Available for In-Library Use Only

Provides a flexible, progressive homeschooling curriculum for students in K-12 with a variety of assignments, hands-on activities, readings and interdisciplinary projects that encourage creativity, critical thinking, and intellectual development.

Magazines

Resources can be found in our Children's Department for Elementary School curriculums and Teen Services Department for Middle and High School curriculums.

Elementary School

Highlights for Children
Highlights High Five
Muse
National Geographic Kids
Ranger Rick
Ranger Rick Jr.
Zoobooks
Zootles

Middle & High School

Beanz
Brainspace
Faces: People, Places and Cultures
Junior Scholastic - Current Events
Make
The New York Times Upfront
OYLA
Scholastic Art
Scholastic Math
Science World - Current Science

Parents

Practical Homeschooling

Flipster Magazines Online

All About Space
Beanz
Brainspace
High Five (Bilingual)
Highlights for Children
National Geographic Kids
Ranger Rick
Zoobooks
Week Junior

Research & Databases

Elementary School

<https://www.sachemlibrary.org/services-resources/research-databases/?subject=childrens>

ABC Mouse from Home

BookFlix

Brainfuse HelpNow Live Study Help - Library card required

Britannica School

Creative Bug

CultureGrams

Freedom Flix

History Reference Center

Learning Express 3.0—School Center

Muzzy Online Language Course - Library card required

National Geographic KIDS

New York State Newspapers

*New York Times 1980-Current

*New York Times Historical 1851-2017

*Newsday 1985-Current

*Newsday Historical 1940-1994

NoveList Plus

Novelist Plus K-8

Opposing Viewpoints

Science Online

ScienceFlix

Something About the Author

TrueFlix

*Wall Street Journal 1984-Current

World Book Web

*Access provided by Suffolk Cooperative Library System

Middle School and High School

<http://www.sachemlibrary.org/services-resources/research-databases/?subject=teens>

Biography Reference Bank

Brainfuse HelpNow Live Study Help - Library card required

Britannica School

Career Cruising

CreativeBug

Credo Reference

CultureGrams

Explora

History Reference Center

Learning Express 3.0

Literary Reference Center

Mango Languages

Masterfile Elite

Middle School (Gale in Context)

New York State Newspapers

*New York Times 1980-Current

*New York Times Historical 1851-2017

*Newsday 1985-Current

*Newsday Historical 1940-1994

NoveList Plus

Novelist Plus K-8

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Universal Class

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World Book Web

Additional Children’s Resources

**Kits are available to be borrowed from the library.
One kit per valid Sachus library card.**

Learn to Read Kits

Help your emerging reader master this important skill with a bagful of educational games and activities. Included in the kits are “make-a-word” bead builders, sight-word letter puzzles, word or sentence flip books and a sight-word board that talks.

Literacy Kits

Themed kits with books and activities promoting essential concepts. Topics include: Numbers, Letters, Seasons, Animals, Transportation, Money and more.

Maker Kits

Designed for older elementary school children looking to learn a new skill while enjoying hands-on maker-type play. These kits foster STEAM learning (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math) and creative enjoyment. Each kit has a theme and combines library resources and physical objects.

Playaway Launchpads

Pre-loaded tablet with content for kids of all ages. No download time. No need for Wi-Fi. Access to educational content is as simple as turning on each device – anytime, anywhere. Great for extended car trips!

Playaway View

An all-in-one video player that comes pre-loaded with multiple videos making it simple to access digital movies, shows, educational programming and more without the need for DVDs, downloads or an additional player. Smaller device travels well for small hands.

Wonderbooks

Every Wonderbook is a print book with a ready-to-play audio-book inside. Kids will press to read along with their favorite books and then switch to learning mode for literacy learning and fun.

These kits are designed for use while at the library.

Sensory Kits

A Sensory Box is a tactile experience in a contained area or bin to foster early learning. Sensory boxes help children experience messy play and dry play as well as mess control. They are hands-on tools for children to learn about their world and their senses and help promote language and social/emotional development. There are five boxes available geared toward the preschool aged child to be used while at the library. Themes include: Alphabet; Ocean; Bugs; Colors and Magnets.

Tech Tubs

Our Tech Tubs are available for school-aged children to further explore STEM skills with the latest technology. Check out a kit and discover new ways to code, draw, and interact with toys intended to develop an interest in computer programming and engineering.



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