

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.

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/>

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://intrepidmuseum.org/resources/education/learning-library>

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.

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 631-537-8250 or e-mail sara@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://intrepidmuseum.org/plan-your-visit/group-visits/field-trips>

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 fill out the online guided field trip form.

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/school-programs-overview/>

A series of art and history programs and activities, based on the Museum's collection, historic buildings and grounds. Email ladler@longislandmuseum.org or call 631-751-0066 x283 for more information.

Museum of the City of New York

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

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

New York Historical

<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. Call 212-485-9293 or email schoolprograms@nyhistory.org for more information.

Old Bethpage Village Restoration

<https://oldbethpagevillagerestoration.org/visit/>

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 ext. 301 or email education@oldwestburygardens.org for more information or to arrange a visit.

Science Museum of Long Island

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

Science classes for elementary, middle, and high school offered at the museum and through outreach. Call 516-627-9400 ext 14 or email info@smlj.org to schedule your visit.

South Fork Natural History Museum & Nature Center

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

Offers environmental programs that promote understanding of the natural world. Call (631) 537-9735 or email info@sofo.org.

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 programs@sweetbriarnc.org.

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.

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.

Faith, Christy (2024)

Homeschool Rising: Shattering Myths, Finding Courage, and Opting Out of the School System

Homeschool Rising is a guide for anyone interested in homeschooling their children, regardless of background. It busts through the myths surrounding homeschooling, reveals the failures of our current school system, and demonstrates how home education and loving, motivated parents can provide a solution for students and families everywhere.

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.

Gibbs, Susanne (2024)

Homeschooling Quick Start

The book is designed so that you can go straight to the topic that interests you most. If you're worried about teaching science, math, or literature, or if you're wondering what you have to do to comply with your state's laws (there are no federal laws regulating homeschooling) you can go straight to the relevant chapter dealing with your chosen topic.

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, shows how any family can homeschool, with customized plans for every schedule, lifestyle, and educational goal.

Kessler, Christy (2024)

The Homeschool Advantage: A Child-Focused Approach to Raising Lifelong Learners

This book provides parents with practical tools to teach and engage their children at home. By focusing on their children's strengths and passions, rather than on their limitations, parents can foster a love of learning that will last a lifetime.

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.

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

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

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&jump=1>

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

<https://www.sachemlibrary.org/services-resources/research-databases/#c-letter>

Biography Reference Bank

Brainfuse HelpNow Live Study Help - Library card required

Britannica School

Career Cruising

CollegeNow—Library card required

Craft & Hobby

CultureGrams

Explora

History Reference Center

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

Opposing Viewpoints

Pronunciator

Science Online

Science Reference Center

Something About the Author

Suffolk Historic Newspapers

Universal Class

U.S. History

*Wall Street Journal 1984-Current

World Book Web

Additional Children's Resources

Kits are available to be borrowed from the library.
One kit per valid Sachem 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/Tech Tubs

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.

- Cubelets
- Draw with Osmo
- Bolt
- Code and Go Rover
- Orboot Earth

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.

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, Numbers, Aquarium; Colors and Magnets.

These kits are designed for use *while at the library.*



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