

Resources and Services Available for Homeschoolers through the Muskingum County Library System

A Note to the User:

This information is intended to be a resource to assist those who:

- are considering the pros and cons of homeschooling and are looking for books, articles and other resources to help them make this decision,
- have already made the decision to homeschool and are looking for resources to assist them in this endeavor,
- are new to the Zanesville-Muskingum County area and are looking for local resources and homeschool support groups in our community.

This resource consists of:

- copies of the forms that must be submitted to your local school system in order to comply with the law and further information from the state about compliance,
- a bibliography of books available for check out at the Muskingum County Library System,
- information about services and online resources available through the library's web site,
- a list of web sites helpful to those who are new to homeschooling,
- and a brief directory of local support groups.

If you have any questions, please contact the Reference Desk at (740) 453-0391, extensions 116 and 132, referencedept@muskingumlibrary.org; or contact the Children's Desk at ext. 115, childrens@muskingumlibrary.org.

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Bibliography of Books about Homeschooling:

Homeschooling Your Gifted Child: Language Arts for the Middle School Years, by Lee Wherry Brainerd & Wendy Moss (LearningExpress, 2002)

Real Life Homeschooling: the Stories of 21 Families Who Make It Work, by Rhonda Barfield (Fireside Books, 2002)

Homeschooling: Take a Deep Breath—You Can Do This!, by Terrie Lynn Bittner (Mapletree, 2004)

College-Prep Homeschooling: Your Complete Guide to Homeschooling through High School, by David P. and Chandra Byers (Mapletree, 2008)

The Guidance Manual for the Christian Home School: a Parent's Guide for Preparing Home School Students for College or Career, by David & Laurie Callihan (Career Press, 1999)

Homeschooling: a Research-based How-to Manual, by Andrea D. Clements (Scarecrow Education, 2004)

Easy Homeschooling Curriculum, by Lorraine Curry (God's Gardener, 2007)

Easy Homeschooling Techniques, by Lorraine Curry (Easy Homeschooling, 2006)

Homeschooling High School: Planning Ahead for College Admission, by Jeanne Gowen Dennis (Emerald Books, 2004)

The First Year of Homeschooling Your Child: Your Complete Guide to Getting Off to the Right Start, by Linda Dobson (Prima Publishing, 2001)

The Ultimate Book of Homeschooling Ideas: 501 Best Learning Activities for Kids Ages 3-12, by Linda Dobson (Prima Publishing, 2002)

100 Top Picks for Homeschool Curriculum: Choosing the Right Curriculum and Approach for Your Child's Learning Style, by Cathy Duffy (Broadman & Holman, 2005)

The Beginner's Guide to Homeschooling, by Patrick Farenga (Holt, 2000)

Help for the Harried Homeschooler: a Practical Guide to Balancing Your Child's Education with the Rest of Your Life, by Christine M. Field (Shaw Books, 2001)

The Well-Adjusted Child: the Social Benefits of Homeschooling, by Rachel Gathercole (Mapletree Publishing, 2004)

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Bibliography of Books about Homeschooling (continued):

The Homeschooling Handbook: from Preschool to High School, by Mary Griffith (Prima Publishing, 1999)

Choosing Home: Deciding to Homeschool with Asperger's Syndrome by Martha Kennedy Hartnett (J. Kingsley Publishers, 2004)

The Homeschooler's Guide to Free Teaching Aids, 2008-2009 (Education Progress Service, 2007)

What Your Fifth Grader Needs to Know: Fundamentals of a Good Fifth-Grade Education (the Core Knowledge Series), edited by E.D. Hirsch, Jr. (Rev. Ed., 2006)*

What Your First Grader Needs to Know: Fundamentals of a Good First-Grade Education (the Core Knowledge Series), edited by E.D. Hirsch, Jr. (Doubleday, 1997)*

What Your Fourth Grader Needs to Know: Fundamentals of a Good Fourth-Grade Education (the Core Knowledge Series), edited by E.D. Hirsch, Jr. (Rev. Ed., 2004)*

What Your Kindergartner Needs to Know: Preparing Your Child for Lifetime of Learning (the Core Knowledge Series), edited by E.D. Hirsch, Jr. (Doubleday, 1996)*

What Your Preschooler Needs to Know: Read-Alouds to Get Ready for Kindergarten (the Core Knowledge Series), by E.D. Hirsch, Jr. and Linda A. Bevilacqua (Bantam Dell, 2008)*

What Your Second Grader Needs to Know: Fundamentals of a Good Second-Grade Education, Revised Edition (the Core Knowledge Series), edited by E.D. Hirsch, Jr. (Dell, 1998)*

What Your Sixth Grader Needs to Know: Fundamentals of a Good Sixth-Grade Education (the Core Knowledge Series), edited by E.D. Hirsch, Jr. (Rev. Ed., 2006)*

What Your Third Grader Needs to Know: Fundamentals of a Good Third-Grade Education (the Core Knowledge Series), edited E.D. Hirsch, Jr. (Delta Trade Paperbacks, 2001)*

The Homeschooling Book of Answers: the 101 Most Important Questions Answered by Homeschooling's Most Respected Voices, by Linda Dobson (Prima Publishing, 2002)

Homeschooling for Dummies, by Jennifer Kaufeld (Hungry Minds, 2002)

Home Schooling: The Right Choice: an Academic, Historical, Practical and Legal Perspective, by Christopher J. Klicka (Loyal Publishing, 2000)

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Bibliography of Books about Homeschooling (continued):

A Charlotte Mason Education: a How-to Manual, by Catherine Levinson (Charlotte Mason Communications, 1996)

More Charlotte Mason Education: a Home Schooling How-to Manual, by Catherine Levinson (Champion Press, Ltd., 2000)

“But What about Socialization?”: Answering the Perpetual Home Schooling Question: A Review of the Literature, by Susan A. McDowell (Philodeus Press, 2004)

Homeschooling: a Family’s Journey, by Gregory and Martine Millman (Penguin, 2008)

The Homeschooler’s Guide to Free Videotapes, 2008-2009, by Kathleen H. Nehmer (Education Progress Service, 2006)

250 Things Homeschoolers Can Do on the Internet: a Guide to Fun, Facts and Friends, by Tamara B. Orr (Scarecrow Education, 2003)

A Parent’s Guide to Homeschooling: the Complete Guide, by Tamara B. Orr (Parent’s Guide Press, 2002)

The Complete Guide to Homeschooling, by John & Kathy Perry (Lowell House, 2000);

Mary Pride’s Complete Guide to Getting Started in Homeschooling, by Mary Pride (Harvest House Publishing, 2004)

Homeschooling the Child with Asperger Syndrome: Real Help for Parents Anywhere and on Any Budget, by Lisa Pyles (Jessica Kingsley Publishers, 2004)

The Complete Idiot’s Guide to Homeschooling, by Marsha Ransom (Alpha Books, 2001)

The Worldwide Guide to Homeschooling: Facts and Stats on the Benefits of Home School, a Quick Reference, 2005-2006, by Dr. Brian D. Ray, Ph. D. (Broadman & Holman, 2005)

Creative Home Schooling for the Gifted Children: a Resource Guide, by Lisa Rivero (Great Potential Press, 2001)

Home Learning Year by Year: How to Design a Homeschool Curriculum from Preschool to High School, by Rebecca Rupp (Three Rivers Press, 2000)

Home Schooling at the Speed of Life: Balancing Home, School and Family in the Real World, by Marilyn Rockett (B & H Publishing, 2007)

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The McGraw-Hill Homeschooling Companion, by Laura Saba and Julie Gattis (McGraw-Hill, 2002)

Bibliography of Books about Homeschooling (continued):

Homeschooling Methods: Seasoned Advice on Learning Style, edited by Paul & Gena Saurez (Broadman & Holman Publishers, 2006)

Kingdom of Children: the Culture and Controversy in the Homeschooling Movement, by Mitchell L. Stevens (Princeton University Press, 2001)

The Classics at Home: a Guide, by Ann Ward (Nobel Publishing Associates, 1996)

Homeschooling (At Issue series), by Heidi Williams (Greenhaven Press, 2007)

Help! I'm Married to a Homeschooling Mom: Showing Dads How to Meet the Needs of Their Homeschooling Wives, by Todd Wilson (Moody Publishers, 2004)

The Well-Trained Mind: a Guide to Classical Education at Home, by Jessie Wise and Susan Wise Bauer (W.W. Norton, 1999)

* Non-circulating copies of these books are available in the Learning Center at the John McIntire Library. Previous editions may also be available; please speak to a Reference or Children's associate for details.

Videography of Films about Homeschooling:

Home Schooling 101—Time for Learning (Avidya Associates-Video Ventures, 2001)

Home Schooling: Is It for You? (Free the Mind Productions, 1999)

Grown without Schooling: a Documentary by Peter Kowalke (Kowalke Communications, 2002)

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Online Resources and Services (available at www.muskingumlibrary.org):

From our website, a user can:

- apply for a library card
- reserve materials available at MCLS libraries and throughout Ohio (MORE)
- reserve a Theme/Subject Classroom Collection of materials to use at home
- review his/her patron record in a secure and confidential manner,
- assist middle and high school students using the *Student Resource Center*,
- access full-text journal articles through *Academic Search Premier*, full-text newspaper articles through *Newspaper Source* and *America's Newspapers (Newsbank)* and full-text magazine articles through *MasterFILE Premier*,
- find information about science projects through the *Science Resource Center*,
- learn a new language with *Mango Language* online learning course,
- learn more about literature from *Bloom's Literary Reference Online* and the popular *19th Century* and *Contemporary Literary Criticism* database and download books to a home computer using *NetLibrary*,
- find information about different countries and cultures through *Culture Grams*
- practice tests and quizzes through *LearningExpress Library*,
- get "Live Homework Help" from 2:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and "Ask a Librarian" anything, any time,
- retrieve encyclopedia articles from the *World Book Online* and explore subjects in-depth,
- access all the databases available through OWL, the Ohio Web Library (formerly known as OPLIN),
- and enjoy stories, games and puzzles through *TumbleBooks*.

Further Online Resources:

For **general information, directories and other useful resources:**

- about.homeschooling.com
- www.homeschool.com
- www.homeschoolcentral.com
- www.homeschoolfacts.com

To share experiences and **blog:**

- www.homeschoolblogger.com

For information about homeschooling children with **special needs:**

- www.homeschoolviews.com

For **legal compliance issues and Ohio's Academic Content Standards:**

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- the Ohio Department of Education (www.ode.state.oh.us); click on the “School Options” tab and then scroll down to “home education”

Further Online Resources (continued):

For **one-stop-online-shopping for curriculum and support materials**:

- the Rainbow Resource Center, Inc. (www.rainbowresource.com)

Community Resources and Local Homeschooling Support Groups:

For **local support groups**:

- the Muskingum Valley Educational Service Center (Coshocton, Morgan & Muskingum Counties)—contact Jim McDonough, Home Education Coordinator, (740) 452-4518, jmdonough@mvesc.k12.oh.us
- the Ohio Home Educators Network—www.ohiohomeeducators.net

For information about **field trips and local history**:

- the Zanesville-Muskingum County Convention Center & Visitors Bureau, 205 N. 5th St., Zanesville, (740) 455-8282, www.visitzanesville.com.
- maps, brochures and other information about most area attractions is also available at any Muskingum County library, if the Bureau is closed.

For **free curriculum support materials** available to borrow (such as reproducible workbooks, teaching guides, etc.):

- the Daybreak Rotary Learning Center, located in the John McIntire Library.

For **free entertaining and educational family-oriented programs** at any of our six Muskingum County libraries:

- *Library Lineup*, the monthly print newsletter of the Muskingum County Library System, available at any public service desk and by mail,
- www.muskingumlibrary.org, the library system’s website (go to “Events/Calendar” in the left hand menu),
- or, speak to a library associate.

For local vendors of **school supplies, musical instruments, art supplies, sports equipment, etc.**, local providers of **music and art lessons, fitness classes, etc.**, and local **service clubs/organizations, etc.**, please see the *Zanesville and Vicinity Yellow Pages*. A library associate will be happy to assist you.

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Using the Ohio Department of Education Home Education Notification Form

The Ohio Department of Education requires parents to fill out an application form and to contact the superintendent of the school district in which they reside of their intention to homeschool within one week of the start of the school year.

If you are a parent applying to homeschool *for the first time*, please complete Sections 1 through 8 and sign Section 10. Section 8 requires that you include a brief outline of your intended curriculum for the current year and a list of curriculum materials you will be using.

If you are applying to homeschool *after having educated your child home in the school district where you reside during the previous school year*, then complete Sections 1 through 9 and sign section 10. Section 9 is the assessment portion of the form, and you must provide supporting documentation, such as the results of a nationally standardized test or a written narrative.

Copies of this application are available at the Reference and Children's Desk at the John McIntire Library and at each of the branch libraries, as well as at the Muskingum Valley Educational Service Center, 205 N. 7th St., Zanesville. For questions, please contact your local school district or the Educational Service Center, (740) 452-4518.