

RESOURCES FOR HOME SCHOOLING

General Information

The following books are widely available through the Erie County Library System and area bookstores:

- Teach Your Own & Learning All The Time, by John Holt or any of Holt's other books
- Family Matters: Why Home Schooling Makes Sense by David Guterson
- Freedom Challenge: African America Home Schoolers by Grace Llewellyn
- The Art of Education by Linda Dobson
- Taking Charge Through Home Schooling: Personal and Political Empowerment by Susan & Larry Kaseman
- Home Education Magazine, (HEM) Home Education Press, National bi-weekly magazine with feature articles, columns covering a wide range of issues, reviews and recommendations. Offers free information and resource guide. PO Box 1083, Tonasket, WA 98855-1083, (800)236-3278

Getting Started

The Erie County Public Library has a wealth of resources. Many materials are located around the call number 649.68 and by searching "home schooling" in the computer catalog. Some libraries also have a home schooler's resource notebook. Ask about this at the reference desk.

- Home Schooling 101, by Erica Arndt – Available at the Home School Office
- The Beginner's Guide to Home schooling, by Patrick Farenga, John Holt's Book and Music Store
- For New Home Schoolers, Home Education Press
- Trust the Children, by Anna Kealoha
- Reading List from John Holt's Book and Music Store
- Home Schooling Handbook and Unschooling Handbook, by Mary Griffith
- The Home School Book of Answers, by Linda Dobson

Special Topics

- The Teenage Liberation Handbook, and Real Lives: Eleven Teenagers Who Don't Go to School, two books by Grace Llewellyn
- A Sense of Self: Listening to Home Schooled Adolescent Girls, by Susannah Sheffer
- And What About College: How Home Schooling Leads to Admissions to the Best Colleges and Universities, by Cafi Cohen

On-Line Resources

- Castle Learning – www.castlelearning.com
- Time4learning.com - www.time4learning.com
- Holt Associates, www.holtgws.com
- Home Education Magazine, www.parents-choice.org
- Jon's Home School Resource Page, www.midnightbeach.com/hs/
- NYS Education Department, www.emsc.nysed.gov

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- www.kidsoutandabout.com – An excellent website that lists community activities and events for children
- Khanacademy.org – Videos on Science, Engineering, Physics, Biology, Help with Math, etc.
- 50States.com – States and Capitals, Quizzes
- Youngmenshealthsite.org & Youngwomenshealth.org – Sexual and Emotional Health, Nutrition & Fitness
- Innerbody.com – Whole systems of the human body
- Firstaidforfree.com – Pediatric first aid
- Buffalolib.org – Research and library skills
- Studyladder.com – Language and Culture
- Factmonster.com – Additional resources
- James Madison High School – online High School www.jmhs.com
- Discovery K12 – www.Discoveryk12.com
- Hewitt Home Schooling - <https://www.hewitthomeschooling.com>
- Lighthouse Christian Academy - <https://www.lcaed.com>
- Grade level expectations - <https://www.buffaloschools.org/Page/83944>
- Engage New York - <https://www.engageny.org/common-core-curriculum>
- Laurel Springs Private Online School <https://laurelsprings.com/>
- Online Public School – www.k12.com

Curricula and Catalogs

- World Book Encyclopedia offers a “Typical Course Study” which gives an overview curriculum for each grade level www.worldbook.com
- Key Curriculum Press provides tools for mathematics, PO Box 2304, Berkeley, CA 94702 or www.keypress.com
- Tobin’s Lab provides hands-on science materials. Some materials have a Christian orientation. 1-800-522-4776 or PO Box 725, Culpepper, VA 22701; www.TobinsLab.com
- FUN Books offers books in a wide range of subjects, www.funbooks.com or Dept. W, PO Box 1360, Pasadena, MD, 21123-1360 or (888) FUN-7020
- Beautiful Feet offers materials for a literature based approach to history, math, science and geography. www.bfbooks.com or (800) 889-1978

Face Book Groups:

- WNY Homeschool for High School
- Homeschoolers of WNY group (Facebook)
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1445911158953703/?ref=share>
- Buffalo Northtowns Homeschoolers (Facebook)
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/616069121842814/?ref=share>
- Young Homeschoolers of WNY (Facebook)
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/857737354426130/?ref=share>
- Field Trip Fridays for Homeschoolers of WNY (Facebook)
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/403245800399942/?ref=share>

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