

SOAR -- Sharing Our Amazing Resources

Presenter Resources from Zoom Program 09/15/2020

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LIBRARIES! PUBLIC, SCHOOL AND INTER-LIBRARY LOAN: books, audiobooks on CD or through RBDigital/GMLC, discovery kits, DVDs, online film streaming from Kanopy, parks and museum passes, programs.

Reading/Writing

[Reading Reflex](#), and How to Increase Your Child's Verbal Intelligence, by McGuinness (GFL owns) -- Phono-Graphix method of teaching reading. David started the Lightning Thief (Percy Jackson) by the end of his 1st-grade year, and read over 50 novels his second-grade year.

Audiobooks! Best way to "read" above reading level, or explore books kids wouldn't choose.

[Games for Writing](#), [Games for Math](#), by Peggy Kaye (GFL owns) for K-3.

[Getty-Dubay Italic Handwriting Series](#): David began in spring of Grade 2. Link is to Cathy Duffy Reviews, a site with extensive reviews of homeschooling materials.

[Dance Mat Typing!](#): fun BBC typing lessons.

[6 + 1 Traits of Writing](#) by Ruth Culham-- we studied picture books and created our own.

[Young Writers Project](#): submit writing for publishing online and in Vermont newspapers.

<https://www.writeathome.com/>: middle and high-school writing courses.

Math

[Mathstories.com](#) -- our introduction to story problems. \$24 for a year's access, some free.

[Giggle Facts](#) -- a set addition and subtraction games with game pieces, \$40, free trial.

[Edward Zaccaro's math books](#): Primary Grade Challenge Math, Challenge Math, and more.

[Mathletics](#) Great American Math Challenge - 2 weeks of free math practice. Free trial.

[ALEKS](#): We used a 3-month free trial for multiplication/division table practice.

[The Cryptoclub: Using Mathematics to Make and Break Secret Codes](#) - book, CTY class.
[Singapore Math](#): strong base curriculum we used for 3rd-5th grade. Free placement tests.

[Math for the Gifted Student](#): cheap fun workbooks I found at Barnes & Noble.

[Hands-on-Equations](#): we enjoyed this method of teaching Algebra to young kids.

[Hands-On Geometry: Constructions with a Straightedge and Compass](#), by Christopher Freeman: excellent for basic geometry. Link is to Goodreads.com, a great site for books!

[Art of Problem Solving](#) (6-12) and [Beast Academy](#) (2-5): books, classes, videos. Love this!!
David started with the Pre-Algebra book and began online classes with Algebra B in 6th grade;
Alan used Beast Academy books for 3-5 before entering IMACS for 6th grade.

[IMACS](#): my son won access to their creative Pre-Algebra online curriculum, EMF. Free sample.

[MOEMS Math Olympiad](#) (4-6 and 6-8); [Mathcounts](#) (6-8), [AMC8/10/12](#), [UVM High School Prize Math Examination](#): all excellent math competitions, for teams or individuals.

Science

[Ellen J. McHenry's Basement Workshop](#): We did Botany in 8 Lessons, and Cells. Also Mapping the World with Art and Mapping the Body with Art.

NBNC and Audubon Club birding, Project Feederwatch (Nov-April), Christmas Bird Count...

Machine Madness Day at Montshire Museum, Lego contests and displays, Maker camps....

[Junior Duck Stamp Contest](#): my sons really enjoyed creating duck posters.

[Steven Caney's Ultimate Building Book](#): inspiring for young builders.

Gifted:

[Johns Hopkins CTY](#): their SCAT is now available online so kids can access their Talent Search. Testing, online classes with financial aid.

[Northwestern University CTD](#): Similar to CTY. David took AP Physics C with a scholarship.

[Davidson Young Scholars](#): support, classes, summer camps, some financial aid, and more. Parents can apply to DYS for a child using IQ testing, or with a high SAT score. Especially strong Facebook group for emotional and educational support from other families.

[Hoagiesgifted.org](#) -- a good starting point to learn about educating and living with a gifted child, with LOTS of resources. Where I learned about the other programs recommended here.

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Note: I never used a pre-set/purchased curriculum, so my resources may seem a bit scattered. I tried to take the best materials I could find from a range of sources, and we often study relatively esoteric things in depth (e.g., French geography and cuisine, nematodes, absurdist philosophy) because that is where our interests happen to take us. Please feel free to contact me for recommendations in any area. I'm also happy to share lesson plans. My kids are ages 13 and 15 as of October 2020.

General

- [The Great Courses](#) - adult/college but some designed for high school or accessible for high school or middle school with guidance; buy CDs/DVDs used; available ILL; Kanopy has a wide selection; can also get a Great Courses Plus subscription for online streaming of most Great Courses (but not some of the older classics). Professor Greenburg has very entertaining music appreciation and history lectures. J. Rufus Fears has great literature and history lectures. Find a Professor you like and watch all lectures of interest, or watch selected lectures from different series you like, or pick a topic and watch several lecture series on the topic. Course guide books have recommended resources and, sometimes, comprehension questions, but I find it best to build my own lesson plans off the lectures. Full transcripts are also available for many lectures.
- [Crash Course series](#) - range of subjects, from Intellectual Property Law and World History to Film Studies and Engineering; quick but in-depth videos arranged in series ranging from 6 or 7 videos (Navigating Digital Information) to 50 or more videos (Government and Politics); great content and delivery (holds students' interest). I've been very grateful for this series! Transcripts available [online](#). Geared towards high school, but there is also a Crash Course Kids series.
- [Khan Academy](#) - video lectures (chalkboard style), other lectures, related articles and links, online classes, etc. on a wide range of topics, from geometry to illuminated manuscripts, from grammar to macroeconomics. For high school. Most content seems to be free on the Academy website or YouTube; explore possibilities for signing up for specific classes.
- [Prufrock Press](#) - unique and generally high-quality workbooks for all ages across most content areas
- [The Critical Thinking Company](#) - unique and generally very high-quality workbooks for all ages across most content areas plus important cross-content skills in critical thinking and logic, etc.; a few were goofy; read online reviews first or ask me about some of the misses (e.g., Daily Mind Builders).
- [Universal Class](#) - online classes available through GFL and other Vermont libraries; ages 16 and up
- [DIY Homeschooler](#) - free online lesson plans including source materials; nicely done with interesting coverage; includes robust unit studies; all ages
- MIT [Spark](#) and [Splash](#) programs - fun weekend of classes at MIT in Cambridge for only \$40; classes cover everything from lasers and calculus to the Irish potato famine and wildfire ecology; not just

science and math; for grades 7-8 (Spark) and high school (Splash) Splash is virtual for 2020 (in November). Spark is in March and there is no indication yet whether it will be in-person or virtual.

- [UVM 4-H Extension](#) activities, including Teen Science Cafe - no personal experience but seems interesting; had signed up for several things this summer but they were canceled due to COVID.
- [Amazing Educational Resources](#) - giant searchable database; I have not explored it yet but it seems to have a lot of great resources, including items that are offered for free due to COVID
- Generally, I can recommend many reading books, workbooks, reference books, and hands-on materials. We did not use computers in our homeschooling until my kids were doing late middle school/high school-level work.
- New York Public Library newsletters. Sign up [here](#). See in particular NYPL Connect for age-specific book recommendations by themes and other helpful information. **Other large libraries? Check Boston, Boulder.**
- Specific off-the-shelf items
 - A good workbook series from [Mark Twain Media](#), [Evan Moor](#), [Teacher Created Resources](#), and [Flash Kids](#). You can find high-quality workbooks in any primary content area plus some smaller but interesting topics you might not think about without prompting.
 - The _____ [Teacher's Book of Lists](#) - thick books with lists and project ideas by content area (*e.g.*, [Reading](#), Writing, Math, Art, Health, Literature, History...); great when you are stuck for ideas and good for many years of schooling. I like to look at these in the beginning of the year when I am lesson planning and then again later to identify gaps or just pick up some interesting ideas. For all ages, but probably best for middle school and high school.
 - DK series, [Help Your Kids with](#) _____ (Language Arts, math, music...); for tweens and teens. Nice for a teacher review and also to hand off to your student for self-directed learning. Don't forget the "Study Skills" book in this series. It is quite nice. (And, while you're at it, check out [Learning to Learn](#), which can really help your student organize his or her work and think about different learning styles, and [The Everything Guide to Study Skills](#), which has some good general advice and information for older students that is not covered in *Learning to Learn*.)
 - DK series, [Big ideas Simply Explained](#) - compact and eye-appealing books on a range of topics for high schoolers and adults, from Literature to Economics, Physics to Politics.
 - [Big Fat Notebook](#) series (Workman Publishing) - compact reference books for history, science, math, etc. Made to look almost handwritten. Not heavy-hitters but the content is good and kids might just pick it up and read it for fun.
 - [Daily Dose of Knowledge](#) and [Intellectual Devotional](#) book series (there are others as well (*e.g.*, the Sterling Milestones series or the 50 _____ Ideas You Really Need to Know series, but they are more challenging). One-page essays on topics from art, history, and science to religion, biography, and sports. Good to find vocabulary in context, learn about new topics, and practice reading out loud. For late elementary (with support) and

up. I highly recommend reading advanced books and essays out loud as it really helps to correct odd pronunciations and misunderstandings that can embarrass a student later.

Science

- [Fairbanks STEM Lab](#) - year 1 and year 2 lab programs for middle schoolers; see a short [video](#) about the lab; I am not sure what they are doing for COVID, but the lab is pretty swanky with science equipment you can't access elsewhere. If the science thing takes off, consider an in-depth scientific research camp at the [New Hampshire Academy of Science](#).
- [Fairbanks Introduction to Science Topics](#) - weekly lecture series for middle schoolers
- Good YouTube series with science content include Amoeba Sisters, SciShow (and SciShow Kids), PBS It's Okay to be Smart, Bozeman Science, Professor Dave, Socratica. (See also above at Crash Course.)
- [Cambridge Science Festival](#) - usually in April. Not clear if it will be held next year; weekend of activities and talks about cutting-edge science topics in Cambridge; for middle and high schoolers; good opportunity for students to volunteer.
- [Carolina Biological Supply](#) - You can buy all sorts of things to dissect here. Recommend rats and sheep brains. [Here is a sheep brain lab packet](#). Here is a rat dissection lab packet: [anatomy diagrams](#), [circulatory system specifics](#), and [dissection instructions](#) with some lists and charts.

Math

- [Math Encounters from MoMath](#) - monthly lectures at the Museum of Mathematics in NYC; taped and posted to YouTube with a slight lag.
- For younger students, our favorite math workbooks were from the Gifted and Talented series from Flash Kids. Search "Math for the Gifted Student" plus a grade number on Amazon. Almost all very useful math exercises to develop critical thinking and a full range of elementary math skills. Kids actually really liked these. We use *Art of Problem Solving* books now--everyone I know who is a mathematician or who is good at math seems to recommend this series. The kids find it challenging but doable.

History and Social Studies

- [The Story of the World](#) - audiobooks, books, workbooks; history for elementary-middle school students
- [Stanford History Education Group](#) - high-quality online lesson plans in civics, media literacy, and a wide range of history topics and skills; free registration give you access to a wealth of information
- [www.seterra.com](#) - online geography games and printable maps, including blank maps to use for tests and projects; I have a mountain of geography resources if there is specific interest.
- I have a lot of architecture resources to suggest if there is interest.

Language Arts

- [Shmoop](#) - incredible selection of literature guides and film guides for free; homeschool subscriptions available for online classes and additional information; geared towards high school or mature middle schoolers (the books include some middle school titles but most are classics and some are quite adult in theme)
- French lessons with Anja Pfeffer of East Hardwick; no personal experience but she seems great (just expensive); I have a mountain of specific recommendations for French lessons (books, workbooks, movies, songs...) if there is interest
- [Cricket Media Magazines](#) - Muse, Cobblestone, DIG, and Faces, etc.; ad-free, quality magazines for middle school students in science, US history, ancient history, and cultural geography, respectively; at least some of these are at the library or you can buy subscriptions online. Other magazines for younger students as well.

Art and Music

- [Picturing America: An Art Walk](#) - The link is to the brochures (elementary grades and middle school +) and supplemental material from the “art walk” posted outdoors at the Greensboro Free Library starting in October 2020. If you are interested in further ideas for extension activities (there are some in the NEH Teaching Guide in the folder) please contact me or Emily for ideas.
- **RMC to build out:** Bernstein music lectures and book. Sister Wendy. Art Fraud Detective. Various “meet the artists” series. What Makes a ___ a _____ (a Monet a Monet). Linnea in Monet’s Garden. [please email me if you are looking for art materials and I have not gotten to this yet; reneecircosta@gmail.com]

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- *How Am I Smart* by Dr. Kathy Koch. This book helped me to cement my teaching philosophy of honoring ALL the different ways that people learn and have gifts. I can't recommend this enough.
- Mystery Science -- online, complete science lessons for elementary. Limited lessons for free and full line with subscription <https://mysteryscience.com/>
- Dyslexia Games by Sarah Janisse Brown --reproducible, art-like pages
<https://www.dyslexiagames.com/>
- Brain Integration Therapy by Dianne Craft -- Exercises, supplement suggestions, and other resources to help struggling learners <https://diannecraft.org/>
- *Story of the World* series by Susan Wise Bauer -- elementary history
<https://welltrainedmind.com/?v=7516fd43adaa>
- *History Revealed* by Diana Waring -- middle school and high school history (similar to SOTW) Complete curriculum and online accredited class options.
<https://www.dianawaring.com/history-revealed-world-history-curriculum/>
- *First Language Lessons* by Jesse Wise --gentle introduction to poetry, grammar, dictation, and story-telling <https://welltrainedmind.com/?v=7516fd43adaa>
- Memoria Press --classical education curriculum. I particularly love their reading workbooks (also check out their summer reading list by grade)
<https://www.memoriapress.com/>
- Quizlet -- online, free review website. Popular curriculums have prepared quizzes. Easily make your own. <https://quizlet.com/>

- Northeast Kingdom Learning Services, Hardwick, VT (802) 472-3183 --High school equivalency diploma

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- Stern Center for Language and Learning -- in Williston. Tests children and adults for learning style/disabilities and provides personalized recommendations and services. <https://sterncenter.org/>

- Subscription services

- Raddish -- Monthly themed recipe box with cooking tool for child to use. Website has comprehensive enrichment lessons to go with each recipe (usually 3 per box). Dietary modifications for nearly every eating restriction are also posted on the website.

https://www.raddishkids.com/?gclid=Cj0KCOjwqfz6BRD8ARIsAIXQCf3sAd5vQEiTeOF8AQGWa-XIDSDI32Rv7MJ2Huy0BfiGslIsmupk0iYaAvafEALw_wcB

- Let's Make Art -- Monthly watercolor, lettering, or art journaling kit with supplies for 4 projects. Online videos walk students through each project.

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

- Craftsman Crate -- Monthly kit that teaches real, quality crafts. Candle-making, soap-making, chair weaving, quilling, tile mosaic, glass etching, are all examples of past boxes. All tools and materials included, with the exception of maybe a hammer or something like that.

<https://www.raisingrealmen.com/product/craftsmancrate/>

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I probably don't even need to say it but everything is different this year bc of covid and stricter rules on gathering.

GFL-

ILL, audiobooks (cds & RB digital), DVDs & Blu Ray, book & program recommendations, project/homeschooling books (as well as a homeschool book exchange shelf), online storytimes, early & beginning reader books (including BOB books), programs, Kanopy (independent/educational films for all ages-need library card #), MakerSpace kits for various ages including:

- Orienteering/hiking
- Fairies
- Circus
- Journaling
- Birds (birdhouse/feeder building)
- Storykeepers & Family History
- Music & Puppets
- ABCs
- Numbers
- Shapes
- Space
- Winter
- Frogs
- Dinosaurs
- Nature and discovery (flowers & pollinators)

Coming soon!

- Herbal creations
- Autumn
- Anti-Racism
- Reduce, Reuse, Recycle
- Pumpkins
- Mother Goose
- Animals
- Colors
- Reading/Early Literacy
- Microscope
- Circuits
- Bread & Puppet
- Food, Nutrition, Farmers Markets

- Writing (for the younger set--pen pal ideas, post office books, calligraphy/handwriting...)
- Activism (climate change, social justice, BLM...)
- Mythology
- Weather
- Art Appreciation

I am adding these Greensboro Free Library programs and ideas in case anything catches anyone's eye to be excited about and also as a way to communicate some of the diverse possibilities libraries can offer.

Upcoming programs (in collaboration with WonderArts): Sept. 24, Oct. 1st, Oct. 10th Celebrating Community and the Strength Within (ages 5-15)-making clay tiles with Emma Podolin in the backyard; Solstice Bell clay kits in November.

“Pop-Up” Storytimes for little ones (will be advertised on FPF, Facebook, email)

Storywalks

Ongoing take home activities (until supplies run out): Decorate Your Own Cotton Bag; *Alice in Wonderland* by Lewis Carroll blackout poetry, zentangles, stick game.

Working on:

- Spark collaborative programming for teens
- collaboration with HCA on their exhibit “Critical Balance”
- Postcard Pen Pal Project
- Community Zine
- Literacy Boxes with lesson plans and books/activities for high schoolers
- MakerSpace Kits
- Day of the Dead/Halloween celebration (Oct./Nov.)
- Spiral of Light celebration (Dec)
- *This Book Is Anti-Racist* by Tiffany Jewell book discussion with Building Bright Futures and community art project with Emma Podolin
- Book club-virtual or in person (BYOBook, Anne-Marie Keppel’s new book, *Alia Waking, The Hate U Give, Blackbird Girls*)?
- Possibly: Architecture, Anatomy & Physiology, History walks, Animal Tracks in Winter

Art-

Spark! & WonderArts, REACH afterschool program

Barre Opera House, The Flynn, The Hop often have student matinees with info sessions and study guides

History-

Greensboro Historical Society <https://www.greensborohistoricalsociety.org/>-open by appointment, many great resources on their website, History Explorer Walk, Programs upon request ie. walk up and around Barr Hill, Greensboro Cemeteries,

Family History & StoryKeepers Kit (GFL)-created with help from Natalie Kinsey to research a family member

Old Stonehouse Museum in Brownington
<https://oldstonehousemuseum.org/fall-homeschooling-programs/>

Vermont History Museum in Montpelier <https://vermonthistory.org/homeschool-program> They have detailed, hands on history kits that can be checked out for \$20 to homeschoolers for 3 weeks. In this way you could share the cost and/or driving with another family or more.
(<https://vermonthistory.org/teachers-guides-for-kits>)

Story of the World by Susan Wise Bauer

A Young People's History of the United States by Howard Zinn <https://www.zinnedproject.org/>

An Indigenous Peoples' History of the United States by Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz

Science-

Fairbanks Museum <https://www.fairbanksmuseum.org/>

Four Science Vermont: virtual science classes from VINS, Fairbanks, Montshire & Echo
<https://fourseciencevt.org/>

Four Winds Nature Institute-elementary aged science program offered through schools
<https://nearbynature.fwni.org/>

Language-

DuoLingo <https://www.duolingo.com/>

CLiF-Literacy <https://clifonline.org/resources/at-home-remote-learning-resources/>

Other-

Playful Learning- I really like how this website is laid out and how many topics it covers. Many wonderful & thoughtful & free resources. <https://www.playfullearning.net/>

Oak Meadow free online resources including <https://www.oakmeadow.com/coronavirus/> and their newsletter

Sparkle Stories-many free stories to listen to online. Good for little ones.
<https://www.sparklestories.com/>

Sterling College library

Coyote Kids in Craftsbury, Earthwalk in Plainfield
<https://www.earthwalkvermont.org/coyote-kids>

Homeschool consultation- Rose Friedman, www.newdayhomeschool.com

Suggestions from others homeschoolers:

The Self Esteem Trap by Polly Young-Eisendrath

“Don’t underestimate the ordinary”.

Community events this fall:

Alice in Wonderland outdoor walk through art exhibit at the Highland Center for the Arts (HCA)
<https://highlandartsvt.org/events/wonderland/>-*Alice in Wonderland* by Lewis Carroll blackout poetry available at HCA and the library

Burt’s Orchard in Cabot: <https://burttappleorchard.com/fun-for-the-kids.html>

Celebrating Community and the Strength Within (ages 5-15)-making clay tiles with Emma Podolin in the backyard Sept. 24, Oct. 1st, Oct. 10th 1-2pm all are welcome! Sponsored by WonderArts!

Stay current with happenings at the library on our Facebook page or by calling the library at 533.2531 or emailing Emily at greensborokids@gmail.com or Paula at greensborofree@gmail.com

Barbara Jacobs: Reading Specialist at Lakeview Elementary

Literacy resources:

Teach Your Monster to Read (<https://www.teachyourmonstertoread.com/>) - free comprehensive and fun site for phonological awareness (sounds of language) and phonics (letter-sound match)

Vocabulary/Spelling City (<https://www.spellingcity.com/>) - free and premium site where you can make word lists for practice, testing, and games. We just got the premium in March for remote learning, but I used the free version for years. Kids love the games.

Readworks (<https://www.readworks.org/>) - Free site with articles on a large variety of topics which are offered at different reading levels. Includes depth-of-knowledge comprehension questions. Features an "article a day" which many teachers use.

Diverse content -

PBS

(<https://education.vermont.gov/sites/aoe/files/documents/edu-distance-learning-schedule-september-and-october-2020.pdf>) - The VT Agency of Education and PBS have partnered to offer

materials to support PBS programming. There is so much here! Note the links for thematic bundles and PBS Media.

But Why- a Podcast for Curious Kids

(<https://www.vpr.org/programs/why-podcast-curious-kids#stream/0>) - These weekly podcasts on VPR are based on questions that children submit. You can just imagine the range of topics! The site offers past podcasts and materials to extend learning. I heard the one on racism this summer, and it was excellent.

Problem solving/creativity/teamwork -

Odyssey of the Mind (<https://www.odysseyofthemind.com/>) - This is a personal recommendation. My daughter participated all through high school, with the team going to World Finals multiple times. Teams work together to address specific problems and topics as well as learn to work together extemporaneously. There are state competitions where teams can qualify for world competitions. (Julie went to Iowa and New Jersey.) Motivated students, a dedicated coach and flexible parents are the key to making this working. You don't have to do the competitions as teams can learn so much just from working on the problems together. I was impressed how OM has gone virtual, and this can be a multi-year program so in-person competitions can be a goal to work toward. I *think* there can be teams at the elementary and middle-school level also.

Overview

We have seen discussion on listservs recently about the need for libraries to provide more information about homeschool resources since more parents are choosing to keep their children at home this fall because of the pandemic. It's important to delineate among: parents who choose to school their children at home and provide their own curriculum and activities; parents who choose to have their children learn at home and be enrolled in the school district's online school option; and parents whose children will likely do school at home sporadically, dependent on whether it is deemed safe for schools to be open for on-site learning. Library support may overlap in some areas, no matter which type of home learning is taking place.

Homeschooling/Home Study: Education directed by the parent/guardian in accordance with state guidelines.

Unschooling: Dictated by the child's interests and is typically less structured than homeschooling and not connected to a formal curriculum.

School at Home: For students currently enrolled in school including fully online option, or a hybrid online/in person option, or who will be doing school at home temporarily due to school closures.

Considerations for Supporting Learning from Home

Families will likely be searching for materials and resources to supplement online assignments and lessons. Ensure links to online resources can be located easily on your library's website.

Technology/Internet Access: Consider adding information to your website about technology and access available through the library to help learners navigate online learning.

- Laptops, tablets, e-readers
- Keyboards, headsets, cameras, power strips and extension cords, projectors
- Library Wi-Fi accessibility (hours and restrictions)
- Mobile hotspots, or locations to access internet (bookmobiles, neighborhood businesses, etc.)

Access to books and digital materials: Ensure learners and families know how to access, the public library's collection of print and electronic books, music, learning materials, nontraditional items for checkout, reference support and reader's advisory, and everything else the library offers.

Parents may be looking for physical materials including:

- STEM materials such as: Legos, straws and connectors, magnets, sorting games
- Art and craft supplies
- Learning/themed kits
- Hobby items: cake pans, rock polishers, sports and playground equipment, binoculars or telescopes, garden equipment, musical instruments, sewing machines
- Board and yard games

Work closely with schools and local homeschool groups to help communicate library services and ways to get library cards. Some families may not be familiar with what your library has to offer, and some may have stopped using the library due to fines or other reasons.

Assessing Needs:

Learning, whether at school or at home, is impeded if children are hungry, unsafe, or do not have basic supplies for self-care or for school. Libraries nationwide are partnering with schools and local agencies to not only increase access to books and learning materials, but to increase access to food, diapers, school supplies, and more.

Become familiar with information to help families access local support services for: food, shelter, safety, employment, clothing, childcare etc.

Vermont Department of Libraries:

Vermont Homeschooling/Schooling from Home Support Resources

- [Vermont Agency of Education - Home Study](#): Forms and guidelines for enrolling in home study, resources, end of year assessments, special education guidelines
 - [Home Study Updates-COVID-19](#)
 - [Home Study FAQ-COVID-19](#)
 - [Guidelines for Home Study in Vermont](#): Contains information necessary to prepare and submit an enrollment notice for homeschooling. Excerpts from relevant statutes and rules are also provided.

- [Minimum Course of Study \(MCOS\)](#) - Vermont state statute requires that parents provide a list of skills and topics, scope and sequence, for each of the topic areas that the student will be learning about during the course of the school year for each child.
- [Home Study Form Instructions and Checklist](#)
- [Home Study Newsletter](#)
- Questions may be referred to the Home Study Team via phone at 802-828-6225 or email AOE.HomeStudy@vermont.gov.
- [Vermont PBS: At Home Learning](#) - Vermont Public Broadcasting System (PBS) and the Agency of Education (AOE) are partnering to support continuity of learning for our students and school communities this Fall.
 - [Learning Media](#) - VTPBS and PBS have curated FREE, standards-aligned videos, interactives, lesson plans, and more for teachers like you.
- [HSLDA](#) Homeschooling law, rights, cases, and resources
- [Oak Meadow](#) – Resources for families and independent learners in kindergarten to grade 12
 - [Homeschooling during Coronavirus](#)
 - [Transitioning from School to Homeschooling](#)
 - [Adjusting to Homeschooling Mid-Year](#)
 - [14 Tips for Working from Home and Homeschooling](#)
 - [Setting Up Your Homeschool Space](#)
 - [Organizing Your Homeschool Day](#)
 - [Guidelines for Home Teachers](#)
- [Rebecca Rupp Resources](#) - Books and educational resources for all ages
- [Swanton Public Library – Home Learning](#): Books and educational resources for all ages
- Facebook Groups/List Serv Groups
 - Moms Homeschooling Vermont Chat Group - [Where to find reliable Homeschooling in Vermont information](#)
 - [NW VT Homeschoolers](#)
 - [Central VT Homeschoolers](#)
 - [Waldorf Inspired Homeschoolers](#)
 - [Librarians Serving Homeschool Families](#)
 - [It's Not That Hard to Homeschool K-8](#)
 - [It's Not That Hard to Homeschool Highschool](#)

Homeschooling Booklist – [Booklist compiled from Vermont library listservs](#)

Good readers advisory is important when sharing homeschooling book titles to ensure parents know you are not providing a curriculum but rather a list of resources.

Related Articles

- [ALA Blog - Homeschoolers and the Public Library](#)
- [ALSC - Homeschoolers' Experiences with the Public Library: A Phenomenological Study](#)
- Burlington Free Press - [Uneasy about hybrid school, some Vermont families choose an alternative education path](#)
- Maine Policy Review - [Homeschoolers and Public Libraries: A Synergistic Relationship](#)

- Seven Days - [Amid Pandemic, Vermont Homeschool Enrollments Surge](#)
- SLJ - [Homeschooling Families Tap into Library Services, from Storytime to Science Equipment](#)
- USA Today - [Homeschool pods are gaining traction amid worries about school reopening; here's how parents are getting the finances to work](#)
- VT Digger - [As schools announce reopening plans, many parents opt to homeschool](#)