

# Homeschool Resources

Public Library Supports



# How can the public library support the homeschool family

As more families are seeking instructional resources to support home based education, it is natural that the local public library would enhance their collections to provide a variety of resources.

The purpose of our conversation today is to explore ideas about what is available, what is sustainable and how to provide access for families.

# What exactly is curriculum?

Curriculum is defined in a variety of ways, depending on the context in which it is used.

Basically, it is planned, sequential instruction based on learning goals articulated over time and includes instructional content, materials, resources, and a process for evaluating student progress and learning for the purpose of obtaining an educational goal.

It is built on the premise that all students can learn when provided with appropriate instructional support that is tailored to the individual learning style and needs of the student.

# What is the role of the public library in home school education?

Provision of materials, resources, and access to technology:

- Process for consideration of requests to purchase
- Allocation of resources to purchase materials
- Print or Virtual
- Consumable or reusable

# Getting Started: Print vs Virtual

As you grow your collection, you may want to consider a blend that balances between resources that are primarily print with those that are virtual.

Circulation counts and log-in tracking will help to identify those materials that are seeing the most use. Look at details that include demographics - age of user, frequency, time of year. Are there patterns that will help predict need.

Consider a partnership with the local school district to purchase textbooks that are being retired. This can include student text, teacher manuals, and possibly student worksheets etc.

If you evaluating online subscriptions, check for licensing agreements and license fees. Does the use justify the cost?

Can alternatives to more costly manipulatives be reduced by finding similar items or materials from other sources?

# Free Resources - Examples to start your list

## Language Arts

[PinkMonkey.com](https://www.pinkmonkey.com/)

[Cliffnotes.com](https://www.cliffnotes.com/)

[Florida Center for Reading Research](https://www.floridacenterforreadingresearch.org/)

[Thedailycafe.com](https://www.thedailycafe.com/)

[Engageny.com](https://www.engageny.com/)

## Math Resources

[Engageny](https://www.engageny.com/)

[Math Talks](https://www.math-talks.com/)

# Questions

What are you still wondering? What do you need to know to get started?



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