

Home School User Guide

Anna M. Reinstein Public Library Resources

How to use this guide: Listed below are subjects that need to be covered according to the home school guidelines for NYS. If you have any questions please refer to your local Home School organization.

At the Anna M. Reinstein Public Library, we have many free resources for your children. We have organized them according to grade and subject. Each subject then has a definition, where to look on the shelves for books, a short list of few books (there are many more), some free databases that the library provides for citizens of Erie County (websites that have free things to help your kids learn) and some ideas for activities.

| Pre-K- 6 th Grade | |
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| Patriotism and Citizenship | |
| Library Area | Non-fiction – JC329, JF 801, JK1758-JK1759 |
| Books | The Bill of Rights by Kirsten Chang |
| Databases and Websites | Ben's Guide to the US government http://bensguide.gpo.gov/ |
| Activities | Visit a local government organization: Town Hall, Fire and Police Department and Library. Participate in kid's voting : https://www.kidsvotingusa.org/ |
| Health and Substance Abuse | |
| Library Area | Non-fiction – QP, All the R's and HV |
| Books | Doctor Mouse by Christa Kempter Love Your Body by Jessica Sanders It's Perfectly Normal: Changing Bodies, Growing Up, Sex and Sexual Health by Robie H. Harris How to Raise a Drug Free Kid: the Straight Dope for Parents by Joseph A. Callifano Jr. The Monster Health Book: A Guide to Eating Healthy by Edward Miller |
| Databases and Websites | Choose My Plate http://www.choosemyplate.gov/kids Eat Right https://www.eatright.org/for-kids Kids Health: www.Kidshealth.org |
| Activities | Cooking with healthy recipes. Have your child lay down and trace their body- then label the parts of the Body, while listing what they do. Create a family healthy cookbook. |
| Highway Safety and Traffic Regulations (Including Bike Safety) | |
| Library Area | Non-fictionGV1043, HE5614 |
| Books & DVD | Let's Grow. Safety First (DVD)/ Hit Entertainment |

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| | The Berenstain Bears are Superbears! by Mike Berenstain |
| Databases and Websites | National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Kid's page https://www.nhtsa.gov/sites/nhtsa.dot.gov/files/811026.pdf |
| Activities | Print out a drawing of a person then have your child draw protective gear while explaining how it protects the person. Take a walk outside and point out dangers then talk to your child about how they can stay safe. |
| Fire and Arson Prevention and Safety | |
| Library Area | Non-fiction HS3313.Z95 and TH9148 |
| Books | Mrs. Meyer is On Fire by Dan Gutman Flat Stanley and the Firehouse by Lori Haskins Houran Stop, Drop, and Roll by Lucia Raatma TH9148 .R3323 1999 |
| Databases and Websites | Fire Safety for Kids http://www.firesafekids.org/ |
| Activities | Visit a fire station. Make an action plan for if there is a fire. Practice fire drills. |
| Mathematics | |
| Library Area | Non-fiction QA101-QA145 |
| Books | Peg + Cat: Math in the Bath by Jennifer Oxley How to Be Good at Science, Technology and Engineering by Robert Dinwiddle Q163 H68 2018 Do Not Open this Math Book! By Danica McKellar QA11.2 M42245 2018 Frankie Pickle and the Mathematical Menace by Eric Wright |
| Databases and Websites | Math is Fun http://www.mathsisfun.com/index.htm |
| Activities | Make a pizza cut it into fractions. Make play money and play store. Make times tables, find patterns and color coordinate the patterns found. |
| Reading | |
| Library Area | For young readers we have picture books, readers and juvenile fiction |
| Books | For adults we have some titles to guide you in teaching your child to read: I Don't Like to Read! by Nancy L. Carson Raising Bookworms: Getting Kids Reading for Pleasure and Empowerment by Emma Walton Hamilton LB1050 .H36 2009 Make Way for Readers by Judy Sierra |

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| Databases and Websites | Between the Lions Early Reading videos on PBS.org - https://ny.pbslearningmedia.org/collection/k1.phonics/ |
| Activities | Read aloud at bedtime. Have them practice reading to stuffed animals or family pets. Story hours at the library. Winter and Summer reading Contests at the library. |
| Spelling | |
| Library Area | Dictionaries can be found at the reference podiums. |
| Books | Try a Children's Dictionary, for example: MacMillan First Dictionary |
| Databases and Websites | PBS Spelling Games - http://pbskids.org/games/spelling/ |
| Activities | When practicing writing a word have your child use a different color for vowels. Candy paint words – use chocolate syrup as paint and then paint the words out. |
| Writing | |
| Library Area | Non-fiction LB 1500 – LB1700, PE and PN 159 |
| Books | How to Write a Book Report by Cecilia Minden Share a Scare: writing your own scary story by Nancy Loewen |
| Databases and Websites | K12 reader - http://www.k12reader.com/subject/grammar/parts-of-a-sentence/ |
| Activities | Make Sentence diagrams. Make adjective cards and have your child place them around the house to describe items. Play a verb game where you list a verb and then perform the action. |
| Geography | |
| Library Area | G's (not GV's) |
| Books | Brilliant Maps for Curious Minds: 100 New Ways to See the World by Ian Wright G1046 E1 W75 2019 Geography: A Visual Encyclopedia by John Woodward G133 .D585 2013 |
| Databases and Websites | Science Kids - http://www.sciencekids.co.nz/geography.html |
| Activities | The Science Museum has a great department for this. Make a visiting map where you put pins in all the places you visit or read about. |
| United States History and New York History (including Constitutions) | |
| Library Area | E's |
| Books | Children's Encyclopedia of American History by David C. King New York: the Empire State by John Hamilton |

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| | Paul Revere, Patriot by Carin T. Ford What are the Three Branches of Government?: and other Questions about the U.S. Constitution by Benjamin Richmond |
| Databases and Websites | NYS History Museum and Office- http://www.nysm.nysed.gov/research-collections/state-history Library of Congress: American memory http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/index.html Chronology of US Historical Documents https://www.ushistory.org/documents/ |
| Activities | Visit the Buffalo History Museum. Visit battle reenactments. Create your own collage timeline with pictures of historical documents, pictures and symbols. |
| Science (Chemistry, Physics, Biology, and Earth Sciences) | |
| Library Area | Qs |
| Books | Homework Helpers: Biology by Matthew Distefano Dictionary of Science by Neil Ardley Science Year by Year by Clive Gifford |
| Databases and Websites | World Book Kids Science – Helpful tips on science projects as well and encyclopedia entries written for children. - This database must be accessed through the library's website. |
| Activities | Science experiments. Nature walks. Visit the Science Museum. Keep a science question journal and then try to find out the answers together. |
| Music | |
| Library Area | Non-fiction – M (don't Forget to check the Ms in Biography too!) |
| Books | Violet's Music by Angela Johnson Music: The Definitive Visual History by Robert Ziegler Children's Book of Music/ DK Publishing |
| Databases and Websites | Classics for Kids - https://www.classicsforkids.com/music/musical_period.php?id=Classical |
| Activities | Visit the Buffalo Philharmonic Kids programs. Learn to play an instrument. Make your own instruments with recycled materials from around the house. |

| Visual Arts | |
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| Library Area | Non-fiction – Ns (Don't forget to check the Ns in Biography too) |
| Books | My Art Book / DK Publishing Get Into Art: Animals by Susie Brooks Masterworks at the Albright-Knox Art Gallery by the Albright-Knox Art Gallery |
| Databases and Websites | National Gallery of Art - http://www.nga.gov/content/ngaweb/education/kids.html |
| Activities | Visit local art museums – most have children's activities. Create artwork. Make a great artworks memory tile game. |
| Physical Education | |
| Library Area | Non-fiction GV, QP, RA |
| Books | Fit and Fun by Megan Bailey Karate Kids by Holly Sterling |
| Databases and Websites | Stanford Health PE help- https://fit.stanfordhealth.org/?utm_source=WeAreTeachers&utm_medium=website&utm_campaign=Sanford_1906_ARTICLE |
| Activities | Join a team. Visit park playgrounds. Make active games to play inside during the winter. |

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