Welcoming Homeschoolers to the Library

Tips for reaching out to Homeschool groups

Recognize and reach out to homeschool groups

As librarians we should make every effort to reach out to the homeschooling community to inform them of all the resources the public library has to offer. It’s the responsibility of the librarian and library staff to recognize homeschoolers and make a positive connection.

Serving Homeschoolers

- Dedicate a space for homeschool materials
- Offer meeting space to groups
- Create programs with homeschoolers in mind
- Create a space on library website for homeschool information
- Create a collection
- Survey groups to access needs

Meet the Needs

Get to know your homeschool community

* Introduce yourself to families at the library and within the community.

Offer your services

* Let groups know what the library has to offer and establish a library contact for homeschool groups.

Frequent Communication

* Speak with groups regularly to discuss needs
* Provide paper copies of library schedules to groups or individual families.
Resources For Libraries and Homeschool Families

Books

*The Everything Homeschool Book* by Sherri Linsenbach

*Helping Homeschoolers in the Library* by Adrienne Furness

*The Ultimate Book of Homeschooling Ideas: 500+ Fun and Creative Learning Activities for Kids Ages 3-12* by Linda Dobson

*What the Rest of Us Can Learn From Homeschooling: How A+ Parents Can Give Their Traditionally Schooled Kids the Academic Edge* by Linda Dobson

Periodicals

*Home Education Magazine*

The oldest, most respected, and most informative homeschooling magazine.

*Homeschool Digest*

The quarterly journal for serious homeschoolers

*Homeschooling Today*

A publication and an online source of ready-to-use curriculum, teaching tips, resources and encouragement for home educators.

*Life Learning Magazine*

A bimonthly subscription magazine dedicated to providing inspiring information about unschooling.

*Practical Homeschooling*

Published six times a year, *Practical Homeschooling* is available through subscription. The past issues are described on the site and can be ordered by telephone or mail.

Websites

Council of Chief School Officers
http://www.ccsso.org

Everything Homeschooling
http://www.everythinghomeschooling.com

Home School Legal Defense Association
http://www.hslda.org

Homeschool.com
http://www.homeschool.com

Homeschool Diner
http://www.homeschooldiner.com

Homeschool World: The Official Web Site of Practical Homeschooling Magazine
http://www.home-school.com

Konos:
http://www.konos.com

Time 4 Learning
http://www.time4learning.com