



LIBRARY GUIDE: **Homeschooling**

This library guide is designed to help library users find information about **Homeschooling**. The materials will be found in the Marion County Public Library system or on the World Wide Web.

In addition to these general materials, the library system has many books and materials on specific topics about which parents may want to provide instruction. Contact a MCPLS librarian or staff member for assistance in finding books on specific topics.

BACKGROUND

West Virginia law provides two exemptions to compulsory school attendance for parents who want to homeschool their children. The following is a **summary** of the requirements.

The first exemption allows instruction at the home of the child or another location if **approved** by the county board of education for a time equal to the instruction time set forth by the state for the public school year. The teacher must be an individual who the county board of education or the superintendent believes is qualified to teach the subjects taught in public elementary schools in West Virginia. The county superintendent may request that the teacher provide information and records of attendance, instruction, and progress to the county board of education.

The second exemption allows a parent to begin homeschooling upon providing the county board of education or superintendent a **notice of intent** to provide home instruction. The notice must include the following:

- the name, address, and age of any child of compulsory school age who will be homeschooled;
- assurance that the child will receive instruction in reading, language, mathematics, science, and social studies; and
- that the child will be assessed annually.

Additional notice is required upon termination of homeschooling and when the family moves to a new county.

Additional requirements for the second exemption are as follows:

- The homeschool teacher must submit evidence of a high school diploma or equivalent, or a post-secondary degree or certificate from an appropriately accredited institution.

- Annual assessments must be obtained by:
 - the child taking a nationally normed standardized achievement test and achieving required results;
 - the child participating in the testing program currently in use in the state's public schools and achieving required results;
 - having a portfolio of samples of the child's work reviewed by a certified teacher who determines whether the child's academic progress for the year is in accordance with the child's abilities; or
 - having the child complete an alternative academic assessment of proficiency that is mutually agreed upon by the parent and the superintendent.
- The parent must maintain copies of each student's academic assessment for three years.
- The parent must submit the results of the academic assessment to the superintendent at grade levels three, five, eight, and eleven, by June 30 of the year in which the assessment was administered.

With respect to both exemptions, the superintendent must offer assistance to homeschool teachers, including textbooks, other teaching materials, and available resources, subject to availability. Homeschooled children, upon approval by the county board of education, may attend any class offered by a public school subject to normal registration and attendance requirements.

W.VA. CODE § 18-8-1(c).

BOOKS

MCPL	Bean, Johnathan	<i>This is My Home, This is My School</i>	Juvenile Fiction	JE BEA
Mannington	Bean, Johnathan	<i>This is My Home, This is My School</i>	Juvenile Fiction	JE BEA
MCPL	Cohen, Cafi	<i>Homeschooling : the teen years : your complete guide to successfully homeschooling the 13- to 18-year old</i>	Non-Fiction	371.04 2 COH
MCPL	Dobson, Linda	<i>Homeschooling, the early years : your complete guide to successfully homeschooling the 3- to 8-year-old child</i>	Non-Fiction	371.04 2 DOB
Fairview	Duffy, Cathy	<i>100 top picks for homeschool curriculum : choosing the right curriculum and approach for your child's learning style</i>	Non-Fiction	371.04 DUF
MCPL	Gold, LauraMaery	<i>Homeschool your child for free</i>	Non-Fiction	371.04 2 GOL
MCPL	Henry, Shari	<i>Homeschooling, the middle years : your complete guide to successfully homeschooling the 8- to 12-year-old child</i>	Non-Fiction	371.04 2 HEN

MCPL	Kenyon, Mary Potter	<i>Home schooling from scratch : simple living, super learning</i>	Non- Fiction	371.04 2 KEN
Fairview	Leppert, Michael	<i>The homeschooling book of lists</i>	Non- Fiction	371.04 LEP
MCPL	Linsenbach, Sherri	<i>The everything guide to homeschooling : all you need to create the best curriculum and learning environment for your child</i>	Non- Fiction	371.4 LIN
MCPL	McMillin, Jamie	<i>Legendary learning : the famous homeschoolers' guide to self- directed excellence</i>	Non- Fiction	371.04 2 MCM
MCPL	Ottinger, Anita.	<i>Homeschooling: it's not just a lifestyle; it's an adventure!</i>	Non- Fiction	371.04 OTT
MCPL	Saba, Laura	<i>The McGraw-Hill homeschooling companion</i>	Non- Fiction	371.04 2 SAB
MCPL	Thogmartin, Mark B.	<i>Teach a child to read with children's books : combining story reading, phonics, and writing to promote reading success</i>	Non- Fiction	372.4 THO
MCPL	Wade, Theodore E.	<i>The home school manual : plans, pointers, reasons, and resources</i>	Non- Fiction	371.04 2 WAD
MCPL		<i>Homeschooling Today: Encouragement and Practical Help</i>	Magazine	

MCPLS' consortium partners, the Bridgeport Public Library and the Clarksburg-Harrison Public Library, also have books about homeschooling that can be checked out by MCPLS patrons.

eBOOKS & eAUDIOBOOKS

HOOPLA	Chitwood, Deb	<i>Montessori At Home Or School: How to Teach Grace and Courtesy</i>	eBook
HOOPLA	Colfax, David	<i>Homeschooling For Excellence</i>	eBook
HOOPLA	Daniels, Kelley	<i>How to Homeschool Your Child</i>	eBook
WVDELI	Gold, LauraMaery	<i>Homeschool Your Child for Free</i>	eBook
WVDELI	Lippincott, Lorilee	<i>The Homeschooling Handbook</i>	eBook
WVDELI	Macaulay, Susan Schaffer	<i>For the Children's Sake</i>	EAudio- book
WVDELI	Mason, Charlotte	<i>The Original Home School Series</i>	eBook
WVDELI	Rupp, Rebecca	<i>Home Learning Year by Year</i>	eBook

HOOPLA also has homeschooling resources available in both eBook and EAudiobook formats.

LIBRARY DATABASES

- EBSCOhost Web Databases Primary Search provides full text for more than 20 popular magazines for elementary school research and Funk and Wagnalls New World Encyclopedia which provides over 25,000 encyclopedic entries covering a variety of subject areas Accessed from the Marion County Public Library website at <http://www.mcpls.org>.
 1. Click on Digital Resources
 2. Click on Research Tools
 3. From "General Reference Searching" section, select EBSCO Research Databases.
 4. Check the databases you wish to search and click Continue.
 5. Enter the search term in the Find box.A search for "homeschooling" brought over 2,383 hits. Last accessed February 14, 2019.
- Universal Class More than 500 courses are available, and all are designed and led by professional instructors to build deeper understanding and mastery of subject matter. Universal Class includes videos, assignments, quizzes, tests, and options for social media interaction with other learners. Patrons may take multiple classes and learn at their own pace. Accessed from the Marion County Public Library website at <http://www.mcpls.org>.
 1. Click on Digital Resources
 2. Click on Research Tools
 3. From the "Arts and Learning" section, select Universal Class.
 4. Login using the Library Barcode found on the back of your library card.
- ArtistWorks for Libraries provides patrons with world-class music, voice and art instruction through self-paced video lessons taught by highly accomplished and Grammy Award-winning music and art professionals. ArtistWorks for Libraries offers 24 instrumental, voice and fine-arts classes, from basic courses to intermediate instruction to advanced lessons. Accessed from the Marion County Public Library website at <http://www.mcpls.org>.
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- Transparent Language Online is an online tool to learn and practice foreign languages. Courses are offered for over 100 languages. If English is not your first language, Transparent Language Online also offers English as a second Language courses as well as some courses in Turkish, Spanish, Latin American, and others. This is a great tool to supplement classroom learning at home or to learn a language for the first time, and is appropriate for all

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WEBSITES

- *Homeschool.com*. This website provides information about homeschooling curriculum and resources, and has a blog and links to homeschooling articles. It also contains information about state specific resources and support groups. Last viewed July 13, 2020. <http://www.homeschool.com/>
- *Parents.com*. Read a Parents article about the basics of homeschooling, entitled *Homeschooling 101: What is Homeschooling?* Last viewed July 13, 2020. <http://www.parents.com/kids/education/home-schooling/what-is-homeschooling/>
- *Home School Legal Defense Association*. This website provides information about state laws and regulations related to homeschooling, as well as information about court cases and other legal issues. Last viewed July 13, 2020. <https://www.hslda.org/laws/default.asp>