

Helping Homeschoolers in the Library

Part 2



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Who am I?



Today's Agenda

- Policies and services
- Programming
- Collections



Why Working with Homeschoolers Will Work for YOU

- Often, it's just a matter of target marketing programs and services you're already offering.
- A little bit of effort goes a long way.
- Homeschoolers will help.
- Programs, materials, and services for homeschoolers will appeal to other groups (parents, teachers, tutors, students, heavy borrowers, etc.).

What Homeschoolers Have to Say About How Libraries Can Improve Their Services to Homeschoolers...

- Space to meet
- Increase borrowing limits
- Extended loans
- Reduce fees (ILLs, holds, overdues)
- “Teacher Cards”



What Library Programs Do

- Welcome homeschoolers
- Increase their investment
- Increase their independence
- Increase your knowledge

Before You Start

- WHO am I targeting?
- WHAT do they want to learn?
- WHERE should I have the program (in-house vs. outreach)?

Before You Start

- WHEN is the best time for homeschoolers?
- WHY am I doing this?
- HOW will I implement this program?

Planning Successful Programs for Homeschoolers

- Wide age ranges / family programs
- Afternoons
- Partner with local organizations
- Recruit volunteers
- Focus on the library

Homeschool Open House

- Excellent program if you're just starting out
- Simple or elaborate
- Showcase collections, databases, programs, and other services
- Survey
- Informally network

Other Programs to Consider

- Library skills
- Computer skills
- Book groups
- College/scholarship information

More Program Ideas

- Pinterest:<http://pinterest.com/search/boards/?q=homeschooling>)
- Library Success wiki:
http://www.libsuccess.org/index.php?title=Library_Services_for_Homeschoolers
- Abby the Librarian blog:
<http://www.abbythelibrarian.com/search/label/homeschool>

Developing Collections for Homeschoolers



Who Uses Homeschooling Collections?

- Homeschooling families
- Non-homeschooling families
- Teachers
- Tutors
- College students

Why Starting a Homeschooling Collection is a Challenging Task

- Homeschooling materials not widely reviewed
- Many are published by small presses or are self-published

Why Starting a Homeschooling Collection is a Challenging Task

- Some aren't available through jobbers
- Some have a blatantly religious slant
- Almost all are biased in some way

Collection Development Resources

- Homeschooling periodicals
- Websites and blogs
- [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com)

Collection Development Resources

- Books already in your collection
- Patron recommendations
- Core collection in *Helping Homeschoolers in the Library*

Curriculum Resources

- *Core Knowledge Series* by E.D. Hirsch Jr. (*What Your Kindergartener Needs to Know*, etc.)
- World Book Typical Course of Study:
www.worldbook.com/typical-course-of-study?wbredirect=1&Itemid=216
- Cathy Duffy Homeschool Curriculum Reviews:
cathyduffyreviews.com

Don't Hide the Homeschooling Materials

- Separate collection
- Signage
- Spine labels
- Brochures, bookmarks, and fliers



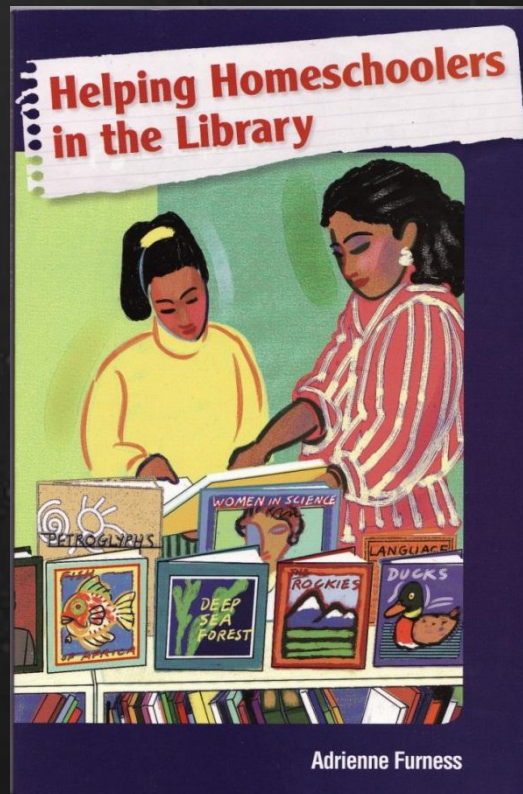
Curriculum Kits



Johnsburg Public Library District's Homeschool Resource Center (HRC)



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