

Helpful Resources for Homeschool Families

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Science Kits Spark or encourage an interest in science with Science Kits! Science Kits are plastic boxes containing science materials and objects that can be checked out by anyone. Each item is high quality and supported by materials in our non-fiction section as well as DVDs, with more supplementary activities and suggestions coming soon to each kit!



Music Kits Children can now check out musical instruments and foster a love for music and creativity. It's a great way for children to explore and experience music through many different approaches and get their hands on a variety of fun instruments!



Databases (Bloomingtondale cardholders only—check your home library's database list for their offerings!)
Brainfuse HelpNow offers live online homework help and writing assistance. Free online tutoring is available from 3:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Learning Express Library offers skill improvement in reading, vocabulary, spelling, science, math, and additional subjects with tutorials, practice sets, and more. Elementary and middle school skills are under the Grades 4-8 Educator Resources. High school skills are under the High School Students category.

Britannica Kids Encyclopedia Britannica plus three other complete encyclopedias, downloadable video and audio clips, and access to hundreds of periodicals and journals.

Pronunciator Learn over 80 languages using Pronunciator, which includes courses, live conversation groups, and more. English language learners can learn using 50 non-English languages. Also includes downloadable phrasebooks for travel. Download the app for mobile use.

And so many more!



Interlibrary Loan

Want a book that you can't find in our library? We've partnered with 96 other libraries to get material quickly and easily. If none of those have the item you need, we will gladly borrow it from another library.



Readers' Advisory/Book Selection The most fun part of a librarian's job— our selectors and staff will work with you to find reading material at the right stage for all of your learners. Fiction, non-fiction, curriculum support... you can always email bdys@mybpl.org to have your request routed to the staff member most knowledgeable in that area as well. Our staff is happy to pull a selection of books on a particular topic/theme and have them ready for you to look over when you visit the Library.



Donna Beth Froio Foreign Language and Cultural Collection

Books, book+ audio kits, CDs and DVDs on the study of foreign language, folklore, culture, ethnic recipes, music, poetry, literature and history for students in preschool through 8th grade. An excellent multi-cultural resource collection in Arabic, Spanish, Indian Languages, French, German, Italian, Chinese, Polish, Russian, Japanese, and more!

Story Packs

These backpacks are designed to provide quick access to theme programs with books, puzzles, puppets, music and DVD's. The themes are: alphabet, colors, shapes, bedtime, birds, community helpers, dinosaurs, fairy tales, feelings, gardens, new siblings, puppies and kittens, school, special needs, and toilet training. Designed for the preschool and kindergarten crowd.



Museum Passes

Use the smartest card - your library card - to receive admission or a special discount at participating Chicago area cultural destinations! Learn more at www.museumadventure.org

E-books & Streaming Services

The library has a variety of e-resources available, from animated picture books on Tumblebooks, to ebooks and e-audiobooks on MyMediaMall, and streaming music and video on Hoopla!

Parent-Teacher Collection

Books and kits that provide parents and teachers with information on child development, classroom support materials, and parenting issues.

