- Learning Center offering classes, activities and support. **nllchs.org**
- Primitive Pursuits: Primitive Pursuits delivers an experience of connection with the natural world by teaching skills that have served our ancestors from the dawn of time and that are still of tremendous value today.
   primitivepursuits.com/homeschool
- TST Boces: Home Instruction:
   Provides forms and other useful information for home instruction.
   http://tstboces.org/adult-education/home-resources/

### **More Online Resources**

- CK-12: Provides a library of free online textbooks, videos, exercises, flashcards, and real world applications for over 5000 concepts. ck12.org
- HSLDA Advocates for Homeschoolers: A nonprofit advocacy organization established to defend and advance the constitutional right of parents to direct the education of their children and to protect family freedoms. hslda.org/ default.aspx
- Khan Academy: Practice exercises, instructional videos, and more. Includes math, science, computer programming, history, art history, economics, and more.
   khanacademy.org

 ReadWriteThink: Database of lesson plans, interactive lessons, printouts for grades K-12. readwritethink.org

# **Local Listservs & Forums**

- Fingerlakes Unschoolers Network: A group for local homeschooling families. Key information source for all area homeschoolers. groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/ funschooling/info
- Ithaca NY Area Homeschoolers: Nonsectarian and inclusive, all varieties of homeschooling are welcome.
   facebook.com/groups/435497099879666
- New York State Homeschoolers: Communicate with other homeschoolers across the state about homeschooling laws and regulations, advocacy, reporting or testing questions, events and services.
   facebook.com/groups/newyorkstatehomeschoolers
- Tompkins County Unschoolers: Open to families who are currently unschooling.
   groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/
   TCunschoolers/info or facebook.com/groups/822788434447406/

## TOMPKINS COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Youth Services Dept.: 607-272-4557 X 275 http://www.tcpl.org/using-library/just-you/youth-services



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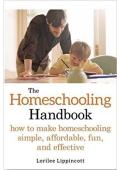
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# **Library Resources**

# **Print & Electronic Resources:**

We have a variety of books and magazines on homeschooling available in print and digitally. See **OverDrive** for eBooks and eAudiobooks, **RB Digital** for digital magazines, or **Hoopla** for ebooks, streaming audiobooks, music, movies and television. Browse non-fiction home-



schooling resources under the call number **371.042**.

The Library also has a number of books on literature for young people. Check out our Juvenile Literature section (J-L) for reading suggestions and tips to engage young readers.

**Foreign Language:** We have books for all ages in over 40 languages! Check out our **World Language Collection**. Learning a new language? We have audiobooks, instructional DVDs and books that can help! Or try **Mango**, an online language-learning tool.



**Programs:** The Library offers programming throughout the year. Children and families can join us for Family Storytime, STEAM Book Club, or LEGO at the Library, to name a few.

For more information, visit: http://www.tcpl.org/using-library/just-you/ youth-services Teens are invited to join the Junior Library Advisory Council (JLAC) the YA Book Club, and more! The Library also offers writing workshops. For upcoming teen programs, visit: http://www.tcpl.org/using-library/just-you/teens

# **Library Online Resources**

Here are a couple of our favorite databases:

- Kids InfoBits: Kid-friendly database with fulltext content from elementary reference sources and magazines.
- Brittanica School: Age-appropriate levels for conducting research, completing homework assignments, and working on special projects in the Library or at home.
- Tumblebook Library: Tumblebooks are animated, talking picture books which teach kids the joy of reading in a format they'll love.
- Novelist: An aid in finding books and authors that are similar to your favorites. Includes award lists and book discussion guides.

## **Local Groups & Resources**

- Earth Arts and the Lantern School Homeschool Programs: Mentors share cultural earth-based traditions from around the world, through lots of games, stories, art, songs, adventure, and team-building activities. earthartsithaca.org
- Ithaca Generator: A community of inventors, crafters, designers, engineers and artists. ithacagenerator.org

Cornell Lending Libraries:
 CornellCenter for Materials Research:
 http://www.ccmr.cornell.edu/education/
 educational-resources/lending-library-of-experiments/

Xraise: xraise.classe.cornell.edu/ ending-library.html Cornell Institute for Biology Teachers: blogs.cornell.edu/cibt/equipmentlending-library/

- TC3 College Now!: Supports the student transition to college and careers by providing quality college credit and connecting our faculty with school instructors to promote career pathways, clarify college expectations, and raise awareness of TC3 and its resources. tc3.edu/CollegeNow
- Ithaca Children's Garden: ICG offers education year round, in many forms.
   Explore ICG's innovative, research-based programs, events, and workshops, designed for children, families, schools, educators, and community members.
   ithacachildrensgarden.org
- Loving Education at Home (LEAH):
   Ithaca LEAH is just one of many local chapters of NYS LEAH, which is a state-wide Christian homeschooling support network and home school co-op.

   ithacaleah.org
- Northern Light Learning Center:

  Northern Light is a Cooperative Homeschool