

HELPFUL HOMESCHOOL RESOURCES - 2017

LOCAL

Local Support Groups – There is a support group for every type of homeschool family. They sponsor a variety of activities like used curriculum sales, graduations, testing, field trips, learning centers, co-ops, sports teams, etc. See the “Looking for a Support Group?” brochure.

Learning Centers and Co-ops – Homelink Learning Center, Classical Conversations, Eagle Learning Center, Collinsville Co-op, SCCCHE Learning Center, Dayspring Academy, and Homeschool Network are just a few. See the “Looking for a Support Group?” brochure.

Great Homeschool Conventions - Missouri - An annual homeschool conference that features speakers and curriculum exhibitors from around the country. See www.greathomeschoolconventions.com

St. Louis Homeschool Events List - A blog offering a biweekly email that lists events and classes open to all homeschooling families in the Greater St. Louis area. The website portion lists additional resources throughout the area. Contact Susie Thurmond at zana8796@yahoo.com or go to <http://stlouishomeschoolevents.wordpress.com/>. There is also a companion Facebook page.

S.H.A.R.E. Lending Libraries – The SHARE support group maintains a Curriculum Library and Classical Library on the 2nd floor of the St. Andrew Catholic School building, 309 Hoffmeister Ave. St. Louis MO 63125. Go to www.sharehomeschool.com or call 314-769-7965 for hours and other details.

The Pillar Foundation – Resource center that provides classes for students in 7th thru 12th grade and a lending library for homeschool families. Located in Ellisville Mo. at 15820 Clayton Rd. Contact Pillar at www.thepillar.org or call 636-386-7722.

The Family Vision Library –Christian lending library and homeschool resource center. Used curriculum consignment area, special speakers, children’s events, and much more. Location - 2020 Parkway Dr., St. Peters, MO 63376. Contact the library at www.thefamilyvision.org or 636-447-6900.

The Teachers’ Lounge - A homeschool-friendly parent/teacher store that features educational products for any type of school setting. Located in South County at 21 Ronnie's Plaza, St Louis, MO 63126. Contact the store at 314-843-2227 or go to www.the-teachers-lounge.com.

The Public Library System – Many home education resources are available at area libraries, along with free classes, workshops, reading programs and computer labs. St. Louis County Library is www.slcl.org, St. Louis Public Library is www.slpl.org, St. Charles City-County Library is www.youranswerplace.org, and Jefferson County Library is www.jeffersoncountylibrary.org. Illinois homeschoolers can access the newly expanded Illinois Heartland Library System at www.illinoisheartland.org.

STATE

Families for Home Education (FHE). Missouri’s statewide homeschool organization that sponsors a homeschool lobbyist in Jefferson City. Publishers of the informative *First Things First: A Guide for the Missouri Homeschooler* available at their website, www.fhe-mo.org. St. Louis is in the Region 5 area of FHE. Contact them at 1-877-MY MO FHE (877-696-6343) or 1983@fhe-mo.org.

Statewide Homeschool Yahoo Group MOHomeschool – an online forum for homeschooling families, or those thinking about homeschooling, in the state of Missouri. Subscribe by going to: www.groups.yahoo.com/group/MOHomeschool/. Also find them on Facebook as “Missouri Homeschoolers” (along with MANY other homeschool groups).

Illinois Christian Home Educators - State homeschool support organization founded in 1983. Helps to network support groups all over the state. Sponsors many events, including the ICHE State Convention. Go to www.iche.org.

NATIONAL

HSLDA - The Home School Legal Defense Association, a national organization that works to protect the rights of all homeschoolers. The site has a wealth of information for all types of homeschoolers, and a staff of expert consultants for every grade level. Go to www.hslda.org or call 540-338-5600.

NHERI - National Home Education Research Institute, promotes scientific study and research about homeschooling, and publishes the research journal *Home School Researcher*. Website is www.nheri.org

Practical Homeschooling Magazine - founded by homeschool pioneer and St. Louis native, Mary Pride. Informative website and e-newsletter with lots of homeschool helps. www.home-school.com

The Old Schoolhouse Magazine. –Founded by the Suarez family, TOS offers an e-newsletter, blog site, forum, online store and much more. www.thehomeschoolmagazine.com

The Teaching Home - A popular Christian magazine for home educators founded over 27 years ago, offering free e-mail newsletters, archived on the web site. Helpful topical index to back issues is available. www.teachinghome.com

Rainbow Resource Center - Largest homeschool online curriculum supplier. Huge catalog is online or available in a hardcopy version. Order online at www.rainbowresource.com or call 1-888-841-3456.

Heppner's Legacy Homeschool Resources – An eclectic homeschool resource shop run by homeschool veterans Brad and Nancy Bjorkman, carrying both readily available and hard-to-find items. Their brick-and-mortar store serves homeschoolers in Minnesota and the entire upper Midwest. Order from their online store at www.legacyhomeschool.com or call 763-241-HOME (4663).

Homeschool Buyers Co-op – Over 110,000+ families are members of this free homeschool buying club. Save up valuable SmartPoints, and take advantage of discounts and group buys on curriculum, books, games and more. Sign up to join at www.homeschoolbuyersco-op.org

HELPFUL BOOKS

The Well-Trained Mind: A Guide to Classical Education at Home

By Susan Wise Bauer and Jesse Wise.

The Ultimate Guide to Homeschooling* and *The Ultimate Guide to Homeschooling Teens

By Debra Bell

102 Top Picks for Homeschool Curriculum

By Cathy Duffy

The First Year of Homeschooling Your Child: Your Complete Guide to Getting Off to a Right Start

By Linda Dobson

Home Learning Year by Year: How to Design a Homeschool Curriculum from Preschool Through High School

By Rebecca Rupp

The Big WHAT NOW book of Learning Styles

By Carol Barnier

Setting the Records Straight: How to Craft Homeschool Transcripts and Course Descriptions for College Admission and Scholarships

By Lee Binz

The Relaxed Homeschool

By Mary Hood

The Unschooling Handbook: How to Use the Whole World As Your Child's Classroom

By Mary Griffith