

Context, Resources, and Advice

Context

In this presentation, we dive deep into the history of education, because studying the history gives us critical perspectives on our past and present. When we have a bit of the history of alternative education...the information becomes powerful for a pathway forward. The homeschool revolutionaries like Holt, Gatto, and Moore need to be on librarians' radar. Knowing the different styles of homeschooling will give the librarian a sense of direction when speaking to homeschoolers. Knowing the curriculum options for each style/method is necessary for the librarian to engage the homeschoolers, Having a bit of the history will direct outreach efforts to the underserved audiences. Just as undocumented people may view the library as a government building, some at-home learners do as well. Some states have very high regulations that some DIY schoolers may not be following, making them not want to enter the library during the school day.

There is no website to search for local homeschool groups. By knowing the history and knowing the methods that will direct the engagement.

Resources

- [Homeschool Legal Defense Association](#)(use this to refer to caregivers)
- [HSLDA to look up state regulations](#)
- [National Center for Educational Statistics](#)
- [ALA Outreach Toolkits](#)
- [Homeschool styles](#)
- [National Black Home Educators](#)
- [Chicago Homeschool List](#)
- [Christina's Facebook Group](#)

Advice

- Create a professional development group through your statewide or local library association/consortium for Librarians Service Homeschoolers.
- Create a Homeschool Advisory Team, program it for a coffee hour with an open discussion of needs.
- Create a list of groups and have it available for staff at the library to give to interested patrons.