



HOMESCHOOL PACK FAQs

What is the Homeschool Pack Service?

The Normal Public Library offers the Homeschool Pack Service to help home educators take advantage of the wide variety of educational materials available in Children's Services. The Homeschool Pack Service is intended to supplement units of study with books specially curated by library staff. **Homeschool families may request one Homeschool Pack every three weeks. The number of items in each Homeschool Pack is dependent on subject availability and the discretion of library staff.** Packs will not exceed 15 books. All selected materials will be placed on hold using the patron's personal library card.

To be eligible, all you need is a personal Normal Public Library card or a Bloomington Public Library card registered at the Normal Public Library. Your library account must be in good standing.

Can I give library staff a list of titles to add to my Homeschool Pack?

Pack requests should focus on general subjects and be thematic in nature, e.g., spring, marsupials, France, healthy eating. If you would like to request specific titles, library staff can demonstrate how to place these items on hold using your library card.

Can I request a Homeschool Pack in the summer?

No. The Homeschool Pack Service is available August 15–May 1.

How long does it take for the Normal Public Library staff to assemble a Homeschool Pack?

Please allow seven business days.

Where do I pick up my Homeschool Pack?

You will receive an automated email notification when each book from your Homeschool Pack is available. You may pick up books from the hold shelf next to the Adult Circulation Desk (floor 1). Books will be shelved in alphabetical order by the first three letters of your last name. You may use the self-check station or ask Adult Services staff to check out items to you. To pick up your books at the door using the Curb It service, please park in one of the numbered spots in our lot and call or text the number on the sign.

How long can I keep materials?

Two weeks. Your items will automatically renew. Call 309.452.1757 if you have questions.

Where do I return materials?

Please return books to the sorter on the first floor or to one of our off-site book drops at Target, Schnucks, Jewel on Cottage Ave., and the Community Activity Center in Normal.

What if I have questions?

Please contact Randi Sutter, Children's Outreach Librarian, with questions!
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