

# RESOURCES

## TECHNOLOGY AND READING

### Reading Today

The 21st century is all about technology. Today, computers and televisions are being used as tools to educate students. Below is information about computer and television programs. Both of these resources can be helpful learning tools. (Remember, computers and televisions do not replace or replicate human interaction.) It is important that *you* continue to work with your child one-on-one.

### The Computer

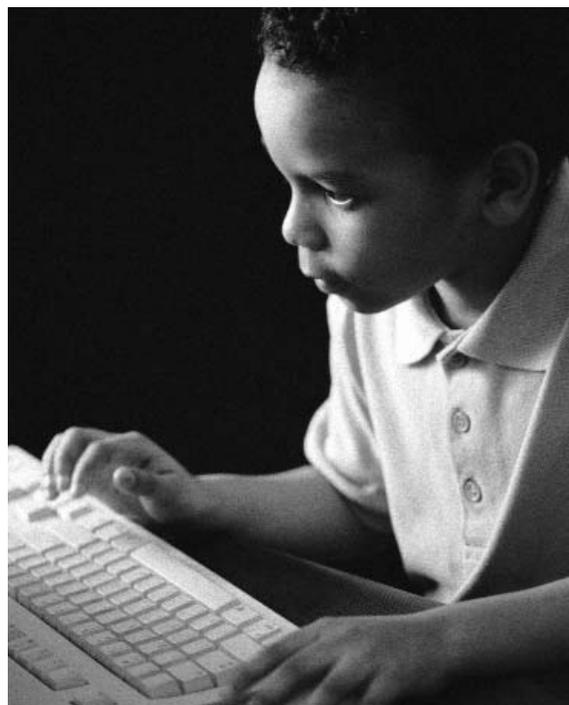
There are some great computer reading programs. You can get these programs for your computer. You cannot always be reading and talking to your children. Computer reading programs are great to use. Do not worry if you do not have a computer. There are many computer labs in the area for public use.

#### Computer Reading Programs

- If you have a computer think of buying computer reading programs for your child. Computer reading programs can be very helpful tools in teaching children to read.
- Computer based reading programs are educational. They are also a lot of fun!
- Some reading activities can be found on the internet for free. Visit [www.rif.org](http://www.rif.org), [www.aol.kidsreads.com](http://www.aol.kidsreads.com), and [www.bookadventure.com](http://www.bookadventure.com) to check out the exciting world of online reading.
- Remember, computers do not replace the individual. Your child still needs your support as he or she learns to read.

#### Computers for Everyone

- If you do not own a computer check out your local library, community college, or your child's school. Many times these places have computers that you can use with your child. These places may offer computer training classes that you or your child could take.



### The TV

Televisions are another resource that parents can use to help develop reading skills. Everyday, TV programs help build bold minds that are eager to learn. Some shows will help develop your child's interest in learning. Other shows will help develop your child's literacy skills.

#### Television Programs:

- Make sure you know what your child is watching on TV. Choose age-appropriate shows.
- Limit the amount of TV your child watches every day.
- Choose shows that teach something. Choose shows that encourage your child to listen and question. The shows should help your child learn more words. The shows should make your child feel good. The shows should introduce your child to more ideas.
- Some examples of good television shows are Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood, Sesame Street, Blue's Clues, Reading Rainbow, Between the Lions, and Zoom.
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## SUMMER LEARNING

Summer is a great time for exploring, relaxing and playing with friends. Summer is also a great time for learning. It is very important that your child continues reading during the summer.

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Imagine that your child did not go to school

for November and December. Your child would be really far behind in January.

### Area Summer Literacy Programs

This summer keep your child from falling behind. Make sure your child is reading and learning every day. You can enroll your child in a summer camp. There are many camps in Philadelphia that are educational and low-cost or free. The following is a listing of groups that run summer programs with literacy components.

**PHILADELPHIA READS** has literacy programs at area summer camps. PHILADELPHIA READS offers two programs: the Summer Literacy Centers and the Summer Reading, Writing, Arts and Science Centers. Both programs work with elementary school students. For more information call PHILADELPHIA READS.

PHILADELPHIA READS  
1401 JFK Blvd., Suite 1000  
Philadelphia, PA 19102  
(215) 686-4450  
[www.phila.gov/philareads](http://www.phila.gov/philareads)

**The Free Library of Philadelphia** runs the Summer Reading Game. This independent reading program is for students in preschool through 12th grade. This reading program focuses on getting students to read by providing incentives. For more information about this program, call your local library or call (215) 686-5372.

Free Library of Philadelphia  
1901 Vine Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19103  
(215) 686-5322  
[www.library.phila.gov](http://www.library.phila.gov)



**Freedom Schools** have daily reading activities. During reading times, students are placed in small groups based on their reading levels. Writing and comprehension activities are incorporated into the lessons. For more information call one of the organizations listed below.

Frankford Family Development Center  
5000 Oxford Ave., Room 012-A  
Philadelphia, PA 19124  
(215) 743-0122  
frankford@cbps.org

United Communities Hawthorne Family Center  
Palumbo School  
1100 Catherine St., Room 104  
Philadelphia, PA 19147  
(215) 925-8617  
hawthorne@cbps.org

Women's Christian Alliance  
18th & Oxford Sts.  
Philadelphia, PA 19121  
(215) 236-9911  
www.wcafamily.org

Do not forget to look in the program section of the guide also. Many of the programs run all year or run a summer program.

## Summer Literacy Activities

If your child is not going to camp this summer, keep him or her reading and learning. Here are some fun summer activities.

- **Have your child set summer reading goals.**

When your child reaches a goal, you can reward him or her. The best rewards are the ones that have to do with reading. The rewards can be a certificate, a bookmark or a trip to the library.

- **Combine activities with books.**

There is a lot of free time in the summer. Children love to do fun things like going to the park, seeing a movie, or going to the beach. This summer have your child read about the things he or she is going to do. If you are going to have a picnic, have your child read a book about picnics. On your outing, you can talk about the book and the picnic.

- **Help your child find time to read.**

During the summer children are really busy. Make sure that there is time for reading. A good reading time is in the morning or before bed. Do not be too firm with reading. Let your child choose when and what he or she wants to read. Also make sure your child is reading for fun. Read at the same time. It will help your child see that reading is important to you too.

- **Have your child take a reading trip.**

Have your child read about all different places this summer. Call a travel agent. Have them send you information about different tourist spots. With each book or flyer that your child reads, you can do an activity. If your child reads about Florida, you could make orange juice, which is Florida's state drink.

- **Have your child start a book club.**

Children love doing things as a group. Have your child start a neighborhood or family book club. Have everyone read the same book. Set a time to talk about the book. You can talk about it when you finish a chapter, a few chapters, or the whole book.

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- **Have your child keep a journal.**

Writing is just as important as reading. Have your child keep a journal. Let your child write about whatever he or she wants. For example, every time your child finishes a book he or she can write about it in the journal.

- **Use books to break the boredom.**

Since your child is at home all day, he or she needs things to do. Check out activity books and cook books from the library. Have your child help you bake cookies. Let your child read the directions.

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## THE FREE LIBRARY OF PHILADELPHIA

One of the best free resources available to you and your child is your local library. Your local library is a great resource that you can use. The library has many books for you and your child. Librarians can help you choose books for yourself and your child and answer your questions. All of the branches of the Free Library of Philadelphia offer an independent summer reading program. This program focuses on getting students to read by providing incentives.

### The Library Card

- Every library in Philadelphia has books, videos, and tapes for children and adults to borrow.
- A library card is free if you live, work, pay taxes, or go to school in Philadelphia. With a library card you have access to libraries all across the state.
- A child under the age of 12 needs written permission from a parent or guardian to get a library card.
- To get your library card go to any Free Library in the city. Bring some kind of identification that has your name and address on it. Examples of what to bring are a driver's license, a state identification card, a school ID, or a utility bill. If you do not have any identification with your name and address on it, you can still get a library card. It will just take a little bit longer to process.
- Once you have your library card you can begin to borrow books!

### The Librarian

- This person can recommend books for you and your child to read.
- The librarian can provide information about library programs such as story hours and reading programs.
- He or she can give you information about literacy programs in your area.
- This person can help you gain access to the internet.
- Your librarian is a great person to befriend!

### LEAP After School Program

The Free Library of Philadelphia has the LEAP After School Program. This program is at all of the Free Library of Philadelphia libraries. The goal is to provide children and teens access to homework help and enrichment programs. The LEAP After School Program is a drop-in program that is free and open to students, kindergarten through 12th grade.

One of the great things about LEAP is that it is held in the library. Libraries are warm, welcoming, safe and supportive places for students to work on homework or attend programs after school. Libraries are filled with great resources like books, computers, magazines and reference books, as well as the Librarian and the LEAP After School Leader. All of the students are encouraged to sign-up for a library card. The LEAP After School Program has homework assistance, enrichment programs, technology assistance programs, and

career development programs. LEAP also has a free online homework help resource, LEAP OnLine. LEAP OnLine is available both in the library and from home, Monday through Friday, from 2pm-10pm. To access LEAP OnLine go to the Free Library of Philadelphia's website, [www.library.phila.gov](http://www.library.phila.gov).

### The following sites offer the LEAP After School Program:

<b>Philadelphia City Institute</b> 1905 Locust Street Philadelphia, PA 19103 (215) 685-6621	<b>Central Library</b> 1901 Vine Street Philadelphia, PA 19103 General Info: (215) 686-5322 Children's Dept.: (215) 686-5369
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<b>Walnut Street West Library</b> 3927 Walnut St. Philadelphia, PA 19106 (215) 685-1633	<b>Durham Library</b> 3320 Haverford Avenue Philadelphia, PA 19104 (215) 685-7436
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<b>Independence Branch Library</b> 18 South 7th Street Philadelphia, PA 19106 (215) 685-1633	<b>Lawncrest Library</b> 6098 Rising Sun Avenue Philadelphia, PA 19111 (215) 685-0549
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<b>Fox Chase Library</b> 501 Rhawn Street Philadelphia, PA 19111 (215) 685-0547	<b>Welsh Road Library</b> 9233 Roosevelt Boulevard Philadelphia, PA 19114 (215) 685-0498
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<b>Bustleton Library</b> 10199 Bustleton Avenue Philadelphia, PA 19116 (215) 685-0472	<b>Chestnut Hill Library</b> 8711 Germantown Avenue Philadelphia, PA 19118 (215) 685-9290
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<b>Lovett Memorial Library</b> 6945 Germantown Avenue Philadelphia, PA 19119 (215) 685-2095	<b>Greater Olney Library</b> 5501 North 5th Street Philadelphia, PA 19120 (215) 685-2845
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<b>Wyoming Library</b> 231 East Wyoming Avenue Philadelphia, PA 19120 (215) 685-9158	<b>Cecil B. Moore Library</b> 2320 West C.B. Moore Avenue Philadelphia, PA 19121 (215) 685-2766
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<b>Frankford Library</b> 4634 Frankford Avenue Philadelphia, PA 19124 (215) 685-1473	<b>Fishtown Library</b> 1217 East Montgomery Avenue Philadelphia, PA 19125 (215) 685-9990
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<b>Oak Lane Library</b> 6614 North 12th Street Philadelphia, PA 19126 (215) 685-2848	<b>Roxborough Library</b> 6245 Ridge Avenue Philadelphia, PA 19128 (215) 685-2550
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**Andorra Library**

705 East Cathedral Rd.  
Philadelphia, PA 19128  
(215) 685-2552

**Wynnfield Library**

5325 Overbrook Avenue  
Philadelphia, PA 19131  
(215) 685-0298

**Widener Library**

2531 West Lehigh Avenue  
Philadelphia, PA 19132  
(215) 685-9799

**Lehigh Library**

601 West Lehigh Avenue  
Philadelphia, PA 19133  
(215) 685-9794

**McPherson Square Library**

601 East Indiana Avenue  
Philadelphia, PA 19134  
(215) 685-9995

**Torresdale Library**

3079 Holme Avenue  
Philadelphia, PA 19136  
(215) 685-0494

**West Oak Lane Library**

2000 Washington Lane  
Philadelphia, PA 19138  
(215) 685-2843

**Lucian E. Blackwell West Philadelphia Regional Library**

125 South 52nd Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19139  
Info: (215) 685-7424  
Children's Dept.: (215) 685-7422

**Logan Library**

1333 Wagner Avenue  
Philadelphia, PA 19141  
(215) 685-9156

**Falls of the Schuylkill**

3501 Midvale Avenue  
Philadelphia, PA 19129  
(215) 685-2093

**Ramonita de Rodriquez Library**

600 West Girard Avenue  
Philadelphia, PA 19123  
(215) 686-1768

**Kensington Library**

104 West Dauphin Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19133  
(215) 684-9996

**Richmond Library**

2987 Almond Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19134  
(215) 685-9992

**Tacony Library**

6742 Torresdale Avenue  
Philadelphia, PA 19135  
(215) 685-8755

**Holmesburg Library**

7810 Frankford Avenue  
Philadelphia, PA 19136  
(215) 685-8756

**Haverford Library**

5543 Haverford Avenue  
Philadelphia, PA 19139  
(215) 685-1964

**Nicetown Tioga Library**

3720 North Broad Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19140  
(215) 685-9790

**Ogontz Library**

6017 Ogontz Avenue  
Philadelphia, PA 19141  
(215) 685-3566

**Paschalville Library**

6942 Woodland Avenue  
Philadelphia, PA 19142  
(215) 685-2662

**Kingsessing Library**

1201 South 51st Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19143  
(215) 685-2690

**Passyunk Library**

1935 Shunk Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19145  
(215) 685-1755

**Queen Memorial Library**

1201 South 23rd Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19146  
(215) 685-1899

**Fumo Family Library**

2437 South Broad Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19148  
(215) 685-1758

**Bushrod Library**

6304 Castor Avenue  
Philadelphia, PA 19149  
(215) 685-1471

**Wadsworth Library**

1500 Wadsworth Avenue  
Philadelphia, PA 19150  
(215) 685-9293

**Haddington Library**

446 North 65th Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19151  
(215) 685-1970

**Katharine Drexel Library**

11099 Knights Road  
Philadelphia, PA 19154  
(215) 685-9383

**Blanche Nixon/Cobbs Creek Library**

5800 Cobbs Creek Parkway  
Philadelphia, PA 19143  
(215) 685-1973

**Joseph E. Coleman Northwest Regional Library**

68 West Cheltenham Avenue  
Philadelphia, PA 19144  
Info: (215) 685-2150  
Children's Dept.: (215) 685-2152

**South Philadelphia Library**

1700 South Broad Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19145  
(215) 685-1866

**Southwark Library**

932 South 7th Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19147  
(215) 686-1766

**Whitman Library**

200 Snyder Avenue  
Philadelphia, PA 19148  
(215) 685-1754

**Northeast Regional Library**

2228 Cottman Avenue  
Philadelphia, PA 19149  
Info: (215) 685-0500  
Children's Dept.: (215) 685-0509

**Overbrook Park Library**

7422 Haverford Avenue  
Philadelphia, PA 19151  
(215) 685-0182

**Eastwick Library**

2851 Island Avenue  
Philadelphia, PA 19153  
(215) 685-4170