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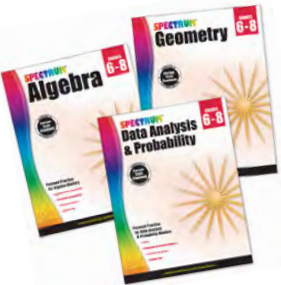
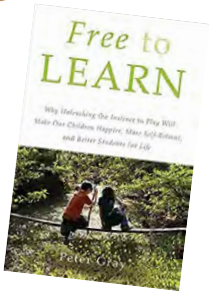
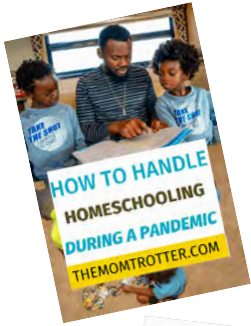
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# Thinking About Homeschooling?



Many families who have recently been forced to try school at home are thinking about switching permanently to the homeschool option. Thankfully, California is a great state for homeschooling and provides several options for families to choose from.

In California, children who turn six by September 1 must be enrolled in a legal school. There are three primary options available to parents who want to homeschool.

- ▶ File a Private School Affidavit (PSA), effectively creating your own private school.
- ▶ Enroll in a Private Satellite Program (PSP).
- ▶ Enroll in a public ISP or Charter school with either a virtual or homeschool option.

To learn the details about these options, visit our "How to Homeschool" page on our website, download "Just the Facts" below, and watch the video on the next page.

## **JUST THE FACTS**

New to homeschooling? Start by downloading our step-by-step guide to starting your homeschool!

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# How to Homeschool in California

By Laura Kazan

Charter School Parent &  
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# How To Handle Homeschooling *When It Wasn't Your Plan To*

By Karen Akpan

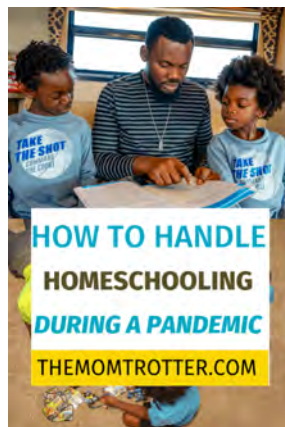
Due to the current pandemic going on, it seems like most schools have decided to close for an indeterminate amount of time. Teachers have sent packets of work home, and most parents are still trying to figure out how to work from home, and teach their children too.

We are a homeschooling family; I work from home and my son, nieces and nephew are homeschooled, so not much has changed for us. However, I can't even imagine how challenging life must be for a lot of families right now. Below are a few suggestions on how to deal with everything going on.



## Breathe

First off all, breathe. Your kids can sense your trepidation and fear, not just about the school situation but about everything going on right now. These are scary, unsure times, but keep in mind that are so many families dealing with this same predicament, You are not alone.



## Let Your Kids Breathe Too

Your kids need to breathe, too. Give them a couple days of rest from that packet of work to reflect and talk about what's going on and their feelings. They are stressed and scared, too. You can't expect them to handle things like adults and deal with it, because

let's face it – none of us are dealing well with circumstances right now.

If your younger kids are having a hard time understanding what is going on right now, make sure to read my article on “How To Talk To Your Kids About Coronavirus.” That'll definitely give them some insight as to what to expect in an easier to comprehend manner.



If you have older kids such as teens, let them write about their thoughts on such topics as supply-and-demand, the virus, healthcare, politics, etc – and watch a few news reports with them. Make sure to have open conversations with them as it is very important.

However, if you have younger children I suggest avoiding letting them watch the news as much as possible as it can cause them to be anxious and stressed.

## School Packets

While you want your children to work on their school packet, it is important for your to pace it, paying close attention to timelines so you don't miss them. It is not designed to be completed in a rush, however don't let them slack too much especially if their grade depends on it.



If your kids have an assignment that is project based, let them have the freedom to do the project on their own. Provide the resources and guidance, and let them succeed or fail based on how much they put into completing the assignment.

Full time homeschoolers don't just do packets. In fact, sitting down at a table doing school work is hardly what we do.

I homeschool because of the freedom I have to educate my son, but also because of life experiences. After all, academics is only a small part of what makes a person intelligent. The things we experience around us, and our responses to them, shape and mold us.

If your kids need you to sit by them to do spelling words or math problems, know that they need a little extra assurance. Take it easy on them, you're both navigating new territories.

## Creating A Schedule

While it's good for sanity's sake to have and keep a homeschool schedule right now, keep in mind that these are uncharted waters in which we're treading, so please do not feel bad if you don't have a set schedule.

Your kids don't have to get up at the hour they were getting up when they had school in the morning and it's probably best if they don't.

If you want to make a schedule, then do so but don't feel like you need to try to simulate a typical public school day. Talk with your children about what your expectations, and make sure to have a "we're all in this together" attitude. Include them in setting a schedule.



If you decide not to schedule, good for you too. Remember that there is no requirement, it is your home and your choice to run it how you see fit.

It's your job to keep the household running; it's their job to keep their school work going. If you are find now working from home, then you may find yourself sharing a space with your kids. It's good for them to see you doing your "home work," too.



## Having Trouble Teaching Your Kids?

By now I'm sure some parents are looking at their kids homework assignments and have furrowed permanent scratch marks of confusion in their own scalps, as they try to decipher the "new math" compared to what they learned and how they learned it.

Take heart, parents. There are many resources online to teach you this math and other subjects so you can at least grasp what is going on. Don't underestimate your child's teacher, though—he or she, most likely, will be very willing to help explain or provide resources to help you.

## Online Resources

There are many, many online resources being made available at no-charge or low-cost due to the Coronavirus closing schools. I'm working on an extensive list to share with you all, so make sure to check back for it.

Until then these blog posts should be helpful:

- *10 Easy Way To Improve Reading Skills In Kids*
- *Using Youtube To Supplement Homeschool Curriculum*
- *The Best Curriculum For Kids: From Preschool To Highschool*

## Seniors

High school senior meant to graduate this year (2020) may be having the hardest time with the idea of schools indefinitely. They may not be able to attend prom, senior trip or even graduation.



If you have a senior and you are anticipating that commencement exercises will not be held, caps will not be thrown, and tassels will not be moved, know that this will affect your high school senior on a deep level. Make sure to talk to them about how to handle all of this.

It is also important to move forward with college plans, though they may be online, but understand that if seniors are moodier than normal, it's because it's all just not normal.

Now is the time to come together, intentional homeschoolers or not, and help each other.



My name is Karen! I'm a wife to an amazing Hubs, a big sis to a sassy teenager Ells, mom to a sweet beautiful boy [Aiden](#) and an aunt to three precious little's Ethan, Milania & Avery.

I am a world traveler at heart and very passionate about self directed education. I also am also a writer, speaker and advocate for gentle parenting.

I created [The Mom Trotter](#) to share my budget travel tips, homeschooling life, parenting as well as to connect with other families following the same path as me. Our family is currently traveling the USA full time in an RV and we love it. You can watch our story on why we decided to sell our home and buy an RV here ->[Our RV Story](#).

People think that after kids, travel has to stop, but I am proof that it doesn't. My passion is to help and empower parents, as well as show them that travel with kids is possible and doable as a one income family, stay at home parent or while working a full time job.

I am also the founder of [Black Kids Do Travel](#) alongside my 6 year old [Aiden](#) with a mission strive to encourage parents with children of color, to travel with their children and show them the world.

This organization was born to create a safe space for families to discuss their travel and issues that they face traveling the world with children of color. This has grown into a beautiful Facebook community of over 18K plus families. If you have children of color and plan to travel with them, make sure to join our [Facebook Community](#).

When I'm not busy writing, teaching and watching Netflix, I also help families plan vacations. So if you need help planning a Disney Cruise (or any cruise), a vacation to an All-Inclusive resort somewhere exciting, feel free to reach out to me at [Memory Making Getaways](#).



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# Books

to  Parents Target  
their Homeschool Needs

*By Ann Ryan*

Many parents who are new to homeschooling start out by asking themselves *"What curriculum should I buy?"* when what they should really be asking is

*"How do I want my child to learn?"*

Families come to homeschooling for many different reasons, but regardless of the reason, a parent should really take some time to think about what their goals are for their child's education, as well as how their child learns best.

Learning in a classroom full of 30 other children who are all covering the same subject at a set speed is a very different process than the specialized, individual learning that homeschooling provides. Take the time to do a little research, observe your child, assess their needs and think about your educational goals for the future.

The good news is that there are a large variety of social media groups, blogs, articles, and books to learn from and get insight for your educational needs. It's important to take time to research. Think about and formulate your own educational philosophies and the needs of both YOU and YOUR CHILD.

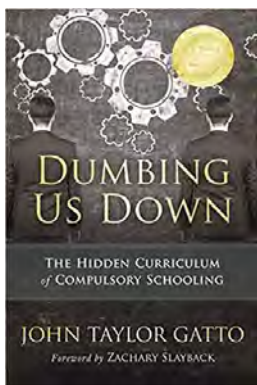
Once you think a bit deeper about your needs, you may find that what you want for your child isn't "traditional" and you want something more natural or more developmental. On the flip side, you may find that you want something more rigorous and challenging. Each child is different and it will be easier to target curriculum or programs that might work for you and your child once you dive deeper into these ideas.



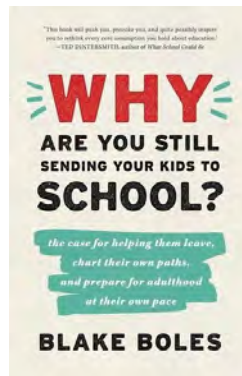
Here is a list of well regarded books to explore education and homeschooling as a larger subject. It's by no means an exhaustive list. There are many more books available. You can find these titles and many others through your library's online service, Amazon, Kindle, or perhaps even a fellow homeschooler will loan you one. Reading just a few of these will very likely get you thinking differently about education and sharpen your educational goals. You will find it's much easier to start (or continue) your homeschool journey with a more knowledgeable foundation.

## Educational Realities

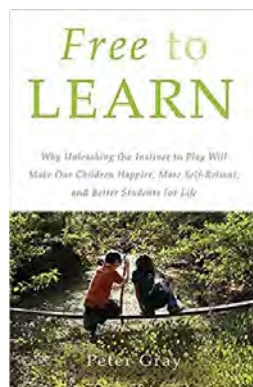
(or why you should homeschool)



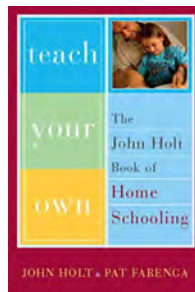
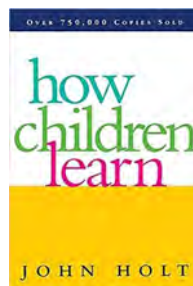
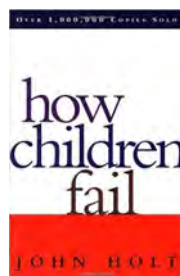
*Dumbing Us Down*  
by John Taylor Gatto



*Why Are You Still Sending Your Kids to School?*  
by Blake Boles

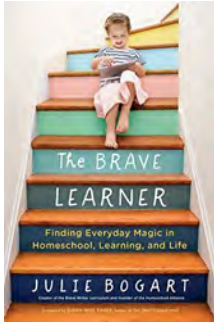


*Free to Learn*  
by Peter Gray

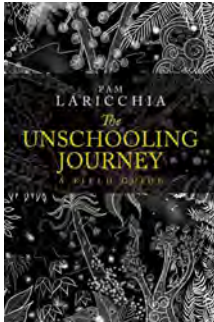


John Holt - any of his books

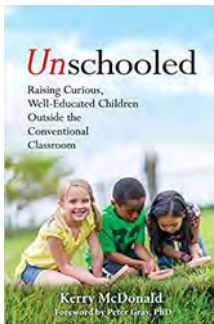
# Homeschool Styles/Philosophies



*The Brave Learner: Finding Everyday Magic in Homeschool, Learning, and Life*  
by Julie Bogart [www.bravewriter.com](http://www.bravewriter.com)



*The Unschooling Journey*  
by Pam Laricchia



*Unschoolled: Raising Curious, Well-Educated Children Outside the Conventional Classroom*  
by Kerry McDonald, foreword by Peter Gray

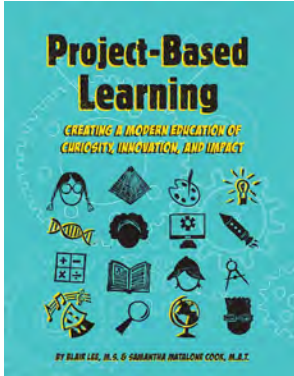


*Rethinking School: How to Take Charge of Your Child's Education*  
By Susan Wise Bauer

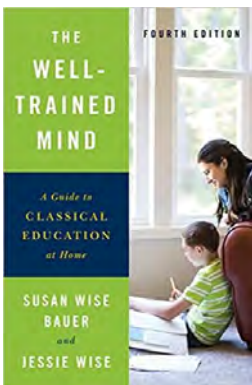


*A Literary Education*  
*Adapting Charlotte Mason for Modern Secular Homeschooling*  
by Emily Cook

# How to books



*Project Based Learning*  
by Blair Lee & Samantha Cook



*The Well-Trained Mind*  
by Susan Wise Bauer

(caveat: this is a lengthy book that can feel intimidating and overwhelming, however, if used as a guide, it can be very helpful for those interested in a more rigorous and/or classical education model)

# Learning **OUTSIDE** the Lines



You can learn more about homeschooling and helping our kids learn best by listening to Ann's podcast, Learning Outside the Lines, at any podcast host or directly at [www.learningoutsidethelines.com](http://www.learningoutsidethelines.com)



Like many others, I never thought I'd homeschool my children. I had no idea what that even meant! But here I am, 13 years later, definitely with more gray hair, but wiser and happier. My oldest graduated from our

homeschool June 2017 and I have 3 more to go.

While 3 of my children have always homeschooled or self taught in high school, one has attended school thru 6th grade because that's how he learned best. Experiencing education from "both sides of the fence" has allowed me unique perspectives and definite ideas about how children need individual education plans, however that may look for each child.

We are eclectic child led homeschoolers. I may be my children's teacher (mostly a guide and facilitator), but I learn new things each year right along with them (more than in school for sure!).

In my spare time (ha!) I love to read and revel in books! Books are life. So is coffee.

# Recommended Homeschool Books

## *The Podcast*



I have also created a podcast discussing why it's important to research educational goals and the books on the previous pages. If you'd like to hear more details about each title, take a listen.

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### Sue Patterson

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### Amir Nathoo

Founder and CEO of Outschool

Amir leads growth, trust and safety at Outschool. He previously worked at Square founding the Square Payroll product. Before that he was CEO and co-founder of Trigger.io, having started his career at IBM. Amir holds an MEng from Cambridge University.

plus

### Homeschool 101

with Bay Area Homeschool Fair, founder and Marin Homeschool President

Julie Mink Schiffman M. Ed.



### Jeremy Stuart

Documentary Filmmaker

Jeremy's 30 years in the television and film industry includes his most recent films, Self-Taught, Life Stories, From Self-Directed Learners and Class Dismissed: A Film About Learning Outside of the Classroom.



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# Why I Don't Regret Being Homeschooled



I'm an autistic 19-year-old junior in college named Rebecca Giles. I was homeschooled, and I feel that this allowed me to achieve far more than I could have in an institutional school environment, because homeschooling is more adaptable to each student's individual needs, strengths, and interests.

Homeschooling was uniquely right for me as an autistic student, equipping me for success by giving me an appropriate learning environment, allowing me to learn in the ways I learned best, letting me progress at my own pace, and most importantly, freeing me to explore my interests in depth.

**Homeschooling gave me a learning environment appropriate for me.**

In school, I would have been made to sit still for hours and hours. Nobody should have to do this, especially not autistic students who need to move and fidget



a great deal to calm and regulate themselves and help themselves focus. With homeschooling, you can work in a tree, on the floor, or while pacing back and forth.

Homeschooling reduced my stress by allowing me to learn alone and in a quiet space. I could concentrate on learning rather than on handling social interaction. I did not have to deal with the sensory overload of a crowded school, the trauma of bullying, and the stress of interacting with teachers and classmates. I learned to love "school" rather than hate it.

**Homeschooling freed me to learn in ways that worked for me.**

Like many autistic people, I have auditory processing difficulties and struggle to learn anything by hearing. It is hard for me to process voices when there are background noises, such as the faint buzzing of electrical



equipment. I cannot follow a list of verbal instructions. However, I am a voracious reader. With homeschooling, I learned by reading; kids in school must learn primarily by listening, even if that's not how they learn best.

### **Homeschooling freed me to progress at the pace right for me.**

A common autistic characteristic is uneven skill development. All people are better at some things than others, but for autistic students the differences can be more extreme. I'm glad I was homeschooled because that meant I wasn't pressured to progress at the same rate in all subjects. I was free to be a 14-year-old who did fifth-grade level math and twelfth-grade level language arts.

### **Homeschooling freed me to have an interest-based education.**

Because intense, highly focused, unique interests are a common trait of autism, I believe that an interest-based education is essential for autistic students. Homeschooling gave me the freedom to focus on learning what I considered most important for me: art. This was an incredible gift. Because homeschooling allowed me far more time to focus on my interests than I could have if I had attended a typical school, my artwork could

develop much faster. The extra time spent on painting paid off; at age 16, I won a full-tuition merit scholarship to the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts.



If your autistic student is not interested in a lesson that you consider essential, try finding more ways to connect it to her special interest. Connecting all subjects to art gave me a love of learning. I wrote essays about art and art history for my composition courses. For science, I independently did internet research on the physics of light and biological light perception because my artwork focuses on light and its relationship to color. We made history memorable with art projects, such as illustrating a poster on the Incan civilization or sculpting a pharaoh's head. Math was very challenging for me, but the plentiful brightly colored illustrations in my math textbook enabled me to endure it.



Institutional school systems are not designed for those with autism or those who do not fit the conventional mold of what a student "should" be. These beautifully atypical individuals often see their voices and gifts stifled and crushed by the school system's inflexibility. When given the right environment, however, a student's autism can become much more of a blessing than a disability. Autistic traits such as exceptional memory, intense interests, strong focus, great attention to detail, and a one-of-a-kind worldview can all be assets for your student—especially when she's given a learning environment that works with her, focusing on building up her unique strengths rather than fighting with her weaknesses. Homeschooling, because it is so flexible and easily individualized, can empower your autistic child to use her strengths to succeed.

Rebecca Giles grew up as a homeschooled Christian missionary kid in Europe and the Middle East. She now studies at the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts. Rebecca and two of her brothers are autistic. Rebecca's artwork explores light and its relationship to color, focusing on themes of luminosity, translucency, and reflection. To view Rebecca's artwork or contact her, visit her website, [rebeccagilesart.com](http://rebeccagilesart.com). Rebecca's mom is the creator of [allinonehomeschool.com](http://allinonehomeschool.com), a complete free online homeschooling curriculum.

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CHN's Family Expo in Garden Grove is the homeschool conference for all! From beginning homeschoolers, to veterans, young and old - there is something for everyone! The CHN Family Expo is a locally produced, all-inclusive event. We are here to promote the "community" in our homeschooling community.

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## **Homeschool Curriculum Suggestions By Subject For New Homeschoolers**

\* Secular suggestions for Grades K-6

\* I chose these selections for ease of use, because they generally follow grade level standards, and for a more “school at home” frame of mind for those wanting a back up plan to virtual learning thru their local school OR for those just getting starting and wanting more traditional choices.

\* This is NOT a complete list! There are MANY programs and options for each subject but it can be very overwhelming to be faced with dozens of choices per subject. These suggestions are a good start with well regarded programs used by many homeschoolers.

\* All or most of these should be covered by charter funds if using a charter.

These programs will appeal to a variety of kids but won't appeal to ALL kids!

BE SURE to look at samples or trial periods to get a better idea of the program!! Watch the intro videos and take notes to keep track of what you like/don't like. Don't expect to do this in a day, take a few weeks at least to browse and get a feel for the differences.



Be sure to do the placement test if there is one, many levels don't always coordinate with grades and program content varies greatly.

Be sure to let your child check samples out too, first impressions matter and they can tell you what they like/don't like. This will save you a lot of money (or charter funds) by taking the time up front to do this research!

## **Math:**

Math Mammoth-workbook

<https://www.mathmammoth.com/>

Complete program



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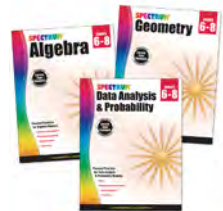
Complete program



Spectrum Math-workbook

<https://www.carsondellosa.com/search-results/?q=spectrum%20math>

Covers all state standards but I'd add more practice with a math app or games if your child needs more review



Singapore Math-text and workbook

<https://www.singaporemath.com>

(There are different versions to choose from, choosing the newest is likely best)



Teaching Textbooks-online streaming program with workbook as a backup

<http://www.teachingtextbooks.com>



We love this program BUT I only suggest this for short term use if you have a kid struggling and needs something engaging. It does not follow typical standards so might not cover all a “typical” grade would cover in a year but it DOES work great for some kids who dislike math, need review, and need something engaging. If you use it from the start it covers all the math skills, however, it may leave gaps if only using for 1 year. But having a child that hates math and not progressing with a program is not productive either. This program is wonderful for some kids who hated math and didn’t understand it but needed something different.

The levels DO NOT match grades, so use the placement test to determine level.

## **Science:**

Real Science Odyssey (RSO)-text/work book

<https://www.pandiapress.com/real-science-odyssey/>



Generation Genius (K-8, adding 6-8 this fall) -online

<https://www.generationgenius.com>



Mystery Science-K-5-online, has virtual labs or you can follow along at home (you can get a year free with the basic service)

<https://mysteryscience.com>



Evan Moor Daily Science-workbook

<https://www.evan-moor.com/>

Science can be enhanced with field trips, videos, books, and hands on exploration.



## **Social Studies/History:**

History Quest-text and workbook (Early Times/ Ancients only available now. Multiple ages of kids can do together)

<https://www.pandiapress.com/history-quest/>



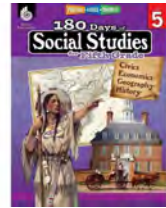
Curiosity Chronicles-text and workbook

<https://www.curiositychronicles.org>



180 Day of Social Studies-workbook

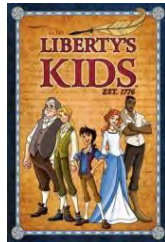
<https://www.rainbowresource.com/category/6445>



Liberty Kids-Early American history PBS series-free on youtube  
You can find coordinating worksheets online if needed.

(Ages 7-12ish)

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?>



\*If you are unsure of which history period to cover I'd suggest GEOGRAPHY instead. You can focus on world or US geography and find coordinating workbooks. You can add in culture studies for areas kids are more interested in by adding books, videos, museums, and field trips.

Solid Workbook sources-[Spectrum](#),[Evan-Moor](#),[DK](#)

## **Language Arts:**

Language arts covers a lot of ground with grammar, spelling, writing, reading and literature. There is no single workbook that will cover it all!

For just a year or to start I'd focus on weak areas and not try to cover it all! Trust me, they don't need ALL language arts subjects every year.

Spectrum and Evan Moor have good standards based writing, spelling, and grammar workbooks. They aren't the most exciting but will cover everything needed. But don't do them all! Just pick the areas they need help with such as reading comprehension or writing. I'd limit it to 1 or 2 LA workbooks. Look at samples online or in person to determine which you prefer.

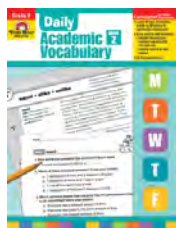


Spectrum Language Arts-workbook

<https://www.rainbowresource.com/category/2361/>

Evan-Moor Language Arts-workbook (many to choose from depending on need)

<https://www.evan-moor.com/series?specs=1921>



## Literature

(For grade 3 and up. For younger grades just read a loud and enjoy)

I'd choose a few good novels and do a literature study to round out the year. You get to read a good book, discuss various issues it addresses, explore genre, and can practice writing with various assignments. (These can be read-a-louds or independently read.)

Teachers Pay Teachers has a great variety of literature studies-print on demand

<https://www.teacherspayteachers.com>



Teachers Pay Teachers

The kids can choose their own novels if you want but perhaps use the grade level reading lists to choose from if you need help (you can google for more reading lists too)

<https://www.scholastic.com/teachers/collections/>

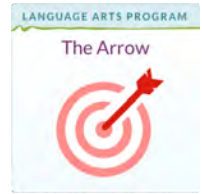




Brave Writer Arrow is another literature study that is highly recommended and FUN! These have preselected books.

Grades 3-6ish

<https://store.bravewriter.com/collections/>



Spelling City is a free app you can use for spelling practice if you really want spelling.

[www.spellingcity.com](http://www.spellingcity.com)



## Kindergraden/1st and those needing reading support Reading/Reading Comprehension

Reading Eggs/Reading Eggspress - online

Reading Eggs is for younger kids learning to read and

Eggspress is for older kids working on fluency and comprehension

<https://readingeggs.com/about>



Explode the Code-online or workbook

<https://www.explodethecode.com> (online version)

<https://eps.schoolspecialty.com> (workbook version)



## Beginning readers

Nora Gaydo's Now I'm Reading series

<https://nowimreading.wordpress.com/>



BOB books

[bobbooks.com](http://bobbooks.com)



## Handwriting:

Handwriting Without Tears

<https://www.lwtears.com>



## All subjects:

Outschool provides online classes in various lengths from 1 hour to 1 semester. Some are live classes with a teacher and others are pre-recorded.

They cover every subject and topic imaginable!



This is a great resource for areas your child wants to learn more about or a subject you don't feel comfortable teaching. <https://outschool.com/>

\* Games! There are tons of great games and apps that teach! Kids can learn as much from an app or board game as many textbooks out there so be aware if your child needs a different way to learn!

\* Library! The library is your friend, use the hold system to save time and let your child choose their own books! Pick a topic (or let your child pick a topic) and let them search for books, it's a great skill to learn!

\* Field Trips/Memberships-children learn by doing and the more they can experience, the better! Aquarium, zoo, museum, science center memberships are an extremely valuable homeschool investment.

## Last helpful thoughts....

Join local and active homeschool facebook groups to gain insight and support. But also remember the advice can be overwhelming and you don't have to do it all! Every child learns differently so what works well for one child might not work for another, keep in mind when asking about curriculum and program suggestions.

Read over the state advocacy groups California Homeschool Network and Homeschool California for up to date laws, relevant news, and support.

EDUCATE YOURSELF! Please take the time to read what others have provided for you. Most questions have been asked and answered and there is a wealth of information just waiting for you to read. Use the search functions on FB groups, read books and articles, listen to podcasts, watch youtube videos or whatever medium you learn best from. Yes, this will take a bit of time but it's an investment in your child's education, it's worth the time!

I caution anyone from doing ALL workbooks or ALL online. Generally, a mix is usually the sweet spot BUT let your child help guide you on this. Whatever you choose, younger kids cannot teach themselves, a parent will always have to support and be engaged to some degree, so don't think a workbook or an online program will teach your child for you 100%.

Be sure to find out if you can buy a home subscription to online programs the school is using if your child likes it and learns well with it. Many programs are available for home use. This is will keep your child on track if you are sure they will be returning to school.

I highly encourage new homeschoolers to listen to some of [Julie Bogart's YouTube videos](#) on learning and homeschooling. They are insightful, helpful, and practical!

You can learn more about homeschooling by listening to my podcast, Learning Outside the Lines, at any podcast host or directly at [www.learningoutsidethelines.com](http://www.learningoutsidethelines.com)



Like many others, I never thought I'd homeschool my children. I had no idea what that even meant! But here I am, 13 years later, definitely with more gray hair, but wiser and happier. My oldest graduated from our homeschool June 2017 and I have 3 more to go.

While 3 of my children have always homeschooled or self taught in high school, one has attended school thru 6th grade because that's how he learned best. Experiencing education from "both sides of the fence" has allowed me unique perspectives and definite ideas about how children need individual education plans, however that may look for each child.

We are eclectic child led homeschoolers. I may be my children's teacher (mostly a guide and facilitator), but I learn new things each year right along with them (more than in school for sure!).

In my spare time (ha!) I love to read and revel in books! Books are life. So is coffee.

Aquarium Online  
**ACADEMY**



**The Aquarium of the Pacific is pleased to offer an Online Academy to bring our educational programming as well as fun and entertaining activities to the public during the current closure.**

Here you will find both on-demand videos and activities for all ages and a schedule of interactive live programs with our educators, from virtual classroom sessions to Pacific Palsuppets.



## Online Activities at the Monterey Bay Aquarium

**LEARNING AT HOME**

**GAMES & ACTIVITIES**

**LIVE CAMS**



**MONTEREY BAY  
AQUARIUM**





# Learning With Math Manipulatives

By: Siri Hirth

Math manipulatives provide a fun and hands-on approach to teaching and learning math. Using them can make the repetition of math lessons exciting each time new concepts are explored. Plus, it comes with the bonus of learning while we play!

**What are math manipulatives?** A manipulative is a physical object used as a teaching and learning tool. We prefer using small objects for easy handling, but you can use whatever floats your boat. You may be surprised what you already have at home that can be used as a math manipulative, it can be as simple as adding a box of raisins to your math lesson.

Here are a few of our favorite objects that we incorporate into our math lessons and how we use them.



**Cash Register & Pretend Money** – Recently, our son was given a crew member hat to take home from a local diner, he was ecstatic! When we got home, he immediately put on his hat, grabbed his cash register with a fistful of pretend money, and was ready to play “Drive-Thru”. Since then, playing “Drive-Thru” has become a fun way for us to incorporate math into our pretend play time. We start by sorting the money lowest to highest value, then fill the cash register.

Next, we add a little handwriting practice to make a menu with the food items and prices. Once we were set up, we gather our pretend food and it is off to the races with fun math play. We take turns running the cash register and sometimes the register is “broken”, and we use good old mental math or our fingers. I love that the cash register doubles as a toy and storage for the pretend money.

**Dominoes** - These are my favorite math manipulative! I find them to be the most versatile and we use them daily. Our favorite way to use dominoes is to create number sentences. They are perfect to practice addition, subtraction, multiplication

and division. Dominoes also allow for independent learning. We keep them in a small bag and reach in to draw out a domino to create our math sentences on paper or a dry erase board. When we're done with the math lesson we stack them all and make a domino track and knock them all down.



**Playing Cards** – “Make 10”. This is a two-player card game, using aces through tens in your deck of cards (remove jokers and face cards). The aces act as your ones. Shuffle your deck of cards and divide the cards evenly between the two players, each player making a stack of cards face down. Next, flip the top four cards over placing them side by side in front of you. The goal of the game is to “Make Ten” by using any combination of the four cards facing up in front of you. If you can make ten with your cards move them to the side and replace them with new cards from the top of your deck. If you cannot make ten, take one of your original four cards in front of you and place it at the bottom of your deck, then draw a new card from the top of the deck. When you can't make any more groups of ten or run out of cards, the game is over. Whoever has the most groups of 10 at the end of the game, wins!

**Stackable Wood Blocks** – Write number sentences on the wood blocks with a permanent marker and stack the blocks for regular play, keeping the number sentence face down. Take turns removing the blocks and answering the number sentences out loud. If you answer the number sentence correctly, you get to keep your block. If you answer incorrectly, your opponent gets the block for themselves! If no one answers the number sentence correctly the block is placed on the top of the tower. Ooh, tricky! The player with the most wood blocks when the tower falls wins!



Other fun manipulatives we use are dice, number lines, geometric shapes, magnetic numbers, items found in nature (rocks, flowers, sticks), craft supplies and snacks! Snacks are great for subtraction games. Bowling (adding the scores), grocery shopping, reading clocks, and exploring the addresses on the homes in our neighborhood. Using hands-on, real world objects help keep math relevant, easy to understand and fun for your children.



# Alternatives to Public School

Children between the ages of 6 and 18 must be enrolled in a public school or a specified alternative, and that is your decision to make! Kindergarten is not mandatory, but children who turn 6 by September 1st must enroll that school year (*California Education Code §48222, 48224*). Each family has unique needs and circumstances, so choosing an alternative will require considering your individual family situation and the needs of each child.

## Your Options:

- **Credentialed tutor** A parent with an appropriate current California teacher's credential may teach his/her child under the private tutorial exemption. Parents may also hire a credentialed tutor for their child. Tutors are required to teach for a minimum of 3 hours each day, 175 days per school year, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:00 am and 4:00 pm. (*California Education Code §48224*)
- **Private School** There are two home-based private school options:
  - Establish a Home-Based Private School by filing a [Private School Affidavit \(PSA\)](#) You may establish a private school in your home and enroll your child as an alternative to public school. This will give you the ultimate in control over your schedule and curriculum. If you establish a home-based private school, you will be the administrator responsible for record keeping, curriculum and all aspects of your child's education.
  - Enroll in a [Private School Satellite Program \(PSP\)](#) PSPs (formerly known as umbrella schools) file a California private school affidavit every year as part of their legal obligation to be in compliance with California Education Code. They can enroll families who want to homeschool. Some PSPs offer classes, both site based and online, curriculum packages and/or activities for their members. Others offer guidance and record keeping, but leave the day-to-day details to the parents. Fees, guidance and requirements vary widely with each school.
- **Public ISP/Charter School** Some public schools and charter schools offer independent study. These public programs are funded by tax dollars, so there is no fee to attend. Some offer a set curriculum you do at home or online. Others allow parents to select some materials. The curriculum will be aligned with Common Core and testing is required. If you enroll in one of these programs, you will need to keep the records required by your program and regularly meet with a credentialed teacher to turn in required paperwork. The amount of freedom you have in choosing what to study depends on the program's policies and your assigned teacher

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COUNTY	NAME	CONTACT INFO
Alameda	Michai Freeman	510-326-8718 Email
Contra Costa	Michelle Tryner	Email
Humboldt	Brenda Lory	707-617-2538 Email
Imperial	Stephanie Laurean	760-693-7951 Email
Indio	Lynette Ridgel	Email
Los Angeles (Culver/Westchester)	Tina Janzen	310-902-7034 Email
Los Angeles (Culver/Inglewood)	Adrienne Quinn Washington	323-369-7669 Email
Los Angeles (San Gabriel Valley)	Vicki Giansante	Email
Los Angeles (Long Beach)	Siri Hirth	Email
Marin	Julie Schiffman	415-446-8844 Email
Orange	Laurel Ward	714-649-0657 Email
Orange (North)	Teresa Fitzpatrick	Email
Placer	Ariana Flamik	Email
Riverside	Maria Egbert	Email
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COUNTY	NAME	CONTACT INFO
San Bernardino (High Desert)	Erika Schron	Email
San Bernardino (Yucaipa)	Heather Martinson	909-446-5962 Email
San Bernardino & High Desert	Lynette Ridgel	Email
Santa Cruz	Heddi Craft	831-458-1711 Email
Shasta	Trina Reuber	Email
Tehama	Trina Rueber	Email
Tulare	Rhonda Hamilton	Email
Ventura	Christy Bruncker	Email
Unique Situations (Bilingual: Spanish)	Maria Egbert	Email
Unique Situations (Gifted)	Becca Orlowski	858-576-1239 Email
Unique Situations (Learning Challenges)	Erika Schron	Email
Unique Situations (Special Needs)	Pam Ragland	Email



# Annual President's Report

October 2018 - September 2019

Apologies for the late report. Time just gets away from us.

First I would like to thank all our members who continue to support California Homeschool Network with your annual family membership. Your support is very much appreciated.

While this report highlights CHN's 2018/2019 fiscal year, it's impossible to ignore the current pandemic. The CHN board of Trustees hopes everyone is healthy and safe. CHN is here for homeschool support with free information and resources on our website [www.californiahomeschool.net](http://www.californiahomeschool.net).

With public schools currently closed and the uncertainty of what the environment will be when they do open we are seeing more parents turning to homeschooling. The school at home model is going to be strong with these new homeschoolers cause that is all they know. Patience is needed by all and do not hesitate to refer them to the CHN website. Our free PDF download Just the Facts is a great place to start.

And now onto the report.

In January 2019 CHN participated in the Capital Days and Leadership Conference held in Sacramento. Trustee Trina Rueber and Pam Dowling attended. The goal was to visit each state legislator's office, make a brief introduction and leave information on homeschooling. The Leadership Conference was a great networking opportunity with other homeschool state organization's leaders and to further forge relationships for when a legislative issue should arise so that we can work closely together.

Expo was held at the Great Wolf Lodge in May of 2019. Expo is our big event of the year and we are very disappointed to have the 2020 Expo postponed until 2021. It will be at the Great Wolf Lodge with the same theme - Super Heroes!

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In July CHN hosted a group campout at San Simeon State Park and visited Hearst Castle and in October 2019 we camped at our annual tradition and my personal favorite camping spot, Carpinteria.

CHN would like to thank Tina Janzen for volunteering as our Camping Coordinator through 2018 and 2019 and to take this time to welcome our new Camping Coordinator Christy Bruner! Unfortunately, the currently scheduled campout to Idyllwild for June will most likely be canceled by the park services. We will update members when we receive news. CHN has also reserved a group camping site at Carpinteria for September 20<sup>th</sup> for 4 nights. We will announce when reservations are open.

CHN is an all volunteer non-profit organization and your membership supports us to fulfill the most important part of our mission statement, which is to monitor legislation to ensure homeschooling remains a legal education option in California. Please consider joining today. Our annual family membership is just \$30 [www.californiahomeschool.net/membership](http://www.californiahomeschool.net/membership).

Thank you,

Pam Dowling

CHN Board of Trustees, President

**California Homeschool Network**

*Strengthening the Voice of California Homeschoolers™*

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## California Homeschool Network

### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As of September 30, 2019

	TOTAL	
	AS OF SEP 30, 2019	AS OF SEP 30, 2018 (PY)
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Current Assets		
Bank Accounts		
CD	11,260.50	11,260.50
General	18,794.89	29,001.47
Raffle - restricted	108.39	8.39
Raffle - unrestricted	0.00	0.00
<b>Total General</b>	<b>18,903.28</b>	<b>29,009.86</b>
Grant	1,000.00	1,000.00
Legal - Restricted	13,351.35	13,351.35
Legal - Unrestricted	0.00	0.00
Membership pre-paid debit card	0.00	0.00
PayPal	1,022.36	1,226.08
Petty Cash	0.00	0.00
Savings	48,515.73	48,476.83
<b>Total Bank Accounts</b>	<b>\$94,053.22</b>	<b>\$104,324.62</b>
Other Current Assets		
Undeposited Funds	960.00	960.00
<b>Total Other Current Assets</b>	<b>\$960.00</b>	<b>\$960.00</b>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>\$95,013.22</b>	<b>\$105,284.62</b>
Fixed Assets		
Furniture and Equipment		
Accumulated Depreciation	-4,157.11	-4,157.11
Cost	4,156.60	4,156.60
<b>Total Furniture and Equipment</b>	<b>-0.51</b>	<b>-0.51</b>
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	<b>\$ -0.51</b>	<b>\$ -0.51</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$95,012.71</b>	<b>\$105,284.11</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>		
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Other Current Liabilities		
Accrued Payroll Taxes	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Other Current Liabilities</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
Equity		
Opening Balance	93,027.48	93,027.48
Retained Earnings	12,256.63	12,187.88
Net Revenue	-10,271.40	68.75
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>\$95,012.71</b>	<b>\$105,284.11</b>
	TOTAL	
	AS OF SEP 30, 2019	AS OF SEP 30, 2018 (PY)
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>	<b>\$95,012.71</b>	<b>\$105,284.11</b>



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## California Homeschool Network

### STATEMENT OF ACTIVITY

October 2018 - September 2019

	TOTAL	
	OCT 2018 - SEP 2019	OCT 2017 - SEP 2018 (PY)
Revenue		
Advertising	2,850.00	1,075.00
Camping		
Fall Campout	2,345.00	1,535.00
Spring Campout	1,623.00	2,400.00
Camel Dairy Farm		300.00
<b>Total Spring Campout</b>	<b>1,623.00</b>	<b>2,700.00</b>
<b>Total Camping</b>	<b>3,968.00</b>	<b>4,235.00</b>
Donations		
Camping(147)	85.00	100.00
Cash Donation to General Acct.	20.00	90.91
Misc. Fundraising	260.24	169.53
<b>Total Donations</b>	<b>365.24</b>	<b>360.44</b>
Expo		
Expo Attendance	22,293.00	24,400.00
Expo Payment Plan	687.54	506.09
<b>Total Expo Attendance</b>	<b>22,980.54</b>	<b>24,906.09</b>
Expo Graduation	180.00	45.00
Expo Lit Bag	605.00	920.00
Expo misc. income	30.00	
Expo Program Ad		165.00
Expo Raffle	195.00	190.00
Expo Refunds		3,612.03
Expo Sponsorships	13,443.75	18,500.00
Expo Vendor		400.00
Expo HS Options Fair	1,325.00	1,335.00
Expo Regular Vendor	6,620.00	5,050.00
<b>Total Expo Vendor</b>	<b>7,945.00</b>	<b>6,785.00</b>
Used Curric./Craft Table		105.00
<b>Total Expo</b>	<b>45,379.29</b>	<b>55,228.12</b>
Membership Dues	7,263.50	7,888.98
Miscellaneous	0.01	180.00
Products		
Freight/Postage - in	6.00	13.00
Great Wolf - Holiday		1,650.00
HS Guide Companion download	409.50	578.00
ID Cards	82.00	160.00
Patches	7.50	5.00
<b>Total Products</b>	<b>505.00</b>	<b>2,406.00</b>
Refunds		
Bank Refund	256.25	

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	TOTAL	
	OCT 2018 - SEP 2019	OCT 2017 - SEP 2018 (PY)
<b>Total Refunds</b>	<b>256.25</b>	
Unapplied Cash Payment Income	-355.00	
Uncategorized Income	39.65	
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$60,271.94</b>	<b>\$71,373.54</b>
Cost of Goods Sold		
Cost of Goods Sold	1.90	
<b>Total Cost of Goods Sold</b>	<b>\$1.90</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>GROSS PROFIT</b>	<b>\$60,270.04</b>	<b>\$71,373.54</b>
Expenditures		
*Reconciliation Discrepancies		0.30
Accounting Fees	481.98	36.00
Bank Charges		33.00
Camping.		
Camping - Fall Campout		
Fall Camp Out - Reservations	1,400.93	1,355.98
Fall Camp Out Expenses	592.00	540.00
<b>Total Camping - Fall Campout</b>	<b>1,992.93</b>	<b>1,895.98</b>
Camping - Spring Campout		
Spring Camp Out - Reservations	1,057.94	2,325.00
Spring Camp Out Expenses	403.00	1,046.80
<b>Total Camping - Spring Campout</b>	<b>1,460.94</b>	<b>3,371.80</b>
<b>Total Camping.</b>	<b>3,453.87</b>	<b>5,267.78</b>
Communications		
E-mail	205.00	180.00
Telephone	1,005.57	994.84
<b>Total Communications</b>	<b>1,210.57</b>	<b>1,174.84</b>
Contract Services		
800 Number Services	2,200.00	2,400.00
Membership Services	2,600.00	2,400.00
Newsletter Editor	2,277.05	418.75
<b>Total Contract Services</b>	<b>7,077.05</b>	<b>5,218.75</b>
Credit Card Processor	624.37	1,623.46
Expo Expenses		
Expo - Moving & Storage	1,948.75	1,956.25
Expo A/V		
Expo - Equipment		629.52
<b>Total Expo A/V</b>		<b>629.52</b>
Expo Advertising		
Facebook Ads	194.99	559.33
<b>Total Expo Advertising</b>	<b>194.99</b>	<b>559.33</b>
Expo Conference Rental Space		
Expo - AV Charges	5,055.32	5,695.43
Expo - Exhibitor Booths	3,000.00	4,000.00
Expo - Room Rental	14,426.59	13,951.23
Expo - Room Resets	597.46	
Expo Conference Space Deposit		6,000.00
<b>Total Expo Conference Rental Space</b>	<b>23,079.37</b>	<b>29,646.66</b>

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October 2018 - September 2019

	TOTAL	
	OCT 2018 - SEP 2019	OCT 2017 - SEP 2018 (PY)
Expo Entertainment/Events		
Expo - Graduation		
Grad Programs		30.09
Grad Supplies	140.73	
<b>Total Expo - Graduation</b>	<b>140.73</b>	<b>30.09</b>
Expo - Volunteers	14.97	
<b>Total Expo Entertainment/Events</b>	<b>155.70</b>	<b>30.09</b>
Expo Hotel Rooms	11,430.05	
Expo misc.	429.45	7.32
Expo Program	7.55	
Expo - Schedule App	1,000.00	500.00
Program Layout	100.00	325.00
Program Printing	517.92	487.83
<b>Total Expo Program</b>	<b>1,625.47</b>	<b>1,312.83</b>
Expo Refunds		
Coordinator Comp Registrations		215.00
Regular Registrations	59.01	340.91
<b>Total Expo Refunds</b>	<b>59.01</b>	<b>555.91</b>
Expo Speaker		
Expo - Speaker Fees	2,000.00	1,600.00
Expo - Speaker Reimbursements		174.52
Expo Speaker - Other Travel	174.52	
Expo Speaker Comp Registration		110.00
Expo Speaker Flights		364.31
<b>Total Expo - Speaker Reimbursements</b>	<b>174.52</b>	<b>648.83</b>
Expo - Speaker Supplies	68.45	
<b>Total Expo Speaker</b>	<b>2,242.97</b>	<b>2,248.83</b>
Expo Sponsorships	56.98	905.23
Expo Supplies		
Expo - Family Village	1,080.35	
Expo - Fiber Arts	313.90	276.35
Expo - Lit Bags		647.55
Expo - Misc Supplies		80.10
Expo - Registration Supplies		
Badges	576.10	573.33
Printing & Copies	117.86	221.36
<b>Total Expo - Registration Supplies</b>	<b>693.96</b>	<b>794.69</b>
Expo - Teen Room	549.45	878.00
Expo - Teen Dance	500.00	300.00
<b>Total Expo - Teen Room</b>	<b>1,049.45</b>	<b>1,178.00</b>
<b>Total Expo Supplies</b>	<b>3,137.66</b>	<b>2,976.69</b>
Raffle	191.99	540.72
Travel Expenses	4,173.23	1,076.15
<b>Total Expo Expenses</b>	<b>48,725.62</b>	<b>42,445.53</b>
General Administration		
Board Meetings	983.48	3,028.92
Treasurer Duties	594.64	974.87

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Volunteers		232.12
<b>Total General Administration</b>	<b>1,578.12</b>	<b>4,235.91</b>
Great Wolf Lodge Holiday Party		1,760.00
Insurance	3,243.00	3,335.00
Legislation		328.57
Licenses, permits & fees	61.00	45.00
Membership Refunds		30.00
Misc.	40.00	99.20
Office Supplies		
General Office Supplies	156.17	167.25
Membership Office Supplies	357.97	278.15
<b>Total Office Supplies</b>	<b>514.14</b>	<b>445.40</b>
Outreach	359.23	0.00
PayPal Fees	640.08	
Postage & Freight		
General Postage & Freight	201.10	58.75
Membership Postage		288.98
P. O. Box Rental	121.00	114.00
<b>Total Postage &amp; Freight</b>	<b>322.10</b>	<b>461.73</b>
Publications.		
Newsletter	425.00	600.00
<b>Total Publications.</b>	<b>425.00</b>	<b>600.00</b>
Software	54.00	233.88
Storage	770.00	2,259.50
Taxes		63.99
Uncategorized Expense	4.36	
Website	986.20	1,662.43
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$70,570.69</b>	<b>\$71,360.27</b>
NET OPERATING REVENUE	<b>\$ -10,300.65</b>	<b>\$13.27</b>
Other Revenue		
Bank Interest	29.25	55.48
<b>Total Other Revenue</b>	<b>\$29.25</b>	<b>\$55.48</b>
NET OTHER REVENUE	<b>\$29.25</b>	<b>\$55.48</b>
NET REVENUE	<b>\$ -10,271.40</b>	<b>\$68.75</b>



# BOARD OF TRUSTEES



Pam Dowling - When I'm not busy with CHN or dabbling in bookkeeping, I'm teaching beginning sewing to homeschoolers! I find it very rewarding and at times very entertaining. The things kids say! I started my homeschooling journey in 2002 and now my son is a college graduate, has a driver's license and is employed! They do make it. Homeschooling, like parenting isn't something you do, it's something you experience. I wouldn't trade it for anything in the world. I'm grateful to have the opportunity to stay connected to this wonderful community through my serving on the CHN board of Trustees. CHN provides me with speaking opportunities that I never thought would be something I would immensely enjoy.

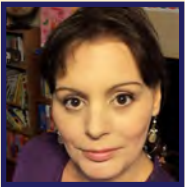
Given that public speaking is people's number one fear. But, after I spoke for over two hours at the 2014 Expo and had a dad come up to me after and tell me that he didn't think they could homeschool their child. They were afraid since they lived across the street from the school but, now they knew what their rights were and they knew they could do it! Then he asked if he could hug me. I'm hooked. It's the most rewarding part of volunteering for me. Helping to produce Expo is also very rewarding. Expo brings so much to homeschooling families, new and experienced. I am very proud to serve on the CHN Board of Trustee and help CHN fulfill its mission statement.



Rhonda Hamilton is mom to four great kids: Scott (27), Stacy (24), Sean (18), and Rebecca (16), all who were/are homeschooled. She has many roles within CHN: Board of Trustee Treasurer, 800 # Hostess, Email Hostess, Expo Registration Coordinator, and the Non-Profits and Career Fair Coordinator, besides helping out when needed for other activities to make Expo awesome. Besides the many activities within CHN, homeschooling the kids, and working, she just received her MBA with a Specialization in Human Resource Management. She spends her spare time, whenever that may be, reading and hanging out with her kids.



Martin Forte, along with his wife Carolyn, owns and operate EIE Academy and Excellence In Education Resource Center in Monrovia, California. Martin and his wife successfully homeschooled their two daughters for 14 years. Both girls are college graduates and married with children. Martin has been a homeschool spokesman and advocate for more than 20 years, appearing on numerous radio and television programs and speaking at homeschool conventions as well as on of the co-founders of the California Homeschool Network. He is also a certified Learning Style Coach with his wife Carolyn.



Trina Rueber - I live in Northern California with my fun-loving family where between team sports and my endless to do list; there is never a dull day. I'm a homeschool mom of 18+ years for three awesome children, all born almost a decade apart and each with unique interests and talents. I have a wonderful husband who keeps a blind eye to our creative chaos and my "I'll use it someday" clutter, as he navigates through our Bag of Holding of a home. When I'm not teaching you can find me outside working on our hobby farm complete with goats, sheep, and chickens, or in my studio, where I'm a Jacklyn of all trades, doing everything from woodworking and painting to stain glass and ceramics. I love life, learning exploring and am inspired by a great quote from Abraham Lincoln who once said, "Most folks are as happy as they make their minds to be". I'm thankful to work with such an amazing group of people as I embark on the journey alongside the other Trustees and I am so excited to see what this next year brings for the CHN homeschool community!



I am very excited to be welcomed to the California Homeschool Network Board of Trustees and I look forward to continuing supporting the homeschool community and personalized education. I am originally from Iowa but Long Beach, CA is now home for my family of three. By day, I am an aspiring urban farmer and homeschool Mom to our science driven 6 year old son. I spend my evenings as a recording artist and singer. I have toured, taught, and performed internationally in 7 countries as well as throughout the U.S., singing at prominent music fests, entertainment venues and private events. Thank you for having me, I look forward to growing with the CHN community!

# CHN Newsletter

## May 2020

We hope you found our newsletter helpful and that it provided information and activities that are useful on your homeschooling journey, whether you are brand new or a seasoned pro.

California Homeschool Network is an all-volunteer organization of energetic and dedicated homeschooling families working to preserve educational freedom. CHN monitors and responds to legislation which may pose a threat to homeschooling. We also inform and empower homeschooling families, educate the public and foster community among home educators in the state of California.

Thank you,  
California Homeschool Network

**JOIN TODAY!**



California Homeschool Network was founded in 1994 by a statewide group of homeschooling families. We are an inclusive group, which means we serve families from all religious and ethnic affiliations that practice all homeschooling styles.

### Submissions & Advertising

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