

Home School Merchant/Discounts

Bookstores:

The Three largest bookstores in Champaign-Urbana offer educator discounts for books and materials purchased for the classrooms.

Pages for All Ages: 25% Ask when you pay
Barnes and Noble: 20% Show HOUSE Membership Card to obtain Discount Card
Borders: 20% Show HOUSE Membership Card to obtain Discount Card

Freshwater Fred's Lending Library

Free Educational Resources

<http://www.hepn.com/library/content/splash.asp>

This library includes approximately 1,100 educational videos, software programs and curriculum - and the collection is always growing. Explore topics such as biology, zoology, anatomy, physics, math, history, geography, the arts and environmental science. There is no charge for Lending Library materials. Freshwater Fred's Lending Library is brought to you by Hoosier Energy and its Environmental Education Center, located at the Turtle Creek Reservoir in Sullivan County, Indiana. Materials are available to educators in Indiana, Illinois, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio and Wisconsin for 30-day intervals. Renewals are subject to demand. Educators are limited to 10 items at any one time.

Book It!

Pizza Hut Reading Program

October through March

<http://www.bookitprogram.com/>

This free rewards program is available to students in grades K -6, and offers a free personal pan pizza for each month that the student meets his or her reading goals. Goals may be set for number of books, number of pages, or number of minutes. For children not reading independently, the goal can be set where a parent or others read to the child. A tracking chart and reproducibles are included, with internet links to more free online resources to motivate readers. Program materials have arrived and will be available at playgroup this Thursday, September 6.

Scholastic Book Clubs

Discounted books, software and other educational materials are available to home school families via monthly mail order from Scholastic. Book club catalogs will be available from at Playgroup, Business Meetings, and other HOUSE activities throughout the month. Order forms will be due with payments on the first Friday of each month.

Dixon Graphics

SW corner of John & Neil
Champaign
351-6100

Dixon Graphics, a locally owned print shop, offers home school families a discounted rate on self-service black and white photocopying of \$.04 per one-sided copy and \$.07 per two-sided copy. They also offer coil or comb binding and laminating services, and can cut off book spines. Just ask for the home school rate when you go in. They are very family-friendly and have an open area with seating where your children can wait with toys or homework while you run copies.

County Market

Max Dollars for Education

County Market 's annual Max Dollars for Education Fund is now underway. Customers designate the school/group of their choice, then scan their Max Card every time they shop to have their shopping totals added to their group's tally. In January, County Market will calculate each school's share of a \$50,000 fund that has already been set aside for area schools. This program is free and will not affect personal Max Rewards. The H.O.U.S.E. group money goes to the general H.O.U.S.E. fund. **Registration must be renewed each year, so even if you signed up last year, you must designate H.O.U.S.E. for your Max Card again.** If you shop at County Market and you'd like to participate, please register at your local County Market. Our group number is **7429**. If you don't have a Max Card, you can register instantly at any County Market Customer Service counter. Anyone, including friends and family, may register with the H.O.U.S.E. group number.

Michaels-Classes for homeschoolers during school hours and free use of class rooms.

Champaign Park District- Homeschool Art Smart Classes

Some Museums have educator's discounts if you ask

Home School Martial Arts Class

HMD Academy of Taekwondo

1701 Woodfield Drive

Savoy, IL 61874

352-3939

<http://www.hmdacademy.com/info.html>

A noon taekwondo class is available to home school families at HMD on Mondays and Wednesdays from 12 to 1pm. Home school students may attend class free for up to four weeks before deciding whether or not to sign up. The instructor is owner Master Namsoo Hyong, a seventh degree black belt who has run the academy for 26 years. His program is non-competitive and stresses self-discipline, respect and personal development. This class is open to all ranks. Interested students (and parents!) are welcome to stop in and try it out – just dress in loose-fitting clothes and be prepared to learn some basic moves. An article about Master Hyong and his schools is available at <http://www.illinimedia.com/di/news/1001>.

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