

Why get a Library Card for a child?

The library offers you and your child free access to:

- Books that are just right for any age and reading level
- Online homework resources that are teacher approved
- Online K-12 tutoring
- Downloadable eBooks, audiobooks, magazines, music and streaming video
- Digitized local history
- DVDs for children
- Music CDs for children

A child's interest in reading is an important predictor of later reading achievement and school success. Get a library card as a doorway to learning, school success and lifelong learning at your community library.



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Ready Readers

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Five Practices of
Reading Readiness



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Talking

Talking is one of the very first activities that parents can do to support Ready Readers skills. Children learn language by listening to others around them speak.

When children listen to spoken words they learn:

- How words sound.
- The meanings of words.
- Words can be put together to communicate ideas and information.

Tips for parents:

- Ask questions and listen to the answers. Children learn by talking.
- Talk about books that you've read.
- If you speak more than one language, use your first language most often.



Singing

Singing is not only fun, it's also a natural way to learn language and boost vocabulary.

When children sing they:

- Develop listening skills.
- Pay attention to the rhythms and rhymes of language.
- Hear the different parts of words.

Tips for parents:

- Clap along to songs to help children hear syllables and improve motor skills.
- Sing songs more than once.

Writing

Writing goes along with reading. Writing also includes drawing and telling stories about the pictures.

Drawing and writing help children:

- Develop hand-eye coordination to develop the fine-motor skills they need in order to write.

Tips for parents:

- Encourage children to sign their names on drawings or label the different parts.
- Scribbling is good — this is the way children learn to write.

Reading

Reading and sharing books together with children excites them, so they'll want to read on their own.

When families read together, children:

- Expand vocabulary.
- Learn how books and written language work.
- Learn how stories have a beginning, a middle and an end.

Tips for parents:

- Share stories that you love.
- Talk about illustrations.
- Ask children to turn the pages.
- Underline repeated phrases with your finger as you read.

Playing

Playing is the work of children. It is one of the very best ways to learn language and literacy skills.

Playing helps children:

- Practice putting thoughts into words.
- Develop narrative skills.
- Act out real situations and use imagination to solve problems.

Tips for parents:

- Don't spend a lot of money on toys — kids can do a lot with a stick, a box, or pots and pans.

Five Practices of Reading Readiness

Talking Singing Reading Writing Playing

These Ready Readers practices will help nurture children's desire to read and prepare their young minds for the adventures of reading.

Sno-Isle Libraries supports reading readiness in many ways.

- **Sing** and **play** at a storytime at your local library.
- Take home books you can **read** and **talk** about together.
- **Draw** and **write** at a special library program.

Visit our website to learn more about Ready Readers and early literacy.
sno-isle.org

(Some information taken from the Every Child Ready to Read @ Your Library 2nd Edition Toolkit)



Sno-Isle Libraries

Arlington Library

135 N Washington Ave • 360-435-3033

Brier Library

23303 Brier Road • 425-483-0888

Camano Island Library

848 N Sunrise Boulevard • 360-387-5150

Clinton Library

4781 Deer Lake Road • 360-341-4280

Coupeville Library

788 NW Alexander • 360-678-4911

Darrington Library

1005 Cascade Street • 360-436-1600

Edmonds Library

650 Main Street • 425-771-1933

Freeland Library

5495 Harbor Avenue • 360-331-7323

Granite Falls Library

815 East Galena • 360-691-6087

Lake Stevens Library

1804 Main Street • 425-334-1900

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104 Second Street • 360-221-4383

Library on Wheels

7312 - 35th Avenue NE, Marysville • 360-651-7059

Lynnwood Library

19200 - 44th Avenue W • 425-778-2148

Marysville Library

6120 Grove Street • 360-658-5000

Mill Creek Library

15429 Bothell-Everett Hwy • 425-337-4822

Monroe Library

1070 Village Way • 360-794-7851

Mountlake Terrace Library

23300 - 58th Avenue W • 425-776-8722

Mukilteo Library

4675 Harbour Pointe Blvd • 425-493-8202

Oak Harbor Library

1000 SE Regatta Drive • 360-675-5115

Snohomish Library

311 Maple Avenue • 360-568-2898

Stanwood Library

9701 - 271st Street NW • 360-629-3132

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319 Main Street, Suite 100 • 360-793-1695

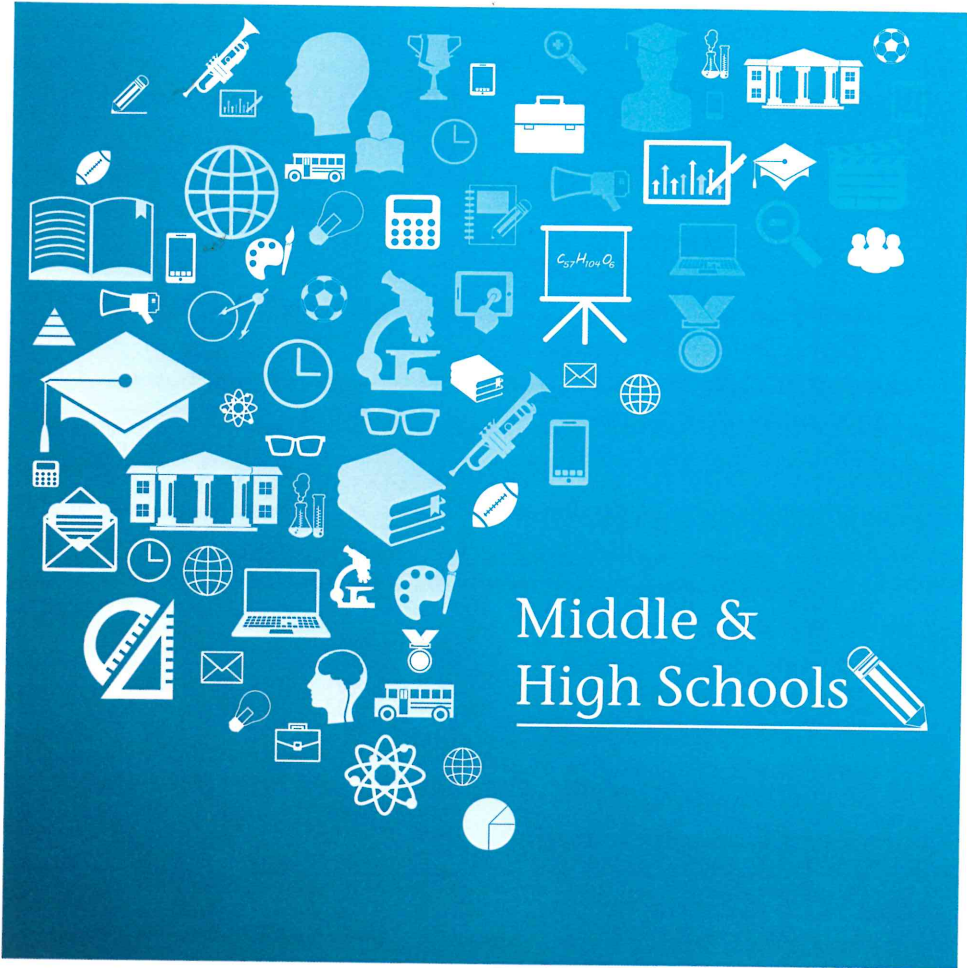


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Middle &
High Schools 

Homework Help

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BIOGRAPHY & HISTORY

- **Biography in Context**
Biographical information on people throughout history.
- **History Study Center**
Historical reference material that spans ancient times through to today's current events.
- **U.S. History in Context**
Full text documents, reference articles, and journals.
- **World History in Context**
A complete overview of world history with full text documents on such subjects as civilization, cultural trends, religion, economics and war.

CAREERS & ONLINE LEARNING

- **Job & Career Accelerator**
Create resumes, cover letters and build interviewing and networking skills.
- **LearningExpress Library**
Interactive practice exams and guides for academic, U.S. citizenship, civil service, military, and professional licensing and certification tests—plus computer software tutorials.

ENCYCLOPEDIAS & ONLINE REFERENCE

- **Funk & Wagnalls New World Encyclopedia**
- **Gale Virtual Reference Library**
Full text reference eBooks on the arts, business, environment, history, law, medicine, multicultural studies, nation and the world, religion, science and social science.
- **Oxford English Dictionary**
Widely regarded as the accepted authority on the English language.

ENGLISH AND LITERATURE

- **Literature Resource Center**
Critical analysis of literary work and in-depth author biographies from every literary discipline.
- **Novelist Plus**
Find new books based on titles you have read or on topics of interest.



LANGUAGES

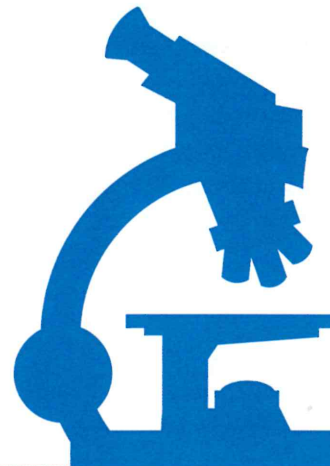
- **Mango Languages**
Uses real-life situations and actual conversations to more effectively teach language. Create your own user account to track your learning. Courses in more than 70 languages.

MATH & PHYSICS

- **HelpNow**
Tests, skills building and one-on-one live tutoring in math and other subjects.

SCIENCE & HEALTH

- **Consumer Health Complete**
Covers all areas of health and wellness from mainstream medicine to complementary, holistic and integrated medicine.



SOCIAL STUDIES

- **CultureGrams**
Profiles of over 200 countries, each U.S. State, and all 13 Canadian Provinces.
- **National Geographic Virtual Library**
A complete archive of National Geographic magazine with a cross-searchable collection of National Geographic books, maps, images and videos.
- **Opposing Viewpoints in Context**
Point-of-view articles, topic overviews, statistics, primary documents, and full-text magazine and newspaper articles on current events and issues of controversy.

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OTHER HOMEWORK RESOURCES

Email, chat or text us askus.sno-isle.org

HelpNow From BrainFuse sno-isle.org/research/helpnow

In addition to free one-on-one tutoring (1:00 pm to 10:00 pm daily), HelpNow includes skills building tutorials, free writing critiques, practice tests, and foreign language help.

Ask a Question by Phone

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In-Person Reference Services

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HOMework HELP

Need Help? Start here

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Elementary School



ANIMALS

- **Grzimek's Animal Life**
Discover over 4000 species of animals.

BIOGRAPHY/PEOPLE

- **Biography in Context**
Biographical information on people throughout history.

ENCYCLOPEDIAS

- **Credo General Reference Premium**
An easy-to-use tool for research projects and homework.
- **eLibrary**
Get everything you need to finish your report, poster or project without leaving your computer.

- **Funk & Wagnalls New World Encyclopedia**
Don't know anything about a topic? Find some general articles to get you started here. Suitable for upper elementary and up.

- **SIRS Discoverer**
Need ideas for your science fair project? Looking for a good map for your state report? Here you will find information on your topic of interest at your reading level.

HISTORY

- **U.S. History/World History in Context**
Full text documents, reference articles, and journals from ancient times to the present.



MATH

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SCIENCE

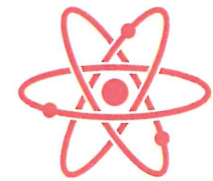
- **Science Reference Center**
Science information covering a variety of topics.

STATES AND COUNTRIES

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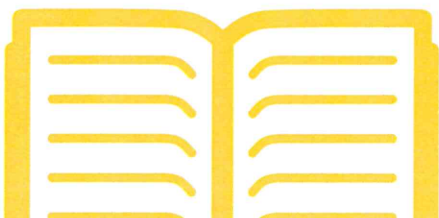


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24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Ask a Librarian By Email sno-isle.org/explore/ask/
For those times when you need a simple answer, email your question to our reference librarians.

HelpNow From BrainFuse sno-isle.org/explore/helpnow/
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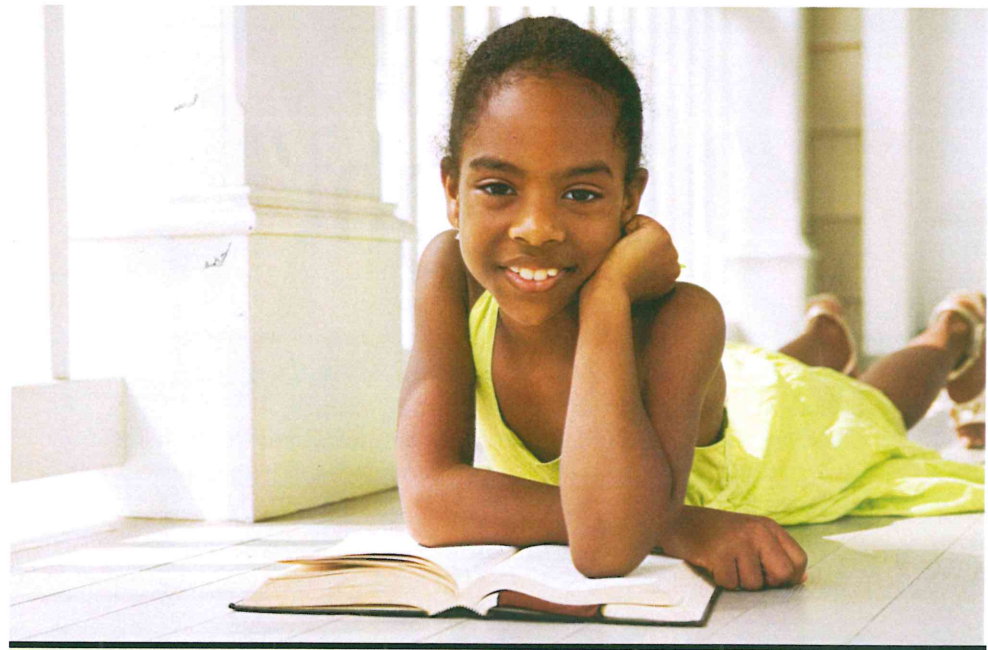
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Granite Falls Library
Lake Stevens Library
Langley Library

Library on Wheels
Lynnwood Library
Marysville Library
Mill Creek Library
Monroe Library
Mountlake Terrace Library
Mukilteo Library
Oak Harbor Library
Snohomish Library
Stanwood Library
Sultan Library



BOOKS

"Just Right"

Finding just the right book for a young reader
can be like a treasure hunt!

Ask your reader the questions on the back of this page to point
you in the right direction for a "just right" book. "Just right"
books are ones that match your child's reading level,
in a subject that will delight and intrigue them.

A library staff member can also recommend
"just right" books especially for your reader.

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- **What types of things do you like to read about?**
Finding a book that contains subject matter of interest to the reader will not only keep the reader engaged, but can also help to develop an interest in other subject areas.
- **Do you like to read made up stories or learning books?**
Not all young readers enjoy reading just fiction. If the child is more interested in learning about things in the world, indulge that interest with nonfiction titles.
- **What do you think this book is about? Does it sound like a book you might enjoy?**
Beginning readers get their minds ready to read their "just-right" book by looking at the cover and title, and by reading the description on the inside of the cover flap.
- **Have you read a book this long before?**
Young readers develop confidence by reading books that are not too long and when ready, they can challenge themselves by choosing a book that is longer than what they typically read.
- **Is the size of the letters in this book too small for you?**
Beginning readers look for a balance of illustrations and text. They choose books with print size that is comfortable.
- **Can you read and understand words chosen from the beginning, middle and end of the book?**
The ability to recognize and read familiar words is important for young readers. Take a "book walk" through the pages to find a "just-right" book.
- **Who are some of your favorite authors?**
Many authors write in series or have an individual, recognizable style. Young readers can be attracted to the way a particular author writes and will feel comfortable with the continuity of style.
- **What is a book that you have recently enjoyed?**
Knowing the title of a book that a young reader has enjoyed can point you towards books that are similar in character, author or genre.