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Free KU student tutors help kids with distance learning

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Thousands of Lawrence kids started school remotely on September 8th and many parents, grandparents, and guardians have taken on a new role they never expected: they are now their child's teacher.

Keeping kids' attention focused on schoolwork, maintaining a daily routine, and sticking to a bedtime and wake-up schedule will be crucial. Then there's balancing home and teaching responsibilities, working from home or place of employment, and trying to stay as healthy as possible in the midst of a global pandemic.

It's — a lot.

If you're reading this and wondering how in the world you're going to make this work, you're not alone. And the library is here to help.

In partnership with the University of Kansas, Federal work-study students have teamed up with us to boost your child's reading (Pre-K–6th) and math (K–9th) with free, 30-minute Zoom tutoring sessions.

"There are so many benefits to working with a tutor," said Karen Allen, Youth Services Coordinator at Lawrence Public Library. "Parents can get a break while kids get a different adult working with them, which changes the dynamic if your child knows how to push your buttons."

Another tutoring benefit is for students learning English as a second language. Kids can read aloud to their tutors and get immediate help with sounding out and decoding new words.

"Then there's the difference in how math is taught today," Karen Allen continues. "Many adults learned math before Common Core existed so all those sticks, circles, and mountains can get super confusing. Tutors are of an age where they were educated in Common Core and know those teaching tools because that's how they learned, too."

Tutoring Club also provides some guaranteed structure and a bit more of a formal learning context that students may discover that they're missing. It's flexible, too, with sessions even on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday evenings until 9:00 pm.

The library offers about 14 tutoring sessions each week and students can sign up for one



The library's free, online Tutoring Club offers help to students in reading (Pre-K–6th) and math (K–9th).

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—Karen Allen, Youth Services Coordinator

session per day with a maximum of two sessions per week.

"Just search for Tutoring Club in our online events calendar and register for free," added Karen Allen.

For more information:

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Spend "recess" in a local park and support the library

Ask most school kids what their favorite part of the day is and you'll often hear "lunch" or "recess".

Eating at home during the school day right now isn't hard to imagine, but what does recess look like during distance learning? It's probably a walk around the block or playing

catch with the dog, but that's going to get really old really quick, especially if that's how you spent most of the summer.

So, here's a fun idea: Why not stretch your legs and get the wiggles out at all 11 local parks featured in *See Lawrence: Parks & Green Spaces*? This smash hit poster project by local artists

inspired by WPA (Works Progress Administration) posters from the 30s and 40s, commemorates some of our favorite local green spaces. One local family called them their "staycation souvenirs" after travel plans halted.

Collect the complete set of 11 postcards (or posters if you have the wall space) or just one from a memorable local "playground". All proceeds benefit the artists and Lawrence Public Library's literacy efforts.

Get details about the project, artists, prices, and how to buy at:
lawrenceparksproject.square.site



Your online toolbelt:
bit.ly/LPLstudentdigitaltools

Top Free Digital Book and Movie Resources for Students

Anyone taking a lead role in their student's remote schooling right now will find a wealth of online library resources to use in their at-home classroom.

When schools let out early this past spring, we pulled all of the library's and State Library of Kansas' digital student resources together into one place to help parents and guardians switch gears and finish out the year from home.

You will find a comprehensive list at the link above, but here are the highlights about what you can add to your education toolbelt.

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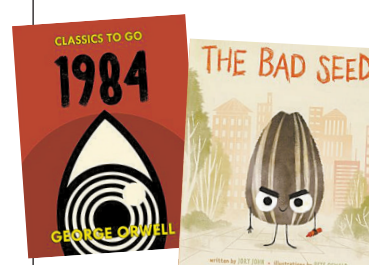
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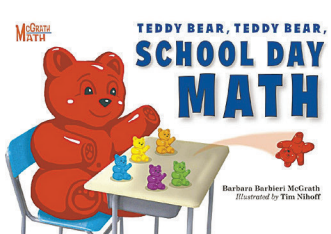
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