

Homework Help

Discover the Gems Contained in Oak Park Public Library's
Online Tools

Access

Go to www.oppl.org. Click on the "Online Tools" link to access all of our databases remotely. When accessing our databases remotely, you will need to type your library card number without spaces. Also, you will need to type your PIN number (last 4 digits of your home phone number). You can also access online tools from our library's computers. Computers.

Live Homework Help

Once you have clicked on the "Online Tools" link from our web page, click on the "A to Z List of Tools." Then choose *Homework Help Illinois*. Just click at the bottom of the page and choose "Watch Our Demo Video" to learn more about the *Homework Help* database. Live tutors are available for homework help from 2-9 p.m., seven days a week. Students can get help in Math, Science, English and Social Studies.

This database also contains the Illinois Standards Achievement Test (ISAT) sample books. Follow the aforementioned instructions on accessing the "A to Z List of Tools," then click on the *Homework Help Illinois* link. On the next page, under the "SkillsCenter Resource Library," click on the "Illinois" link which is located under the "Standardized Tests" and follow the appropriate steps to get to the sample books. On the same page, articles related to the test preparations are available under the heading, "Standardized Test Preparation." For example, click on the "Other Tests" and "Social Studies" links. Choose "Middle Grades" from the options available. You will see helpful and authoritative websites for various topics related to social studies.

Newspapers

Chicago Tribune: 1985-current

Chicago Sun Times: 1986-current

Historical Chicago Tribune: 1851-2004

New York Times Online: 1980-current issues

Oak Leaves: 2002-current

More newspapers are available through our "Online Tools."

Culture Study

Once you have clicked on the "Online Tools" link from our website, click on "CultureGrams Kids Edition" or "CultureGrams World Edition." These databases feature people and customs from around the globe. Find maps, flags, recipes, history, biographies, and colorful photos from 68 countries.

Literary Criticism

Once you have clicked on the “Online Tools” link from the Oak Park Public Library’s web page, click on the “A to Z List of Tools.” Then choose, “Literature Resource Center.” Information on more than 120,000 U.S. and international novelists, poets, essayists, and journalists is covered in the following categories: biographies, literary criticism, articles, work overviews, bibliographies, additional resources, and a literary-historic timeline.

American History in Video and Learning Express Library

Once you have clicked on the “Online Tools” link from the Oak Park Public Library’s home page (www.oppl.org), click on the “Search by the Category” tab. Here you will see a link titled “Homework Help.” Just click on the “Homework Help” link. On the next page, in addition to the *Homework Help Illinois* database, you will find the *American History in Video* and *LearningExpressLibrary* databases. *American History in Video* has quite a few thousand titles. Whether your topic is the U.S. Civil War, the 1918 Influenza or the Colonial Era (1650-1765), you can find transcripts and many video clips on these and many other topics here. Students can view and analyze historic events.

You will need to create a free account once you have accessed the *LearningExpressLibrary* page. The *Learning Express Library* database contains: math skills improvement, reading comprehension skills improvement, writing skills improvement and high school entrance exam preparation. Once you’re in the *LearningExpressLibrary* page, just click on the “Middle School” tab to access the aforementioned topics. The “Score My Test” feature instantly scores the test results.

Consumer Reports and More...

Parents: you will be happy to know that *Consumer Reports* and many other magazines can be accessed remotely? Once you have clicked on the “Online Tools” link from our web page, click on the “A to Z List of Tools.” Then choose “ProQuest Discovery.” Finally, click on the “Publication” tab and type “*Consumer Reports*.” Type your topic (e. g., digital cameras) and click on the “Search,” box. ProQuest provides access to articles from 3,207 journals, magazines, and newspapers.

Computer Classes

The Oak Park Public Library offers many computer classes, such as: *Consumer Information Online*, *Online Tools @ Your Fingertips*, *Microsoft Word*, *No Drop Shopping: quick, easy and online*, *Job Searching Online* and more. All of our computer classes are free to Oak Park residents. Please call us @ the Adult and Teen Services Desk to register for the computer classes: 708-452-3480.

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