



Resources for Parents and Educators of Students in **Middle School**

The Washington County Free Library has several resources that will help you support your student's success in school. Below are descriptions and hints on how to best use these resources. With all resources, please first sign in with your library card on the WCFL

homepage. To sign in, navigate to the  icon located in the top right corner of the homepage. You'll need your library card and pin number to sign in. Each listed resource has a hyperlink you can use once you are signed into WCFL.

The resources marked with ** indicated that there is specific materials for educators.**

Gale InContext – Middle School – This resource can help both you and your student. There are articles about middle schoolers, for family, and educators like this article about Social and Emotional Learning. Your student can select a topic, view an overview, watch videos, and access magazines, news articles, and journal articles. As a parent you can also brush up on topics. Let's say your student is studying "biomes" in science class. Once you access *Gale InContext – Middle School*, select Science > Biomes. There you will have access to articles, images and videos explaining biomes.

If your student wants to learn more about "biomes" they can explore the images and videos, but they can also go the next step and explore similar topics such as deforestation. Once you are signed in to the WCFL you can use the link to access *Gale In Context – Middle School*.

<https://go.gale.com/ps/dispatchBasicSearch.do?userGroupName=wacntyfl&prodId=MSIC>

Learning Express – This resource is excellent for all students grade 3 through graduate and trade school. The resources are organized by grade level and are guided by the Common Core Curriculum of which Maryland is a participant. To access resources for middle schoolers start on the *Learning Express* home page and select School Center > Middle School. Here you will find help with Math, Language Arts, and Social Studies skills. Once you have signed in to the WCFL you can use this link to access *Learning Express*.

<https://www.learningexpresshub.com/ProductEngine/LELIndex.html#/center/school-center-ccss/home?AuthToken=7E9F9E17-E903-450C-BE51-4712351FB979>

*****Gale OneFile: Educator's Reference Complete***** - This resource provides educators access to professional journals, magazines, books and news articles. Many of the journals are peer reviewed and are available in full-text. Educators can also find reviews of current professional books. Once you have signed in to the WCFL you can use this link to access *Gale OneFile: Educator's Reference Complete*.

<https://www.washcolibrary.org/db-educators-reference-complete>

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Maryland Common Core State Standards - At this site you will find the curriculum guide for schools in Maryland. The list covers all topics and the goals which each student should meet at each grade level. You can use this information to select activities and topics to support your student's progress. For example, your 7th grade student might be struggling in math. With this online guide you can select Mathematics > Grade 7 > Proportional Relationship. This link will take you to a page that will give an overview of the topic, goals the students should accomplish and even links to free resources to support your student. Just copy and paste this link into your browser to access *Maryland Common Core State Standards*. <https://mdk12.msde.maryland.gov/INSTRUCTION/commoncore/Pages/index.aspx>

Khan Academy – *KhanAcademy* has wonderful resources for every level of school. For middle schoolers, *Khan Academy* offers Math and Reading and Language Arts. Each topic is introduced by a video and interactive exercises, then mastery is assessed by topic quizzes and unit tests. Each learner, educator, or parent can create their own login for specific content. Just copy and paste this link into your browser to access *Khan Academy*. <https://www.khanacademy.org/>