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Dear Parents,

September is here, and we are very much looking forward to working with you and your child to make this the best school year ever. We truly believe that every student in our community would benefit academically from having a Hoboken Public Library card. If your child lives or attends school in Hoboken, he/she is entitled to a FREE card! For more information about getting your child a library card, check out the fact sheet included in this digital packet.

The following are some of the ways that we support your child in his/her educational pursuits this year:

- ✓ Need a tutor? With your library card, you can access qualified online tutors through Brainfuse – tutors are available every day from 2 PM – 11 PM. For more information on Brainfuse, check out the Brainfuse sheet included in this packet.
- ✓ Does your child have a big research project or report to complete? We'd love to show you and your child how to use our research resources! Did you know that you can access the Encyclopedia Britannica online with your library card? For a list of useful databases, check out our eResources information sheet in this packet.
- ✓ Does your child have a question and not know where to find the answer? We can help!
- ✓ Want reading recommendations? We'll help your child find the reading materials to meet his/her needs. Just visit us!
- ✓ Need to print out an essay for class? Head to the library – the first ten pages are free!
- ✓ Need volunteer hours for school? We welcome teen volunteers. Just give us a call.

In addition, we have many free programs throughout the year to engage individuals of all ages. You can find a list of our upcoming programs in this packet and on our website. We are also constantly adding cool new tech gadgets to our Makerspace for our community to explore.

We are partners in your quest to foster an avid reader, a skilled researcher, and a critical thinker. If you have questions about the library or ideas about how we can work together on behalf of your child, please call us at 201-420-2348 or e-mail juvenile@hoboken.bccls.org. We look forward to seeing you at the library this year!

Kind Regards,

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HOBOKEN PUBLIC LIBRARY BRINGS YOU



What is Brainfuse HelpNow?

- ⇒ HelpNow gives you access to **FREE** online tutors ANYTIME, ANYWHERE. All you need is your library card to register!
- ⇒ HelpNow has learning resources for students in grades K-12.
- ⇒ Users can form online study groups with their peers; take online quizzes & play educational games; and access free lessons and resources by subject.
- ⇒ Users can take online assessments and practice tests for the SAT, ACT, GED, GRE, HiSET, TASC, COMPASS/ACCUPLACER, TOEFL, ASVAB, and more.
- ⇒ SkillSurfer's ESL offering includes live tutoring for ESL students and a lesson library that covers a range of beginning to advanced ESL topics.

Who are your tutors?

Tutors are trained and certified by Brainfuse. All tutors have been cleared with thorough background and reference checks, must possess a four-year degree, and have prior teaching/tutoring experience.

- **Live Tutoring:** Students submit a question in the online classroom and receive live, one-on-one assistance from a Brainfuse tutor.
- **SkillSurfer:** Brainfuse skills building service helps students master a concept or skill through state aligned online lessons with a live tutor.
- **Writing Lab:** Brainfuse writing tutors help students become better writers by providing constructive feedback, and other assistance usually within 24 hours of receiving a student's submission.
- **Send Question:** Students submit questions via an online form and a tutor will respond usually within 24 hours to the student's question.
- **Language Lab:** Students receive live online help with their Spanish language homework from fluent Spanish-speaking tutors.
- **FlashBulb:** Users can access and create interactive learning games, quizzes and flashcards.

& So Much More!

HOW TO ACCESS BRAINFUSE HELPNOW

1. Head to the library's website at www.hobokenlibrary.org
2. Click on "Catalog & Database" on the left navigation bar
3. Scroll down the list & click on "HelpNow(Brainfuse)"
4. Enter your library card number
&
5. Create a username & password

eResources for Parents & Students

AVAILABLE FROM HOBOKEN PUBLIC LIBRARY

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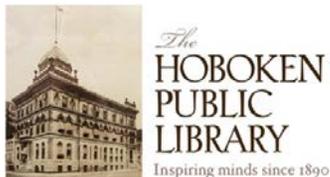
ALL YOU NEED IS A LIBRARY CARD!



Magazines, & Music!

RB Digital Magazines gives you access to over 100 digital magazine titles!

Freegal is a downloadable and streaming music service that gives you access to millions of songs!



Brainfuse HelpNow: Online Tutoring & Homework Help

BrainFuse's HelpNow is designed to assist with a range of homework needs, including live, one-to-one homework help between 2 PM-11 PM each day, live New Jersey-aligned skills building (includes Common Core where appropriate), test preparation, and writing assistance. Students have access to an extensive library of Brainfuse-created lessons, video tutorials, and practice tests including those for the SAT, GED, GRE, and more. Users can archive documents and class notes in their personal CloudPack.



Resource Databases for Children through BCCLS

Access to NovelList K-8 (offers reading lists, searchable lists of award-winning titles, series coverage, curriculum support, and the ability to search for books by a variety of criteria including Lexile scores, subject, author, popularity, and more); Explora Primary Schools (offers access to popular elementary school magazines and children's encyclopedia entries as well as more than a million images, including photos, maps, and flags).



JerseyClicks

New Jersey's statewide portal for searching the statewide full-text databases offered by the New Jersey State Library, the New Jersey Library Network, and funds from the Library Services and Technology Act. This portal includes access to Teacher Reference Center (indexing and abstracts for hundreds of periodicals); MiddleSearch Plus (contains full text for more than 150 popular, middle school magazines); and many more useful databases.



The Gale Virtual Reference Library

The Gale Virtual Reference Library is available 24/7 to Hoboken library card holders from home. You can connect to a variety of reference ebooks covering topics from Science, Medicine, Finance, Literature, Religion, U.S. History, and more!



Universal Class: Free Online Learning

Learn something new today with over 500 free online courses. Whether you want to prepare for taking the GED or learn to bake, there is a course for you with Universal Classes.



Britannica Library

Britannica Library provides three levels (children, teens, and the reference center) to research, complete school assignments, work on special projects, or explore unique interests. It includes 3 comprehensive encyclopedias including the Encyclopedia Britannica, thousands of magazine and journal articles, Merriam-Webster Dictionary in English/Spanish, plus audio pronunciations, and 90,000 images, videos, and audio clips.



Language Learning Resources

Mango delivers practical conversational skills and valuable cultural insight for new languages. Lessons include strategically placed memory-building exercises in addition to critical thinking exercises.

Rosetta Stone offers patrons their unique immersion method that more than 22,000 schools have trusted for over the last 20+ years. With 30 languages to choose from!

Little Pim's videos engage little ones age 0-6, with child-friendly vocabulary based around a theme. Kids respond enthusiastically to Little Pim's combination of animated and live-action videos.



The Hoboken Public Library's MAKER SPACE PRESENTS

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Kits



Makerbot
Scanner



Makerbot
3D Printers



Music
Recording
Station



Photography
Station



Pin Back
Button
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FOR ALL AGES

COME TRY OUR BRAND NEW OCULUS RIFT ON MONDAYS



OPEN MAKERSPACE TIME

ON MONDAYS FROM 1—7 PM,

Call 201-420-2347/2348 for more info.

COME HAVE FUN
AND MAKE SOMETHING OR LEARN HOW.

No Experience Required

Open use is first come first serve.

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