

Home-school Students and Parents Value Databases

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Becky Dodd, Library Director at Wellsville City Library, described how home-schoolers in her area have had the opportunity to tap into the Kan-ed sponsored Educational and Research Databases. As she explained, “We've [Wellsville City Library] hosted home-school training. In our area there is a fairly decent size number of home-school people. I've hosted home-school workshops on how to use the computer, how to use certain library databases, I've even shown them the Kan-ed pages...just different things on how to do stuff that they didn't even know that was available. We just schedule group meetings and they all take turns learning and practicing some of the things that are available.”

Now that students have gone through the training, Dodd said they are able to use the databases at home. Most already had Internet access at home, while others didn't necessarily see the need for it. Now that the library staff showed parents and students what resources are available, they are able to use and see the value of these resources.

Dodd shared that she's enjoyed learning about the databases. “Even though you are helping someone use it, you pick up information yourself,” she said. She summarized, “We would not have Internet right now without Kan-ed or Kan-REN. I don't want to lose it [funding]! The State pays for these things and it's out there...all you've got to do is go to the library and get it.”

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