

# Norfolk Insider

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## “Ten Ways the Norfolk Library Can Help Students Succeed”



School is starting and soon there will be assignments due and reports that need to be written. The Norfolk Public Library has a vast number of tools and resources available for students of all ages. Here are ten ways the library can help a student succeed this school year.

1. **LearningExpress Library:** This website contains the K-12 School Center and helps prepare students for tests and boost skills in core subjects. The College Prep Center has AP, ACT & SAT practice tests and help with college entrance essays. Access LearningExpress from home by creating an account using your library card number as a user name.
2. **Free Wi-Fi and computers to use:** If a student wants to go somewhere quiet to use the Internet, go to the library where there are 24 online computers to use or you can connect your laptop or notebook computer to the Internet using the library's free Wi-Fi.
3. **Norfolk Daily News Digital Archive:** Impress the teacher with authentic news articles from Norfolk's past. Come to the library and use keywords to search the digital archive of the Norfolk Daily News from November 1887 to June 1983.
4. **Funk and Wagnalls New Encyclopedia:** So, the teacher has specifically said students can't use Wikipedia so use a legitimate online encyclopedia. The student-friendly Funk and Wagnalls New Encyclopedia covers more than 25,000 topics. Access from home using your Nebraska Driver's License, State ID number or NebraskaAccess password. Contact the library for more details.
5. **77,000+ books at the library:** You can search for a book at the Norfolk Public Library from home if you'd like by going to the library's online catalog. Go to [ci.norfolk.ne.us/library](http://ci.norfolk.ne.us/library) and click on "Online Catalog" on the left side menu to type in a keyword.
6. **Interlibrary loan:** If for some reason, the Norfolk Public Library doesn't have the book you're looking for, you can borrow it from another library. Just contact Marci at 402-844-2109 or [mretzlaf@ci.norfolk.ne.us](mailto:mretzlaf@ci.norfolk.ne.us) for details.

7. **Mango Languages:** Need help in that foreign language class? Mango is a free online language learning system provided by the Norfolk library. Use your library card number to learn Spanish, English, Chinese, German or many other languages.
8. **Copy machines and more:** For a small fee you can make copies of your resource materials at the library. There's also a public use fax machine or scan documents onto a USB flash drive.
9. **Meeting rooms:** If your study group needs a place to gather where there is free Wi-Fi and lots of resources at your disposal, come to the Norfolk Public Library. Call ahead to see if the Library Board room is available for your group's use.
10. **The librarian:** If you just can't find anything on the eating habits of the least tern, then you may want to ask your local librarian. There are reference librarians on staff at the Norfolk Public Library waiting to help you find just the right resource for your school assignment.