

Help with that Scary Homework

Does homework have you groaning? Don't turn into a goblin or ghost over assignments. Help is only as far away as your internet access to the Bartholomew County Public Library web site, www.barth.lib.in.us. There are two new online additions, **Homework Hotline** and **Teen Health and Wellness**. Both are in the far right column on the library's home page.

Homework Hotline by Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology has a free call-in service for math and science homework: 1-877-275-7673. Designed to help 6th through 12th grade students, the phones are answered by Rose-Hulman students who have been trained to work on Homework Hotline. They have access to all the state approved textbooks for science and math courses as well as computers and the internet. Before you call, be sure to gather the assignment, the textbook (if you have it), paper and pencil to take notes and a calculator if needed. Live homework help is available from 7-10 p.m. Sunday through Thursday, September to May.

The **Homework Hotline** link on the Rose Hulman website tells you about the service and gives you the telephone number. You may also use email to ask for help but you need to remember that it will be 24 hours before you get an answer. On the website, you can find study tips and quick information about science and math. Teachers and school media librarians can also find useful information about the hotline.

Teen Health and Wellness is a database for junior and senior high school students about health and related topics such as relationships, abuse and violence, and life skills.

On the left side of the **Teen Health and Wellness** home page is a column of topics with links to articles. All articles show how to cite the article in a research paper. On the home page are blocks labeled "In The News" (current topics), "Dr. Jan's Corner" (write-in for advice), "Cast Your Vote" (survey with additional information), "Personal Stories" (teens coping) and "Did You Know?" (short facts and information). There is a list of telephone hotlines for teens who need help right now or need to get information from agencies.

If you know exactly what you want, type the terms in the search box. Not sure how to word your search? Try the browse box.

Don't forget **INSPIRE** and **WilsonWeb**, two magazine indexes available on the library's web page. **INSPIRE** also indexes newspapers and images, and has links to many other online databases.

Culture Grams has information on 190 different countries and recipes for their traditional foods.

Encyclopedia Britannica is the online version of this excellent source of information. You will find these online databases in the middle column on the library web page.

No need for homework to turn into a Halloween nightmare. All the time, anytime the library webpage, www.barth.lib.in.us, can lead you to homework help and information.

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