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Online Learning—Parent Tips for Success

As our children are heading back to school, many parents and care givers find themselves trying to manage their own daily needs along with trying to support their kids with some form of distance learning. Check out these parent tips.

Understand your role. Parents are not expected to take the place of their students' school teachers. Instead, parents should play a support role. A good rule of thumb is to keep your children engaged and thinking critically. Even though staying home from school might feel like a holiday, remind your children that they are not on vacation.

Make space for learning. Your children will achieve their best work in a quiet, comfortable, and dedicated space devoted to learning. Ideally, this will be a different space than where they normally play games or watch television.

Set clear expectations. Parents should build time into their remote work day to assist with their students' learning and schedule other activities they know their children will be able to do independently. Consider scheduling "office hours" when

you're available for school-related questions.

Encourage reading. When in doubt, have your children read. When you have time, read with them. For younger readers, consider using audiobooks. If you can't do anything else, have your children read! Remember your Grimes Public Library is a great resource for books, audio books, and other learning resources.

Plan your work and work your plan. Good planning can relieve stress for both children and parents. Check-in with your kids about their plans and help them develop a written schedule not only for the day, but for the week. Help them prioritize and learn to create goals, tasks, and deadlines, just like adults do when they go to work.

Interested in more parent tips for online learning success? Download our handy guide by heading to <https://tinyurl.com/gpl-onlinetips>

Adapted from 10 Parent Tips for Distance Learning Success from the Kern County Superintendent of Schools, Bakersfield, California.

New Arrival Spotlight

Now available in New Releases: *The Best of Us* by Robyn Carr.

Dr. Leigh Culver loves practicing medicine in Timberlake, Colorado. It is a much-needed change of pace for her stressful life in Chicago. The only drawback is she misses her aunt Helen, the woman who raised her. But it's time that Leigh has her independence, and she hopes the beauty of the Colorado wilderness will entice her aunt to visit often.

Helen Culver is an independent woman who lovingly raised her sister's orphaned child. Now, with Leigh grown, it's time for her to live life for herself. The retired teacher has become a successful mystery writer who loves to travel and intends to never experience winter again.

When Helen visits Leigh, she is surprised to find her niece still needs her, especially when it comes to sorting out her love life. But the biggest surprise comes when Leigh takes Helen out to Sullivan's Crossing and Helen finds herself falling for the place and one special person. Helen and Leigh will each have to decide if they can open themselves up to love neither expected to find and seize the opportunity to live their best lives.



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Monday—Thursday	9 a.m.—7:30 p.m.
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Sunday	1 p.m.—4:30 p.m.

GPL Fun Fact

People have been connecting with other cultures through food for thousands of years. Knowledge of local food and food culture is a fun, exciting, and essential ingredient in understanding people of another country.

Did you know your Grimes Public Library card provides online access to recipes and cultural information for 174 countries? Head to our website at www.grimes.lib.ia.us, log in to your online account, click on resources near the top center of the page, and click on digital services. On the digital services page, select "A to Z World Food."

You will find 884 food culture articles, 6,500 traditional recipes, 650 ingredient articles, historical timelines, glossaries, and 2,000 food quotes, lavishly illustrated with 14,000 photos at your fingertips!

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