

## WEBLIOGRAPHIES

The internet is a fluid entity with websites here today and gone tomorrow. Presented for your consideration are sites for children and teens and sites for professionals that were active when the list was created.

## Professional Resources for Librarians on the Internet

### *Crafts*

#### Craft Project Ideas

<http://parentingteens.about.com/cs/craftprojects>

About.com Guide Denise Witner provides links to free craft projects that will appeal to teens.

#### Crafts for Kids

<http://EnchantedLearning.com/crafts>

Enchanted Learning provides an extensive list of crafts using materials from around the house.

#### DLTK's Printable Crafts

<http://www.dltk-kids.com>

This is a great source for simple crafts for young children, including several that are book-related. Templates are provided.

#### Kids Domain—Crafts

<http://kidsdomain.com/craft>

Besides a comprehensive list of craft projects for young children through teens, this site also has ideas for gifts to make.

### *Games*

#### Party Game Central

<http://partygamecentral.com>

More than 800 party-game ideas for kids, teens and adults can be found at this site. The “Game Screener” helps create a custom list of games.

### *Graphics Resources*

#### Clipart Guide.com

<http://www.clipartguide.com>

This extensive listing of clip art and other images has an entire section devoted to flowers and plants.

#### Discoveryschool.com

<http://www.school.discovery.com>

This Discovery Channel site has a clip-art section suitable for children as well as a “Puzzlemaker” section for creating customized word searches and other puzzles.

## *Library Promotion*

### Library Media and PR

<http://www.ssdesign.com/librarypr/>

Produced by Stephanie Stokes Design, this online newsletter provides information about promoting your library and its programs.

### *Programs*

#### Babies into Books Handbook

<http://www.prge.lib.md.us/lib/babiesintobooks.html>

This extensive guide to programming for infants was compiled by Kathy Kirchhoefer, children's librarian with the Prince Georges County (Maryland) Memorial Library System. Tips on preparing for the program, a sample program and lists of appropriate books and rhymes are included.

#### EZ Library Programs

<http://midhudson.org/ezprogram>

The EZ Library Program Directory was created by the Mid-Hudson (New York) Library System to help librarians with program planning. It covers a wide variety of topics and types of programs for all ages. Search by topic, program type, audience, cost or keyword.

#### It's Storytime!

<http://www.geocities.com/mystorytime/>

Compiled by Wilma Flanagan of the Spokane County (Washington State) Library System, this collection of storytime themes includes suggestions for books, poetry, finger plays and flannelboard stories. Storytime programs about gardens, farms, sunflowers and babies are among those listed.

#### See YA Around

<http://www.cplrmh.com>

Developed by RoseMary Honnold of the Coshocton (Ohio) Public Library, this site not only offers program ideas and handouts for teens but also has helpful information for librarians working with teens.

#### Storytime Ideas

<http://www.bayviews.org/storytime.html>

Compiled by Penny Peck of the Association of Children's Librarians of Northern California, this site arranges storytime ideas by theme and includes suggested books, crafts and activities.

#### Talk It Up! Book Discussion Groups for Kids at the Multnomah County Library

<http://www.multcolib.org/talk/index.html>

The Multnomah County (Oregon) Library's "Talk It Up!" book-discussion group site has information on starting a book-discussion group, book-discussion guidelines and sample book-discussion questions.

## *Puppets*

Legends and Lore

<http://legendsandlore.com>

Puppet maker Legends and Lore provides information about puppets and how to use them.

## *Reader's Theater*

Aaron Shepherd's Reader's Theater Page

<http://www.aaronshep.com/rt/index.html>

Aaron Shepherd offers an online guide to scripting, staging and performing Reader's Theater. He also provides almost 30 complete scripts to perform.

## *Young Adult Services*

Teen Librarian.com

<http://www.teenlibrarian.com>

This is an online community for librarians working with young adults that was created by Miranda Doyle, teen librarian at the San Francisco Public Library. This site has a message board and a chat room for discussing topics of interest to librarians serving teens, plus includes news and interviews.

## Websites for Children and Teens

### *How Does Your Garden Grow?*

Aggie Horticulture—Just for Kids

<http://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/kindergarden/index.html>

Texas A&M University's Texas Horticulture Program website for kids has information about gardens and gardening, including a slide show, "Composting for Kids."

Camden Children's Garden

<http://www.camdenchildrensgarden.org>

Developed by the Camden Garden Club and located next to the New Jersey State Aquarium, the Camden Children's Garden has a storybook garden, a dinosaur garden and a tree house among its many attractions.

Gardening for Kids

<http://www.geocities.com/EnchantedForest/Glade/3313>

This site has tips on gardening and choosing flowers or kid-friendly plants. It also has plant-related science project links.

Gardening for Kids Theme Page

<http://www.cln.org/themes/gardening.html>

Links to many sites that involve kids in gardening projects are provided.

Growing Edge Website—Just for Kids

<http://www.growingedge.com/kids>

Kids can learn the basics of hydroponics. Projects and teacher resources are available.

Kidz Korner

<http://www.mda.state.mi.us/kids/index.html>

Learn about farming in Michigan or take the "Ice Cream Personality Test" at this site, sponsored by the Michigan Department of Agriculture.

My First Garden

<http://www.urbanext.uiuc.edu/firstgarden>

The University of Illinois Extension at Urbana-Champaign provides tips on planning a garden and on gardening basics.

Plant a Row for the Hungry

<http://www.gwaa.org/par/index.html>

Sponsored by the Garden Writers Association, this program encourages gardeners to plant an extra row of vegetables to donate to a local food bank.

The Telegarden—Interactive Organic Art Installation

<http://www.usc.edu/dept/garden>

View and tend a living garden.

### *Down on the Farm*

#### CyberSpace Farm

<http://www.cyberspaceag.com>

Kids can learn about farm life in Kansas by exploring this online farm.

#### Kids Farm

<http://www.kidsfarm.com>

Life on a ranch in Colorado is featured on this site, which has photos of farm animals and farm equipment.

#### Teaching With the Web—Farm Animals/Farm Life

<http://edtech.kennesaw.edu/web/farmanim.html>

Compiled by Jerrie Cheek of the Educational Technology Center of Kennesaw State University in Georgia, this extensive directory lists research and informational sites, lesson plans and activities.

### *Families*

#### Genealogy Today - Junior Edition

<http://www.genealogytoday.com/junior>

Learn how to do genealogical research. Activities, suggested books and kid-safe genealogy sites are given.

#### Not Just for Kids!

<http://www.night.net/kids>

Find family entertainment with links about animals, science, music, sports, crafts, stories, television and movies, plus play games and find information about holidays

### *Focus on Girls*

#### Design Your Future

<http://autodesk.com/dyf/dyfmain2.html>

Sponsored by a software company, Autodesk, Inc., this site's mission is to inspire young women to explore and pursue math, science and technology-based careers.

#### Girl Talk

<http://www.livezone.com/girltalk>

Designed for girls ages 9-14, this site features four girlfriends who have a variety of interests, from writing and painting to sports and music. Links to topics of interest for each girl will offer opportunities to learn more about the changes a girl will experience in her life.

### Girl Tech

<http://girltech.com/index.html>

Although designed to promote Girl Tech products, this site features a variety of topics to encourage girls to explore their world and includes a “Girl-Powered” search engine, games and “Chick Chat.”

### *Hair History & Fashion*

#### Blackhairmedia.com

<http://www.blackhairmedia.com>

This site features information about hair care for African-American women.

#### The Costume Gallery—Hairstyle History

<http://www.costumegallery.com/hairstyles.htm>

Vintage illustrations, photos and articles feature the hairstyles of yesteryear.

#### Hairfinder.com

<http://www.hairfinder.com>

Advertising overwhelms this site, but it does have an extensive directory of hair-related websites.

### *Growing Up—Birthdays*

#### Fun Facts about “Happy Birthday to You”

<http://ibiblio.org/team/fun/birthday>

Learn who wrote the song and other interesting facts about its history.

#### Kids Domain Birthday Fun

<http://www.kidsdomain.com/holiday/birthday>

Find ideas for themes, games and cake decorations or print cards and invitations at this section of Kids Domain that covers birthdays.

#### Kids Parties Connection

<http://www.kidsparties.com/>

Primarily for parents planning birthday parties, this site tells how birthday parties began, lists birthday traditions from around the world and has a list so you can find famous people who share your birth date.

### *Grow Your Money*

#### Banking on Our Future

<http://www.bankingonourfuture.org>

Available in Spanish or English, basic information about banking, budgeting and investment is presented for children, teens and adults.

Practical Money Skills for Life

<http://www.practicalmoneyskills.com>

Sponsored by Visa, this site teaches money skills using lesson plans, games and activities, calculators and a banking tutor.

### *Animals*

Animal Search

<http://animalsearch.net>

Animals can be searched by type or by geographic region at this “family-safe” site.

ASPCA Animaland

<http://www.animaland.org>

This ASPCA site for kids has information about pet care, animal facts, games and cartoons. Children can “Ask Azula” their animal questions.

Baby Animals

<http://cgcreations.org/babyanimals>

Learn about baby animals and their parents by reading this online picture book for young children.

Kidszone—National Wildlife Federation

<http://www.nwf.org/kids>

Find information about animals and the environment, play games and guess riddles. Sections include: “Wild Animal Baby” for ages 1-3, “Backyard Buddies” for ages 3-7, “Go Wild” for ages 7-13 and “Earth Tomorrow” for ages 13 and older.

National Zoological Park

<http://www.natzoo.si.edu>

Find animal information in the animal gallery, play games and print coloring sheets provided by Friends of the National Zoo and view animals live through one of the many webcams at the National Zoological Park located in Washington, D.C.

Wildlife Waystation

<http://www.waystation.org/html/babyrescue.html>

This site provides advice on what to do if you find an abandoned baby bird, squirrel, rabbit, deer or other animal.

### *Record Growth*

Guinness World Records

<http://www.guinnessworldrecords.com>

Find out who has grown the longest hair or the largest pumpkin. Photos and videos illustrate many of these records.

## *Grow Your Mind*

### Brain Bashers

<http://www.brainbashers.com>

Choose from more than 1,200 puzzles, games and optical illusions.

### Fact Monster

<http://www.factmonster.com>

Pick a quiz to test your knowledge, guess word definitions or find a list of the “500 Songs That Shaped Rock” at this fact-filled site.

### Kid’s Castle

<http://www.kidscastle.si.edu/home.html>

Designed by Smithsonian Magazine for kids ages 8-16, this site features articles about things that interest kids, such as sports, the arts, travel, science and space, plus has games and contests.

### NationalGeographic.com Kids

<http://www.nationalgeographic.com/kids>

Take the GeoBee Challenge, play games, try a science experiment, view a creature feature or find homework help at this National Geographic site.

## *Building and Construction*

### Building Stuff 4 Kids

<http://www.b4ubuild.com/kids/kidlinks.html>

Besides links to sites with facts and pictures about buildings and pictures of construction equipment, there is a building word search and a story about two “master builders.”

### Owl and Mouse Educational Software

<http://www.yourchildlearns.com/owlmouse.htm>

Download free software to build a model town, village, farm or medieval castle.

## *Growing a Healthy You*

### First Gov for Kids—Health

[http://www.kids.gov/k\\_health.htm](http://www.kids.gov/k_health.htm)

Find links to health-related sites for kids. Information about topics such as food safety, drugs and nutrition can be found on various government sites.

### KidsHealth

<http://www.kidshealth.org>

KidsHealth offers doctor-approved health information about children from birth to adolescence. There are separate areas for parents, kids and teens that have articles, animation and games.

TeenCentral.Net

<http://www.teencentral.net>

Teens help other teens at this help-line website monitored by counselors for KidPeace, a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping children in crisis.

*Food Facts and Fun*

Dairy Council of California—Kids and Families

<http://www.dairycouncilofca.org/kids>

Play the “Food Pyramid Match Game” in the activities section or try a new recipe at the “Kids Cooking Corner.”

Fast Food Finder

<http://www.olen.com/food>

Find out how many calories and how much fat is in the food served at fast food restaurants.

Food Museum

<http://foodmuseum.com>

Explore online exhibits about food.

Veggie Match

[www.wholefoodsmarket.com/kids/veggiematch.html](http://www.wholefoodsmarket.com/kids/veggiematch.html)

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Play with your food. Match pairs of fruits and veggies to clear the board.

*Play and Grow*

Bonus.com

<http://www.bonus.com>

This site has a wide variety of games and activities for children.

Zeeks!

<http://www.zeeks.com>

This is a safe place for kids ages 6-13 to have fun, play games, create cards or artwork and see cartoons.