

Bookmarks for Web 2.0: Applications for Children's Services

Search Engines for Children

[Quintura for Kids](#)

kids.quintura.com/

A visual and intuitive search engine with interactive tag clouds using the cloud-result search technology, See & Find. Five pre-set searches for science, games, TV, music, and animals. Simple search query box and interactive tag clouds arrange topics into groups and subgroups for easy browsing. Search results based on Yahoo Safe Search Results.

[Ask for Kids](#)

www.askforkids.com/

A search engine using natural language technology which allows children to ask questions and search by selecting from a list of questions related to the topic in which they are interested. Quick links to reference resources, games, and news resources.

[Yahoo Kids](#)

kids.yahoo.com/

Formerly Yahoooligans. Search and Browse kid-friendly sites and media appropriate for children in grades 2-7.

[Google Safe Search](#)

www.google.com

Basic search box for searching the web. Select preferences to set Safe Search filtering options for explicit text and images. For guide to special search features, visit Google Help Center: www.google.com/help/features.html

Custom Search Engine Design Tools

[Google Custom Search Engine](#)

google.com/coop/cse/

Create a customized search engine for your web page or blog tailored to the topics and sources you value utilizing Google. Customize the look, specify the sites to include in searches, and invite people to contribute to your tailored search engine. Free and easily done in two easy steps. You must create a google account or have a gmail account to use.

[Rollyo](#)

www.rollyo.com

Create a custom search engine by restricting the sites searched to those you trust. No programming involved. Customize the layout, add blogs and news sites, and add sites to your search engine on the fly by installing the Rollbar bookmarklet in your browser.

Dynamic Subject Directory Creation

[Make Your Library del.icio.us](#)

www.opal-online.org/5weeksGriffey20070222.htm

Online presentation by Jason Griffey presented on February 22, 2007, by Jason Griffey from the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, as part of the Five Weeks to a Social Library series of online workshops.

[Teen Web – Nashville Public Library](#)

www.library.nashville.org/teens/teenweb.asp

An example of a library using a del.icio.us tag cloud to direct teens to resources from the library web page.

[Creating Library Subject Directories using del.icio.us](#)

www.herzogbr.net/blog/?p=164

Created for Libcamp Boston by Brian Herzog, here is one method for using [del.icio.us](#) to create dynamic subject guides of web resources for a library's website.

[Del.icio.us Model : Social Networking Strategies for Libraries](#)

socialnetworkstrategies.wordpress.com/delicious-model/

Implementation tips for libraries incorporating del.icio.us into their organization.

Free Mashup Community Resource Creators

[Ning.com](#)

www.ning.com

Ning is a free online platform for creating social networks and websites around any topic or for any purpose. Creators and users can customize features to fit the needs or interests of their group.

[Popfly.com](#)

www.popfly.ms/

Popfly is a free mash-up creator created by Microsoft. Currently available by invitation only. An easy-to-use visual programming tools which enables creators to build and share mashups, gadgets, web pages, and applications.

Image Search Engines, Directories, and Tools for Children

[PicSearch](#)

www.picsearch.com

Picsearch is a family-friendly image search engine with over 1,700,000,000 images, pictures, and animations. Easily browsable with many advanced search features to narrow and focus your search. Images are presented as thumbnails with accompanying reference to the site they were indexed from.

[Library of Congress- Prints and Photographs Online Catalog](#)

www.loc.gov/rr/print/catalog.html

PPOC contains catalog records and digital images of the still pictures held by the Prints & Photographs Division of the LOC and offers over 13.7 million images. Browse through three pre-set categories: People, Historical Events, Environment & Architecture or Search the Catalog using simple and advanced search queries. Detailed Help section on searching effectively.

[Ditto](#)

www.ditto.com

Ditto is a leading visual search engine which delivers highly relevant thumbnail images with links to internet source and file size in response to search queries. Ditto is a “family-friendly” site with strict filtering for offensive and pornographic materials. Searches over 500 million images.

[Google Image Search](#)

images.google.com/

Search billions of indexed images from a single image search box. Browse and select thumbnails to obtain a larger version of the image and its source. Advanced image search features allow users to focus results by content types, size, file types, coloration, and domain. Select from three levels of filtering- from no filtering to strict filtering.

[Pics4Learning](#)

www.pics4learning.com

An extensive categorized list of copyright-free images, clipart, and photographs for use in an educational setting.

[US Fish and Wildlife Service : Digital Library](#)

images.fws.gov/

An extensive collection of images of wildlife, animals, plants, and assorted species provided by the US Fish and Wildlife Service.

[eNature Field Guides](#)

www.enature.com/home/

Images and information for over 5500 species.

[Smithsonian Images](#)

smithsonianimages.si.edu/

Browse for images from a broad collection of categories ranging from air and space to technology to military history and many in between. Advanced search features.

[SILS Art Image Browser](#)

www.si.umich.edu/Art_History/

Art Images gathered from the holdings of four museum collections. Browse and search by artist, material, nationality, title, object type, and subject.

[Flickr](#)

www.flickr.com

Online photo management and sharing application complete with a wide range of web services and active online community. Share, upload, organize, explore, search, geotag your photos and create things. Search photos by keyword, content type, date, license, camera type, groups, and people. Browse and explore by popular tags, interestingness, maps, month of the year, most recent, and much more. Create yahoo id to use.

[Picnik](#)

www.picnik.com

Free online photo editor. Easy to use, tons of special effects, works with top photo sharing sites. No download required, nothing to install.

[365 Library Days Project](#)

www.libraryman.com/blog/2007/04/08/365-library-days-project-the-beginning/

A customized Library version of the 365 Days Project. Join in!

Mapping Resources and Tools for Children

[National Geographic Xpeditions](#)

www.nationalgeographic.com/xpeditions/

Xpeditions offers a wide variety of state, country, and world maps for printing and copying. Select and print basic or detailed black and white maps by region of the world, specific country or individual state, province, or territory.

[InfoPlease: World Atlas and Map Library](#)

www.infoplease.com/atlas/

Infoplease offers an easily searchable map library, printable PDF outline maps of States and Continents, country and state profiles and statistics, a latitude and longitude finder, a distance finder, and fun geography quizzes and puzzles.

[Merriam-Webster's Atlas](#)

www.m-w.com/maps/moremapsnyt.html

A simple map service where users select from a pull-down menu of countries or states and receive specific maps and geographic information.

[National Geographic Map Machine](#)

plasma.nationalgeographic.com/mapmachine/

National Geographic Map Machine offers maps for just about every place in entire world, viewable by population, climate, conservation, and topography. Special features include antique maps, trail maps, country facts, and printable full color mosaic wall maps. Browse or Search for Maps by Theme, Region, Keyword, or specific continent, region, country, city, or zip code. Users can customize, save, print, and/or email their maps.

[Perry-Castaneda Library Map Collection](#)

www.lib.utexas.edu/maps/

The PCL Map Collection is a collection over of 250, 000 maps covering all areas of the world and is browsable and searchable by location and theme. Site offers advanced searching tools.

[Atlapedia Online](#)

www.atlapedia.com/online/map_index.htm

Atlapedia Online contains physical and political maps, plus facts and statistics on the countries of the world.

[Frappr](#)

www.frappr.com

Frappr is a resource for building collaborative maps in which people can imbed a name or title, an image, and a message and correlate it to a specific geographic location. Maps are free and can be embedded on any web page, blog, or online community that supports flash imbeds. Frappr is the fourth largest mapping service behind mapquest, google maps, and yahoo maps.

[Earth Tools](#)

www.earthtools.org

Find places, latitudes and longitudes, time zones, sunrise/sunset times, height/elevation above sea level information for anywhere in the world utilizing a simple map interface. Offers map, satellite, hybrid, and contour views. Place finder tool lets you search for places from a database of over 5.5 million place names.

[National Atlas Map Maker](#)

nationalatlas.gov/natlas/Natlasstart.asp

Federal source for national maps and geographic information. Includes online map maker, dynamic maps, printable maps, ability to mix and match map layers

[Google Earth](#)

earth.google.com/

Google Earth is mapping software as well as “a tool for viewing, creating, and sharing location-specific information which can be explored in an interactive and visually intuitive interface.” Requires desktop download. Wikipedia and photo links.

[Semapedia](#)

www.semapedia.org/community/learnmore

A free tool to help you hyperlink your physical world. Generate cell-phone readable 2D barcode tags to link others to content you provide utilizing Wikipedia.

Movie and Online Video Resources, Sites, Studios, and Tools for Children

[Internet Archive Moving Image Archive](#)

www.archive.org/details/movies

A collection of 1000s of short films, classic full-length films, user-generated content, and alternative news broadcasts. Special sub-collections include: Animation and cartoons, Lego or 'brick' films, and youth media. Search by keyword or use more advanced search features. Browse by collection, subjects, and keywords.

[Kids- AOL Video](#)

video.aol.com/video-category/kids/1763

Kids cartoons, video clips, music videos, news clips, movie trailers, holiday videos, nickelodeon shows, and more. Free and fee-based Selections.

[Alfy](#)

www.alfy.com

Movies, cartoons, music, and videos for kids. Part of larger children's site.

[American Field Guide](#)

www.pbs.org/americanfieldguide/

Over 1400 video clips of American wilderness. Browse by Animals, ecosystems, human history, earth and space, planets, and more. Search by keyword, state, and topics.

[ARKive- Images of Life on Earth](#)

www.arkive.org/

A digital library of photographs, video clips, audio recordings, and accompanying information for over 16,000 endangered species- animals, plants, and fungi. Search and browse by species. View detailed audio-visual profiles and life-history and characteristics of each species. Also includes a dedicated children's section for children aged 7 to 11 years old with fun facts, games, quizzes, and activities.

[National Geographic Kids: Video](#)

kids.nationalgeographic.com/Videos/

Animal and wildlife videos for kids.

[YouTube: Pets and Animals](#)

www.youtube.com/categories_portal?c=15&e=1

User-generated pet and animal videos.

Movie Studios for Children

[Planet M&Ms Movie Studio](#)

www.becomeanmm.com/

Create yourself as an M&M candy and cast yourself in a Planet M&M Movie.

[My Pop Studio](#)

www.mypopstudio.com/

A media literacy site for tweens which lets girls create media images, TV shows, magazines, and themselves as pop stars.

[Scratch](#)

scratch.mit.edu/

Tile-based visual programming environment and toolkit created by the Lifelong Kindergarten group at MIT to let kids make games, animated stories, interactive art, and share with others on the Net. Free Download.

[Ultrabug Cliposcope](#)

nfbkids.ca/ultrabug/web_en

Make animated films and produce animated video clips online.

[FluxTime](#)

fluxtime.com/

A free online studio where you can create your own simple animations and collaborate with other animators.

[Kids Movie Creator](#)

www.kids3dmovie.com/en/Default.aspx

A 3D world creation and movie composing platform for kids aged 7 to 12 years old. Free. Download required.

Movie and Video Editors

[Jumpcut](#)

www.jumpcut.com

A free online video editing service where users can easily edit, create, upload, remix, and share videos and pictures. Unlimited upload.

[Windows Movie Maker](#)

www.microsoft.com/windowsxp/using/moviemaker/default.msp

Pre-installed on most Windows machines. Free. An easy to use movie creation and editing tool with a simple visually intuitive, drag and drop interface.

Movie Making Resources & Tools

[Movie-Making for Kids](#)

www.town4kids.com/town4kids/kids/digitalmedia/moviemaking/movie_main.htm

A resource where kids can learn the basics of producing movies – from terms to techniques.

[Kids Vid](#)

kidsvid.altec.org/

A resource teaching the fundamentals for video production for children.

[Adobe Digital Kids Club](#)

www.adobe.com/education/digkids/index.html

An instructive resource for parents, teachers, and children which teaches the fundamentals of digital photography and digital video.

Audio Resources, Collections, Search Engines, and Tools for Children

[Yahoo Podcasts](#)

podcasts.yahoo.com/

Podcast search site. Search by keyword, tags, series, and episode. Browse by category, tags, highly rated, new and noteworthy, and most popular. Includes detailed explanation of what podcasting is, how to podcast, and how to publish a podcast.

[iTunes: Podcasts](#)

www.apple.com/itunes/store/podcasts.html

Podcast section of the itunes store.

[Gutenberg: The Audio Book Project](#)

www.gutenberg.org/wiki/Gutenberg:The_Audio_Books_Project

Human-read and computer-generated downloadable audiobook collection. Browse by author, title, language, and categories. Search by author, title, subject, language, category, LoCC, and file type.

[Storynory](#)

www.storynory.com

Free downloadable audio stories and fairy tales.

[LibriVox](#)

www.librivox.org

Collection of over 550 free audiobooks from the public domain read by volunteers.

[Kiddie Records](#)

www.kiddierecords.com/

Collection of popular children's recordings from the mid 1940s through the early 1950s. Over 200 free, downloadable stories.

Historic Speeches & National Anthems

[Digital History: Famous Historic Speeches](#)

www.digitalhistory.uh.edu/speeches/speeches.cfm

Online collection of speeches related to American history. Browse speeches by Author or from complete list of holdings. Search by Author or keyword. External links to audio sources and brief annotations.

[American Rhetoric](#)

www.americanrhetoric.com/index.htm

Online archive of speeches, movie speeches, and audio figures of speech. Includes Online speech database of over 5000 full text, audio and video (streaming) versions of public speeches.

[History Channel Speech Archive](http://www.history.com/media.do)

www.history.com/media.do

A collection of famous broadcasts and speeches from the 20th century.

[National Anthems of the Worlds](http://www.national-anthems.net/)

www.national-anthems.net/

Listen to national anthems from various countries around the world. Arranged by country.

Sounds

[FindSounds](http://www.findsounds.com)

www.findsounds.com

A free web search engine for sound effects and musical instrument samples. Search by keyword and limit by file formats, number of channels, resolution, sample rate, and file size. Browse easily from a large list of sound types.

[EventSounds](http://www.eventsounds.com)

www.eventsounds.com

Find lots of different sounds for your computer's functions.

[WavCentral](http://www.wavcentral.com)

www.wavcentral.com

Search an extensive collection of sound clips from movies, TV, commercials, as well as different sound effects.

[NatureSongs](http://www.naturesongs.com)

www.naturesongs.com

Search from a selection of nature and animal sounds.

[Guide to Animal Sounds](http://thryomanes.tripod.com/AnimalSounds.html)

thryomanes.tripod.com/AnimalSounds.html

A large collection of animal sounds to browse and search.

Sound Editor and Recorder

[Audacity: Free Audio Editor and Recorder](http://audacity.sourceforge.net/)

audacity.sourceforge.net/

A free downloadable open source audio editor and recorder for Linux, Mac OS, Windows, and other operating systems. Site includes tutorials, user manuals, tips and tricks, and a quick reference resource.

[Creating Music](#)

www.creatingmusic.com/

An online musical environment where kids can create music, solves musical puzzles, and play musical games.

Online Podcasting Tutorials

[How to Podcast](#)

www.how-to-podcast-tutorial.com/

A free step-by-step guide to producing a podcast with videos, easy to follow instructions, and informative articles about podcasting.

[Yahoo Podcasts – Publish a Podcast](#)

podcasts.yahoo.com/publish

A simple guide to produce and publish a podcast.

Podcasts produced by Kids

[RadioWillow](#)

www.mpsomaha.org/willow/radio/

The students at Willowdale Elementary in Omaha, Nebraska, produce regular 10-minute audio podcasts containing segments like “Did You Know?” and “Vocabulary Theater” packed with grade-perfect learning.

Crafts and Creative Activities for Children

Craft Projects and Printables

[DLTK Sites: Crafts](#)

www.dltk-kids.com/

DLTK Crafts offers a wide variety of fun, printable children’s crafts, coloring pages, seasonal crafts, educational activities, and cartoon-related craft projects. Browse by ABCs and 123s, Animals, Bible crafts, Countries and Cultures, Cartoons, and Holidays.

[Enchanted Learning: Crafts](#)

www.enchantedlearning.com/crafts/

Select from 100s of free simple craft projects for preschool, kindergarten, and elementary school-aged children. Most crafts can be made from basic household items. Browse and Search by themes, letters, materials, and holidays.

[thebestkidsbooksite.com: Crafts for Kids](#)

www.thebestkidsbooksite.com/kids-crafts-aloha.cfm

Select from 1000s of free craft project ideas. Search and browse by theme, keyword, materials, holidays, day of the year, art method, alphabet letter, and storytime topic. Includes extensive free printable coloring page collection.

[FamilyFun: Arts and Crafts](#)

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familyfun.go.com/arts-and-crafts/

100s of free craft projects organized by holiday, age, quick & easy, classroom, and kids room. Includes how-to craft videos.

Coloring Pages

[Ivy's Coloring Page Search Engine](#)

ivyjoy.com/coloring/search.html

A print and coloring page search engine. Search according to subject matter keyword or by selecting from pre-set categories represented by images. Users can limit the number of results returned. Other features include: Dinosaur section, online gallery, power tips and tools, and site suggestion form.

[Coloring Pages](#)

www.coloringpages.net

Offers 100s of free printable coloring pages, connect-the-dots, mazes, and online games. Browse by character, animals, holidays, nature, Bible, Scooby-doo, kids, creatures, and transportation categories.

[thebestkidsbooksite.com: Coloring Sheets](#)

www.thebestkidsbooksite.com/coloringsheets.cfm

Browse 100s of coloring sheet collections and individual coloring sheets or search by keyword.

[Free Coloring Pages](#)

www.coloring.ws/coloring.html

Free printable coloring pages, dot-to-dots, and color by number sheets organized by theme.

Online Creative Tools for Children

[Jackson Pollock Empty Canvas](#)

www.jacksonpollock.org/

Paint like Jackson Pollack with this simple flash application by clicking your mouse.

[Mr. Picassohead](#)

www.mrpicassohead.com/

Create, print, and email your Picasso-Potato-head drawing.

[Imagination Cubed](#)

www.imaginationcubed.com

A collaborative drawing whiteboard with pens, shapes, stamps, lines, text, grids, and background colors. Print or email your creations. Invite your friends to create with you.

[Soda Play](#)

www.sodaplay.com

An online application where you can create two dimensional models out of masses, simple bits, springs, and muscles. Build, send, and save. Includes sodaconstructor and sodarace.

[Backyard Jungle](#)

www.pbskids.org/backyardjungle

An interactive site where kids around the world upload photos, drawings, and descriptions about natural surroundings where they live, map their own information, and share their backyards with other visitors. Over 45,000 backyards have been created by kids.

[National Gallery of Art: Art Zone](#)

www.nga.gov/kids/zone/

Interactive art you can create online using a variety of tools. Create imaginary landscapes with the Jungle, explore motion painting with Flow, try out the Collage Machines, create a virtual mobile, make a 3D Twirler, a geometric sculpture, and much more.

[Architect Studio 3D](#)

www.architectstudio3d.org/AS3d/home.html

Explore the work and life of Frank Lloyd Wright, the basics of architecture, and learn design principles as you build a house using 3D modeling technology. Share your work and view the work of others in the Design Gallery.

[JigZone](#)

www.jigzone.com

Solve and create jigsaw puzzles online – you choose the picture and the level of difficulty.

Biography

[Biography.com](#)

www.biography.com

Offers biographies, interviews, and videos of notable people- past and present. Browse by topics, features, in the news, born on this day, top searches, and many more categories. Search by keyword. Includes a special kids section -Bio4Kids which offers short videos, interactive online games and quizzes, and a Meet the People section with short biographical profiles of notable with external web links to further information.

[Biographical Dictionary](#)

www.s9.com/

Contains information on over 33,000 notable people from ancient times to present day. Searchable by name, keywords, positions, achievements, occupations, date of birth, and date of death. Browse by first initial, category, and nationality. Includes a spelling

wizard to help with name spellings. User can edit biographical information and/or add their own.

[Infoplease: Biography](#)

www.infoplease.com/people.html

Contains information on over 30,000 people – past and present. Browse by name, broad category, people in the news, recent deaths, race and ethnicity, notable women, and TIME person of the year. Includes special features, quizzes, and puzzles.

[BSD: Biography Maker](#)

www.bham.wednet.edu/bio/biomaker.htm

An interactive tool to help children and students easily convert biographical data into interesting written biographies.

[Colonial Hall: Biographies of the Founding Fathers](#)

www.colonialhall.com/biography.php

Biographical sketches of the signers of the Declaration of Independence, Articles of Confederation, and the US Constitution.

[National Women's Hall of Fame- Women of the Wall](#)

www.greatwomen.org/women.php

Biographies of distinguished women.

Government

[Ben's Guide to U.S. Government for Kids](#)

bensguide.gpo.gov/

This site is a service of the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office and explains how the government works and how to use the primary resources of the Government Printing Office. The site is divided into sections for grades K through 2, 3 through 5, 6 through 8, and 9 through 12. Each section contains age-appropriate information, including games and activities. An image map of the United States gives students access to Quick Facts about each state as well as information about the nation's capital. The site also provides a glossary and links to other U.S. government websites for kids. There are clear directions on how to navigate and a FAQs section.

[Internet Public Library: POTUS](#)

www.ipl.org/div/potus/

Offers a portrait, a short list of biographical facts, related links, background information, election results, cabinet members, notable events, and some points of interest on each of the presidents.

[Government 101](#)

www.vote-smart.org/resource_govt101_01.php

A simple web tutorial to explain the basics of government--from how a bill becomes a law to campaign finance and many topics in between. Includes links to additional information on each of the topics covered.

[PBS: The Democracy Project](#)

pbskids.org/democracy/

Site provides educational online activities designed for students in grades three to six to introduce: the structure and duties of local, state and federal government, how government affects our everyday lives the duties of the U.S. president, the history of voting rights in America, and how voting and other forms of civic involvement are essential to a healthy democracy. Includes classroom resources.

Current Events

[Washington Post: Kids Post](#)

www.washingtonpost.com/wp-srv/kidspost/orbit/kidspost.html

News, features, interviews, background stories, daily news summaries and weekly photo galleries for kids.

[Scholastic News for Kids](#)

teacher.scholastic.com/scholasticnews/

News source for kids with special reports, a kids press corps, a movies, TV, and entertainment section, the latest sports news, as well as games and quizzes.

[Time for Kids](#)

www.timeforkids.com/TFK/

The latest news from around the world for kids in grades K-6. Includes related polls, games, and websites.

[PBS: Newshour Extra](#)

www.pbs.org/newshour/extra/

World news and reports written for students from PBS Kids. Includes resources for teachers and students, and a video archive.

Animals

[Animal Diversity Web](#)

animaldiversity.ummz.umich.edu/site/index.html

General information about all genres of the animal kingdom, from mammals to reptiles. Includes a large database of animal natural history, distribution, classification, and conservation biology. Provides thousands of photos, descriptions, sound recordings, and other information about individual animal species.

[ARKive: Images of Life on Earth](#)

www.arkive.org/

A digital library of photographs, video clips, audio recordings, and accompanying information for over 16,000 endangered species- animals, plants, and fungi. Search and

browse by species. View detailed audio-visual profiles and life-history and characteristics of each species. Also includes a dedicated children's section for children aged 7 to 11 years old with fun facts, games, quizzes, and activities.

[National Geographic: Creature Features](#)

kids.nationalgeographic.com/Animals/CreatureFeature/

See photos, watch videos, and read facts about your favorite animals from A to Z. Browse by wildlife category and habitat. Includes facts, photos, video clips, maps cool animal ecards for kids to send, as well as printable animal cards, games, and quizzes.

[Enchanted Learning: Animals](#)

www.enchantedlearning.com/coloring/

Offers basic information about many animals, appropriate for young children. Includes pictures, coloring pages, and worksheets to print out and color. Browse by letter or by broad animal category.

[Sea World- Animal Bytes](#)

www.seaworld.org/animal-info/animal-bytes/index.htm

A collection of printable fact sheets about a large number of animals.

The Arts

[Artyclopedia: The Fine Arts Search Engine](#)

www.artyclopedia.com/

Art encyclopedia and fine art search engine where you can browse or search for an artist and their art. Provides image use guidelines and advanced search features. Search by artist, artwork, and/or museum. Extensive browsing categories.

[BBC: ArtyFacts](#)

www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/art/artifacts/

An interactive site produced by the bbc where kids can learn about famous artists, create art and submit it to the online gallery, discover different art techniques, create comics, and play games.

[archkitecture: Architecture for Kids](#)

www.archkitecture.org/

Provides simple explanations of basic architectural principles including drawings, building types, unusual buildings, construction, building materials, as well as information about how to become an architect.

[Artsy Fartsy](#)

artsyfartsy.theartsweb.com/arts.htm

Provides basic information about art movements, colors, as well as music and the other arts. Includes online creative activities.

[ArtGames](#)

www.albrightknox.org/artgames/index.html

An interactive website on which kids can explore the building blocks of art as they learn about famous artists, portraits, still-life, landscapes, color, and materials, as well as create their own works in the interactive studio.

[The Renaissance Connection](#)

www.renaissanceconnection.org/

Investigate the Renaissance and artworks in depth. Discover how past innovations inform life today, become a patron of the arts, and more.

Science

[Discovery: Science Fair Central](#)

school.discovery.com/sciencefaircentral/

Everything you need to know about creating a science fair project. Includes a list of project ideas, safety rules, tips, guidelines, and links to further web resources.

[Science News for Kids](#)

www.sciencenewsforkids.org/

Information, articles, and resources on science topics of interest to children, categorized by topic. Includes games, puzzles, an article archive, and science fair zone.

[Energy Kids](#)

www.eia.doe.gov/kids/

Facts, games and a glossary will help you learn about all kinds of energy- what it is and the forms it comes in. Created by the Energy Information Administration.

[BBC: Science Clips](#)

www.bbc.co.uk/schools/scienceclips/index_flash.shtml

An interactive science site for children aged 5 to 11 years old covering a wide variety of science topics.

[How Stuff Works](#)

www.howstuffworks.com/

Explanations about how things are put together and how they work.

Math

[Coolmath4kids](#)

www.coolmath4kids.com/

Extensive math site for children. Includes games for learning math facts, lots of math practice problems, math lessons, a math dictionary, a geometry reference area, plus activities for learning fractions and geometry.

[A Plus Math: Math Flashcard Creator](#)

www.aplusmath.com/Flashcards/Flashcard_Creator.html

Create and print your own math flashcards.

[NCES Kids: Create a Graph](#)

nces.ed.gov/nceskids/createagraph/default.aspx

An easy tool for creating graphs and charts.

[Metric Information and Conversions](#)

ts.nist.gov/WeightsAndMeasures/Metric/conv.cfm

Guide to metric conversions.

Games

[FunBrain](#)

www.funbrain.com

Educational, math, reading, classic and arcade style games arranged by age and grade level.

[Bonus.com](#)

www.bonus.com

Sports, action, family, strategy, action and adventure games.

[Nick Jr.: Games](#)

www.nick.com/games/

www.nickjr.com/parenting/activity_finder/games/index.jhtml

Free online games, downloadable games, arcade games, video games, and Nicktropolis.

[Girls Go Tech: The Games](#)

www.girlsgotech.org/games.html

Girl Scout sponsored games which feature math, science, and technology.

Geography

[BBC: Country Profiles](#)

news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/country_profiles/default.stm

Provides overview, key facts and events, timelines and leader **profiles** along with current news for countries around the world.

[Country Reports: Country Information](#)

www.countryreports.org/

Basic facts about government, geography, economy and people. Includes flags and maps.

[Visual Geography Series](#)

vgsbooks.com/

Provides country-specific information, up-to-date statistics, photographs and maps you can download for countries around the world.

[Global Trek](#)

teacher.scholastic.com/activities/globaltrek/

An interactive site which lets you travel virtually around the world and plan your trip.

Homework Help Sites

[InfoPlease](#)

www.infoplease.com/

The world's largest free reference site. Offers Dictionaries, encyclopedias, almanacs and lists of quick facts, timelines, and more.

[Fact Monster](#)

www.factmonster.com/

Fun and user-friendly reference site for children has categories that include: World, United States, People, Science, Sports, Math and Money, Word Wise, Cool Stuff, Homework Center and Games and Quizzes. Other features are Today in History, Dictionary, Atlas, Timelines and an Encyclopedia.

[Multnomah County Library: Homework Center](#)

www.multcolib.org/homework/

An extensive collection of links to online subject resources.

[Kids Click](#)

www.kidsclick.org/

Annotated searchable directory of websites created for **kids** by librarians. Searchable by subject and reading level.

Reader's Advisory Resources

[Bookhive](#)

www.bookhive.org/

Recommended booklists are given for children from infancy through age 12. Books can be found by title, author, illustrator, reading level and number of pages. Kids can create their own booklists as well. Other fun activities include coloring pages, book quizzes and printable bookplates. There are even stories one can listen to.

[Bookadventure](#)

www.bookadventure.org/

BookAdventure is a free motivational reading program for children in grades k-8. Children can create their own booklists from over 7,000 titles and can earn points and prizes with parent or teacher approval for their reading. BookAdventure was created and is maintained by Sylan Learning.

[Sidekicks: Graphic Novel Reviews for Kids](#)

www.noflyingnotights.com/sidekicks/index.html

Graphic novel reviews for kids. Arranged by category.

[Guys Read](#)

www.guysread.com/

Book suggestions for boys.

[MCPL- Juvenile Series and Sequels](#)

www.mcpl.lib.mo.us/readers/series/juv/

Extensive guide to juvenile series and sequels. Organized by series, title, subject, and author.

Digital Libraries and Online Stories

[International Children's Digital Library](#)

www.icdlbooks.org/

Select and read online stories from all over the world.

[Book PALS Storyline Online](#)

www.storylineonline.net/

Offers streaming videos of famous people reading children's books.

[Lil' Fingers Storybooks](#)

www.lil-fingers.com/storybooks/

Animated online storybooks for toddlers and preschoolers.

[The Storyplace: The Children's Digital Library](#)

www.storyplace.org/

Listen to interactive children's stories, play with on-line activities, print out take-home activities and reading lists. Available in English and Spanish.

[Giggle Poetry](#)

www.gigglepoetry.com/

100s of online poems to enjoy. Learn how to write poems, perform poetry, and read interviews with famous poets as well.

Online Storytelling Tools

[StoryTop Story Maker](#)

www.storytop.com/

Online storytelling tool. Create stories or cartoons and share your creations.

[Seussville Story Maker](#)

www.seussville.com/games_hb/storymaker/story_maker.html

Create your own story using your favorite Seuss characters.

Virtual Worlds

[Webkinz](#)

www.webkinz.com/

Enter a virtual webkinz world, care for your virtual pet, play games.

[Club Penguin](#)

www.clubpenguin.com/

A kid-friendly virtual world where you can become a penguin and waddle around and meet people, play games, and chat with others. Designed for kids aged 8 to 14 yrs old.

[Whyville](#)

www.whyville.net/smmk/nice

A kid-friendly virtual world geared to pre-teens with over 1.7 million registered citizens.

[Second Life](#)

www.secondlife.com

A 3D world created completely by its residents.

Community

[Library Youth and Teen Services 2.0 Ning Group](#)

libraryyouth.ning.com/

For youth services librarians and anyone else interested in web 2.0 and its opportunities and possibilities for library youth and young adult services.

[Library 2.0 Ning Group](#)

library20.ning.com/

Network for librarians and others interested in Library 2.0.

[Library Success: A Best Practices Wiki](#)

www.libsuccess.org/index.php?title=Main_Page

Created to be a one-stop shop for great ideas and information for all types of librarians.

[Library Goddesses Blog Network](#)

librarygoddesses.blogspot.com/

A collaborative blog network with companion wikis to enable librarians across the United States and Canada to share their knowledge of books and their professional experience with many different aspects of librarianship.