Recommended Web Resources for Kids, Families and Staff

Reliable Subject Guides

- **KidsClick** An Internet guide where you can browse topics or search. This site includes reading levels.
- **Kidspace** at Internet Public Library. The Internet Public Library is a public service organization and a learning/teaching environment founded at the University of Michigan School of Information and hosted by Drexel University's College of Information Science & Technology.
- **Spotlight on Kids & Families** from The Library of Congress offers American History and American Memory collections, digital items, maps and facts, fun science facts, and more.

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America Pre-Colonial - 1865

- **Mission US** American Colonial History from Utah Education Network. Find many resources about the colonies, primary sources, details about Colonial Williamsburg, student web sites, and videos. Play the free interactive role-playing game about American History "For Crown or Colony."
- **In Motion** The African-American Migration Experience.
- **BlackPast** an online reference center that makes available a wealth of materials on African American history in one central location on the Internet.
- **Colonial Williamsburg** produced by Colonial Williamsburg Foundation offers educational resources, research material about colonial America, and multimedia experiences about the beginning of the American Revolution.
- **Early American Digital Library** Here you will find a treasure trove of images, featuring the people, events and scenes important to early America’s historic past.
- **Exploring Maryland’s Roots** lets you explore colonial Maryland history through 12 interactive activities filled with text, narration, video, and sound effects.
- **Teaching with Historical Places** from U.S. National Park Service.
- **Westward Expansion** Kid Info offers a long page of resources including biographies of famous people (cowboys, cowgirls, outlaws, gunslingers); events; wagon trains, covered wagons and stagecoaches; famous trails (Chisholm, Mormon, Santa Fe, etc.); historic forts; pioneer life.

Biographies--Famous Washingtonians and Others

- **MOHAI** (Museum of History and Industry) history of Seattle, the Puget Sound region and the nation
- **HistoryLink.org** The Online Encyclopedia of Washington State History.
- **Washington State History Museum** Find stories and images and more.
- **Biographies and Famous People** from King County Library System includes categories such as Explorers and Discovers and famous people in the state of Washington.
- **Women of the West** Biographies of famous and not-so-famous women who helped settle the West.
- **Academy of Achievement** Explore the lives of legendary achievers through this museum of living history from American Academy of Achievement.
- **Presidents of the United States** from the White House.
- **Who2?** An encyclopedia of famous people; includes links to other web sites about the person.
Biomes

- **Biomes of the World** from Missouri Botanical Garden. Includes Desert, Grasslands, Rainforest, Temperate, Tiaga, Tundra; Freshwater Ecosystems: Rivers and Streams; Ponds and Lakes, Wetlands; and, Marine Ecosystems: Shorelines, Temperate Oceans, Tropical Oceans.
- **The Big Zoo** Visit this virtual zoo to find descriptions, foods, habitat, predators, social structures, birth and offspring, and senses.
- **Cheetah Spot** Check out one of the big cats from e-dzine.com.
- **Ecology for Educators and Students** from the state of Washington.
- **Encyclopedia of Life** A web site for every organism on earth is the goal of this site, which has over two dozen partners initially funded in 2007 by the MacArthur Foundation and the Sloan Foundation.
- **Exploring the Environment** The ETE online series features an integrated approach to environmental earth science.
- **National Geographic: Endangered Species Photo Map** An interactive photo map of animals in the United States that are on the Endangered Species List.
- **Wetlands** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has created this site to inform the general public about their role in wetland preservation and restoration.
- **Water for Life** Find different resources (games, videos, tales, etc.) that can help you to learn more about water and inspire you and those around you to get involved and take action on water issues.
- **Woodland Park Zoo Animal Facts** Learn about mammals, birds, reptiles/amphibians, invertebrates and plants/trees.

Books, Books, Books: Suggestions, Awards, Reviews

- **ALA Book, Print & Media Awards** An alphabetical list of awards for children and young adults.
- **International Children’s Digital Library** A deep resource of children's books for all ages providing collection of online digital children's books from around the world available in multiple languages aimed at promoting tolerance, respect for diverse cultures and ideas.

Citation, Works Cited and Bibliographies

- **BibMe.Org** Fast and easy bibliographies with an automatic citation maker.
- **Citation Maker** An easy-to-use citation making resource from Oregon School Library Information System.
- **EasyBib** Free bibliography generator.
Global Studies: Europe

- **ALA Great Web Sites for Kids** Look at World History under History & Biography and at Geography & Maps, Cultures of the World and more under Social Sciences.
- **Enchanted Learning** K-12 educational material published online. See also **European Animals**.
- **Travel** guides and destinations.
- **One World Nations Online Project** is a contribution to build working multicultural societies, improve cross-cultural understanding and global awareness.
- **Virtual Tourist** a worldwide travel community where real travelers and locals share real travel advice and experiences.
- **What the World Eats** Photographs and descriptions from Peter Menzel's book of the same name. Find it in Meridian's Library, call number: 641.3 MEN.
- **Cool Planet** from Oxfam introduces you to kids and the countries they live in around the world.
- **Food Timeline** The Food Timeline was developed by a "reference librarian with a passion for food history." Near the bottom of the homepage, below the timeline, is a menu of choices that includes: "Teacher Resources"[including Nutrition], "Historic Menu Collections", "Digitized Cookbooks", and "Historic Food Prices".
- **United Nations Cyberschoolbus** Click on InfoNation to compare country data, Country at a Glance for statistics of individual countries, or scroll down to go to Quizzes & Games.

Lewis & Clark Corps of Discovery

- **Corps of Discovery** The journey of Lewis and Clark from the perspective of the United States Army.
- **Lewis and Clark National Forest** from U.S. Forest Service.
- **Discovering Lewis & Clark** A comprehensive collection of information and sites from the Lewis and Clark Fort Mandan Foundation. Includes details on everything from geography to Native Nations and natural history.
- **Lewis & Clark Journey of Discovery** from the National Park Service.
- **Go West Across America with Lewis & Clark!** interactive site from National Geographic.
- **Lewis & Clark** PBS documentary produced by Ken Burns.

Native Americans

- **Indian Tribes and Languages of the Northwest Coast** Arrow down the page to link to specific tribes of the Pacific Northwest Culture Groups. There is advertising on these pages that you will have to scroll beyond to link to resources.
- **American Indians of the Pacific Northwest Collection** University of Washington Digital
Collection that "provides an extensive digital collection of original photographs and
documents about the Northwest Coast and Plateau Indian cultures, complemented by essays
written by anthropologists, historians, and teachers about both particular tribes and cross-
cultural topics."

- **Tribes of Washington State** A listing of links and contact information for state tribes provided by University of Washington’s Burke Museum of Natural History and Culture.

**Primary Resources**

- **Archiving Early America** has a unique array of primary source material from 18th
century America.
- **Mayflower** historical documents in full text.
- **AMDOCS** Virtual library of documents for the study of American History managed by George Laughead, Jr.

**Space/Flight**

- **Beginner’s Guide to Aerodynamics** or the study of forces and movement of objects through
the air. See also the **Beginner’s Guide to Aeronautics** from NASA includes aerodynamics,
propulsion, hypersonics, model rockets and kites.
- **NASA’s Web Site for Students** Stories, activities, even a picture dictionary.
- **The Museum of Flight** offers many air and space-related links.
- **How Airplanes Work** by Marshall Brain, Robert Lamb, and Brian Adkins at How Stuff Works.
- **Build the Best Paper Airplane in the World** on Michael O’Reilly’s **Paper Airplanes Link Page**.
- **Drachen Foundation** offers the world’s largest database of kites and kite-related information.

**Structures**

- **America’s Favorite Architecture** from the American Institute of Architects.
- **Elements of Architecture** an online exhibit created by the St. Louis Public Library.
- **Building** PBS companion site where you can explore construction by type of structure, try
labs and challenges, read biographical sketches of people working in a variety of engineering
careers, and even nominate local structures. Based on David Macaulay’s BUILDING BIG.
- **Digital Archive of American Architecture** from Boston College. Includes a chronological
timeline of architecture, architects, building types, materials, styles, and more.
- **Dynamic Paper** Here’s a site that students can use to select a 3D model of interest, print it
and build their own! There are also number lines, number grids, graph paper, tessellations
and several other models available.

**Reliable Web Resources for Families and Staff**
• **Science News for Kids** Society for Science & the Public’s award-winning online publication dedicated to students, their parents, and their teachers. Examines atoms and forces, earth and sky, humans and health, life, tech and math.

• **National Science Teachers Association** NSTA offers books, journals, and additional content on effective teaching strategy and best practices along with professional development opportunities.

• **Bill Nye the Science Guy** Nye applies his entertaining approach to science to the Web, with a Demo of the Day, highlights from television episodes, and a chance to e-mail your own question.

• **The Biography Maker** from Bellingham Public Schools takes students through the process of creating exciting biographies.

• **OpenSource Dyslexia Font Typeface** Free font typeface to increase readability for readers with dyslexia.

• **ReadWriteThink** provides educators and students with access to the highest quality practices and resources in reading and language arts instruction through free, Internet-based content. Includes lesson plans, web resources, standards, student materials and a calendar of literary events.

• **Math-Play** Use the menu at the left or arrow down the page to find soccer games, sports to help reinforce facts: multiplication, double digit addition/subtraction, place value, etc.

• **Sumdog** for parents--register and find free educational games.

• **ABCYA** Interactive math games by grade level (look for Numbers section) and great language games.

• **Outline Maps** from NASA help you pinpoint locations in novels, birthplaces of mathematicians, historical battlefields, locations of important scientific discoveries or routes of explorers.

• **Pro Music** Excellent source for finding music online, as well as information about copyright and legal usage.

• **Responsive Classroom Resources** from Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School District.