

K-12 Educational and Informational
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Places for Kids (of all ages)

Online Book Initiative Gopher
- WWW site -
gopher://ftp.std.com:70/11/obi/book/FairyTales

or gopher to: ftp.std.com
select "Online Book Initiative"

There's close to 100 favorite fairy tales from the Brothers Grimm and these Grimm fairy tales are among the very best. Everything from Snow White to Little Red Riding Hood resides here. Text only - but who needs pictures when you have imagination and great stories to read. Enjoy!

Kid's Internet Delight
<http://www.clark.net/pub/journalism/kid.html>

A fantastically cool place for kids AND adults. There is a lot of fun to be had here and, my goodness, you really can have fun and explore and learn at the same time! Visit the Electronics Lab of the Future and all its gadgetry. Take a trip to the Chicago Field Museum of Natural History where the DNA to Dinosaurs exhibit is located (and lots more!) Then travel on to the Games Domain and hold on to your seat. Some of the hippest and coolest places to link to are here. I'm telling you - no matter what age you are - you'll have a blast (and actually learn something) from this fantastic web page. You could visit here daily and not get bored. Plenty of things to see and do make this another must see in your travels.

Games Domain
<http://wcl-rs.bham.ac.uk/GamesDomain>

The infamous Games Domain site that is the central repository of games games related info and games software on the World Wide Web.

SchoolHouse Web Site
<http://www.packet.net/schoolhouse/Welcome.html>

A WWW site specifically designed for K-12 students. It has a complete online children's book library as well as an interactive map game.

Kevin's Prairie Dog Town
gopher to: skynet.usask.ca

One of the most interesting places for students and educators to visit on the Internet. Much to do and much to see - it's never a boring visit.

Questacon's Web Site

<http://actein.edu.au/Questacon/index.html>

The Questacon site lets all users access activities, the puzzles, etc., that make this site a fun, interactive, educational place to visit. We aim to make use of new features and applications for the web that will make our pages highly interactive and visually appealing for all ages. I have added some text below which outlines the scope of the present Questacon site:

Questacon's World Wide Web site enables you to:

- * learn about The National Science and Technology Centre and the role it plays in promoting understanding and appreciation of science and technology
 - * explore the exhibitions currently in Questacon galleries
 - * obtain information about Questacon's programs for schools and the general public
 - * read about intriguing science discoveries and applications.
- Questacon is a centre which encourages hands-on approaches and as much interaction as possible! Hence you will find much more than information on Questacon's web site. On a rainy Saturday afternoon at home, or to liven up the school classroom, have some fun and learn at the same time by the following activities:
- * trying some of the hands-on activities
 - * practice your problem solving skills in Puzzlequest
 - * try an intriguing experiment and see if you can provide an explanation

Thanks for your help in publicising this new site to your users, and our congratulations on the great job you are doing to involve children by your educational listings for children on the Internet.

MIDLINK Magazine

<http://longwood.cs.ucf.edu/~MidLink>

This electronic magazine is designed by kids for kids. That's right - kids design and make up this magazine (well... they get a little help) and it changes every two months with each new issue. It is designed to both educate and entertain and each new issue contains a central topic or theme. Past issues are also online so you can see any you missed. Virtual trips and exhibits abound taking youngsters on a tour around the world to see many different sights and places and as they tour they learn lots about these places. Tons of pictures and easy to read information plus neat and interesting links make this a place that kids come back to time after time. There are also riddles and cool problems to solve on puzzle pages scattered about the 'zine and I doubt there is a better web page made chiefly by kids on the Internet. Good educational material is not always easy to find on that vast highway known as the Internet - so make sure your kids wind up steering here. A great place for teachers and adults as well. Makes a great educational resource for schools connected to the WWW.

Street Cents Online

<http://www.screen.com/streetcents.html>

A cool way for kids to learn about money. No, not like a boring "making change from a dollar" lesson but like an entertaining show designed to educate while kids have fun learning. In fact, it was inspired by a Canadian TV show that taught kids in a fun way all about money. Street Cents is more like a Consumer's Reports, Wall Street Journal, Newsweek

and Time Magazine all-in-one for kids. Food taste tests done by kids and food costs plus comments about new soft drinks can be some of the things that are going on here. Plus other topics like TV ad exaggerations, annoying commercials, music (what's hot/what's not), stocks and bonds (of course PepsiCo, Apple and Hershey Foods (chocolate), are a few of the favorites to track. Other neat things like info on part-time jobs (not a classified section but a way for kids to learn what to expect out there in the working world) and online clubs really keeps kids interested and since it changes every week - it never gets stale. Don't be surprised when your kids take control of your web browser and surf to this site constantly to see "what's up"!

Kids Web
<http://www.npac.syr.edu>

This is a World Web Web electronic library for kids. Almost every resource a student needs is here (and I know a few adults that come here too). Resources like the Periodic Table of Elements, a dictionary, a thesaurus and lots more. There are many links to other informative resources and this site contains many links to other informative sites too. History resources, Literature resources and Science resources abound. There are many interactive and multimedia pages and I doubt there is a better one stop place to visit when you want to find out about a subject or need to do research for a report. Another four-star rated web site for kids.

Theodore Tugboat Online Activity Center
<http://www.cochran.com/TT.html>

Here's a site devoted to teaching kids about friendship, trust and the importance of helping others, within an interactive short story entitled "Theodore's Surprise Friend". This story was created especially for the Internet and it is very engrossing for younger kids. Theodore the Tug has to decide whether to greet a large and arrogant ship coming into Big Harbour or to hang out with his buddy Barrington Barge. Youngsters get to interactively help Theodore make decisions and the child's decisions propel the story in any number of directions. The story unfolds much like a large picture book and each page has a color illustration. The many plot possibilities will keep kids interested and they can change their decisions to see how the story will change. The pictures can be downloaded easily so kids can collect a downloaded coloring book on which they can color in the pages as they recant the adventure(s) of Theodore the Tug. This is yet another four-star rated web page for kids. It just doesn't get much better than this.

Global Show-N-Tell exhibition
<http://emma.manymedia.com/show-n-tell>

A sharing place on the web for kids of all ages to show off their projects and where they live to others on the net. There are students and schools from Fairbanks, Alaska, and many northern California and north-western US schools are represented here. There are also some pages that have email addresses on them for kids to write and make "penpals". Personally I don't like the idea of publicly showing a child's email address - but maybe that is just me. Otherwise this is a good place for kids to visit but as it is an ongoing project, I hope that other schools across the US would be on here as well. Not a four-star page but a good start for a early project.

PRESS RETURN web page
<http://scholastic.com:2005/public/pressreturn/press-return.html>

This is an electronic multimedia magazine that deals with various teen experiences. This page is created by and for middle school and high school students. Each issue has a central "theme" and showcases many ideas and various talents that the student writers have to express. Professional editors and writers work hand-in-hand with the student contributors and the web page is very well done. It is a work in progress (aren't they all?) and so far seems to be both interesting, educational and fun! The pages are well conceived and don't take long to download even on a 14.4K modem connection. Highly recommended for students ages 10 - 18. (grades 6 - 12)

Alice's Adventures in Wonderland
<http://www.cs.cmu.edu/web/People/rgs/alice-table.html>

An illustrated (with the *original* Tenniel illustrations!) hypertextual online version of the classic Lewis Carroll tale. The complete book is here and has the original and unabridged text of the complete story. Many have commented that the illustrations alone are worth the trip. Actually this is not truly a "children's story" for much of the keen humor and satire will be lost on young children. However, fortunately enough, many adults are coming here and either enjoying it for the first time or taking delight in re-reading an old favorite. A true classic masterpiece of a tale.

Children's Literature Sites

gopher to: lib.nmsu.edu
ftp to: ftp.portal.com/pub/arslonga
<http://www.portal.com/~skip/ayli.html>

All sorts of Children's Literature - both "classics" and modern stories.

Children's Literature Web Guide
<http://www.ucalgary.ca/~dkbrown/index.html>

This is the premiere web site for finding out about children's literature and related information accessible via the WWW. Lots of links to various helpful pages make this a *must see* for parents, children and educators.

Kidpub
<http://en-garde.com/kidpub/intro.html>

A site devoted to kids that showcases works written by and for children. Kidpub is a free service that offers kids to send in their writing for inclusion into Kidpub. Kidpub will format the story for the web pages and include an email link (if you wish) so folks from all over the world can respond to your literature. Kidpub includes a "hit-counter" and will give you info on how many times your page was read (accessed) and the whole site is laid out so its easy to find your way around. This is a great resource and one that kids who love to write should use. Become published easily with this wonderful web site service. A great educational tool as well for

students can send in their work or a class could send in the best of their writing or poetry. You can also send in a brief biography of yourself which will also be included within your web page story area. **** Excellent site!

LEGO Product site
<http://legowww.itek.norut.no>

This has to be one of the coolest and most fun commercial sites around.

FTP Fairy Tales
ftp to: info.umd.edu
then cd to: /inforM/Educational_Resources/ReadingRoom/Fiction/FairyTales

Everything from Goldilocks to Thumbelina to The Ugly Duckling. Contains nearly 100 tales and the archive keeps growing...

Plugged In: Young artists work site
<http://www.plugged.org>

Young children display their work online. The ages range from 4 years old to 12 years old and although the quality may not be awesome the thought and content truly is. See what youngsters are up to and who knows - maybe the next mouse-dragging artist of the future will come from this site.

Kidlink IRC
IRC: /SERVER +192.33.12.196 +6667
Gopher to: kidlink.ccit.duq.edu
Telnet to: kidlink.hampshire.edu

Always log on as: KIDLINK

Kidlink IRC allows kids 10-15 years old all over the world to talk with each other in real time. It's a friendly place that lets kids talk about well... what kids like to talk about. Sports, school, friends, music and whatever else is on their mind. If you don't have an IRC client (for Mac there is Homer or Ircle) then you can Telnet in to the IRC conversation for 15 minutes as long as you give your real name and email address. Kids without their own email address can give their parent's email address. If you want to talk here on a regular basis - you'll have to sign up - but it is a FREE service and costs nothing! If you are a kid and want to talk with your peers - this is the place to go. It's always on and always a happening place to be. This IRC service is becoming quite popular.

The 1995 KIDLINK Worldwide Computer Art Exhibition
<http://WWW.UC.EDU/~kidart/>
Gopher to: gopher.kidlink.org

We are very pleased to announce the opening of the 1995 KIDLINK Worldwide Computer Art Exhibition. The show presents computer graphics created by kids between the ages of 10 and 15 years as part of their participation in the KIDLINK global dialog.

For more information about the art activities connected with KIDLINK, send an email message containing these commands:

in the subject and message body:
GET KIDART ARTHelp
GET KIDART MASTER

to: LISTSERV@VM1.NODAK.EDU

For more information about KIDLINK, add the command GET KIDLINK GENERAL.

Hands On Children's Museum Web Page
<http://www.wln.com/~deltapac/hocm.html>

The Hands On Children's Museum is an interactive museum of fun and learning for children ages 10 years and younger. The Museum's motto is, "Please Touch," and the exhibits give children a chance to create and explore the world. Find out about the Museum's new exhibits, like the science center and the sailboat. Learn about the events and workshops at the Museum. Hands On Children's Museum will be at many community events, and you can get details on those. The HOcm home page has a special hot list with links to other places on the World Wide Web where kids can continue to explore and learn about the world around them.

Muppets Home Page
<http://www.ncsa.uiuc.edu/VR/BS/Muppets/muppets.html>

A fun place for kids of all ages to visit. Not only does it contain a complete listing of everything the Muppets have ever done but it has links to many other Muppet related sites as well. Henson would be proud of this.

Uncle Bob's Kids' Page
<http://gagme.wwa.com/~boba/kids.html>

Tons of links to fun and interesting stuff all over the web. For kids of all ages (especially the younger ones). This will keep 'em occupied and engaged for hours on end. Maybe you too. This site has been thoroughly checked by Bob Allison (Uncle Bob) and contains nothing offensive or obscene. Just good clean fun! Besides games links there is lots of neat links educational pages and links to virtual travel in many different countries. This is one of the best all around starting points on the Web for kids (and adults too). This site even had me busy for hours and I really recommend this site highly and without any reservations. Now just try and get your kids to put down the mouse and relinquish the browser!

The Children Page
<http://www.pd.astro.it/local-cgi-bin/kids.cgi/forms>

All the way from Italy comes this fantastic page for kids. Links to new and exciting places abound along with a virtual tour of Italy's sights. You can visit the Museo Archeologico di Cagliari, learn about Italy's Sardinia region, learn about Italy's soccer teams or blast off to links devoted to space travel, planets and astronomy including great NASA astronomy sites. There are many "odds-n-ends" links that will keep kids engaged for hours

so make sure they get some sleep before staying up all day or night trying to browse through this site. It keeps changing and many new links are being added - a great place for kids to start their explorations and learn about another culture in the process!

A Word a Day

<http://lrdc5.lrdc.pitt.edu/awad/home.html>

Each day a new word is posted with its definition and origin. A great way to actually learn something new while still maintaining a surfing posture.

Exploratorium

<http://www.exploratorium.edu/>

San Francisco's Exploratorium site is an interactive treasure trove of neat things to do for kids (and adults) of all ages. You've got to visit here!

Global ChildNet (GCNET)

<http://www.gcnet.org/gcnet/>

GLOBAL CHILDNET (GCNET) is an international communications network, offering a range of easily accessible on-line services providing reliable information, on issues related to the well-being of children around the world. Through global electronic networks such as Internet and the Association for Progressive Communications (APC), Global ChildNet services will be available to millions of users.

GCNET OBJECTIVES

- to help facilitate access to credible information on child-related issues
- to encourage increased communication about these issues across locations, borders, regions, sectors of the economy, etc.
- to enhance the capacity of organisations and individuals working on these issues to meet their needs for specific information.

GCNET seeks to fulfil its mission by:

- gathering and reviewing information on child related issues from around the world
- providing referrals to existing information sources
- distributing information
- maintaining several on-line databases
- providing electronic discussion forums on key topics
- collaborating with other organizations and agencies to ensure global information access
- assisting users to join the network
- providing customised information services on particular topics and subject areas

GCNET'S RANGE OF SERVICES

1. GCNET'S DATABASES:
2. EXISTING GLOBAL INFORMATION SOURCES:
3. LEADING-EDGE INFORMATION:
4. SUBJECT-RELATED PUBLIC ELECTRONIC CONFERENCES & DISCUSSIONS:
5. RESTRICTED-ACCESS DISCUSSIONS:

- 6. CUSTOMISED SERVICES:
 - 7. GLOBAL ELECTRONIC (E-MAIL) FACILITIES:
 - 8. FULL-TEXT SERVICES:
 - 9. COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES AT CONFERENCES:
 - 10. CUSTOMISED INFORMATION PACKAGES:
 - 11. REFERRAL SERVICES:
 - 12. WORLD WIDE WEB SERVER ON INTERNET:
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U.S. National Early Childhood Technical Assistance System (NEC*TAS)
<http://www.nectas.unc.edu/>

NEC*TAS is funded by the U.S. Department of Education to support the development of policies, programs, and practices for young children with disabilities and their families. Through this home page, you can access more information about NEC*TAS and the complete publications list, and the complete text of the monograph, "Helping Our Nation's Infants and Toddlers with Disabilities and Their Families" which is a Briefing Paper on Part H of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) 1986-1995.

New Studies On Children and Media Available on Internet
http://dnai.com/~children/children_now.html

Two important new studies looking at children and the media are now available on the Internet:

- (1) The Reflection On The Screen: Television's Image of Children
- (2) Sending Signals: Kids Speak Out About Values in the Media.

(1)"The Reflection On The Screen: Television's Image of Children"

"The Reflection on the Screen: Television's Image of Children" offers the results of the most comprehensive content analysis study ever completed about how children are portrayed on entertainment television. The study was commissioned by Children Now and was conducted independently by Katharine Heintz-Knowles, Assistant Professor of Communications at the University of Washington.

(2) Sending Signals: Kids Speak Out About Values in the Media

In the emerging national debate on values in the media, there is one group we often forget to consult -- children. Children Now commissioned a national poll to give voice to their concerns.

The poll found that children believe that kids their age are influenced by the media, that television should help teach kids right from wrong, and that the shows they're seeing now don't reflect the kinds of issues they're facing in their own lives. Most kids had plenty of good things to say about the media as well. For example, most believe that television does a pretty good job of offering positive portrayals of girls and ethnic minorities.

Both studies are available on the World-Wide Web at:

dnai.com/~children/children_now.html

If you would like to be mailed a copy of one or both of the studies, send an email request to: children@dnai.com.

(Please specify whether you would prefer to have the study sent via U.S. mail or via email.)

Understanding The Internet - WWW Site & Video For Beginners
<http://www.screen.com/start>

"Understanding the Internet" is a new WWW site which provides over 200 references for beginners, including links to the latest Internet software, background guides, and several lists of online resources.

It was developed as an online companion to a television documentary about the history and growth of the Internet, produced by Andrew Cochran Associates in association with The Discovery Channel (Canada). The documentary features interviews with pioneers of the Internet and WWW sites of significance. A full list of the people interviewed, together with corresponding links, is included in the site. Copies of the video are available for sale.

CharmNet's Learning Page
<http://www.charm.net/learning.html>

Contains a plethora of links to many resources devoted to help teach and inform how to become better connected to the Internet. A great resource! One of the best "help centers" for understanding Internet access and 'net protocols. This is a fine place to start learning more about the Internet.

Carlos's Coloring Book
<http://robot0.ge.uiuc.edu/~carlosp/color>

An online coloring that will even have adults getting into the fun. You simply select what picture (there are presently 6 choices) you want to color and then you fill in the line drawing with colors of your choice by picking from a list of colors supplied on a drop-down menu. You pick the color and then click on the part of the drawing you want that color to be and presto! Repeat and color again. Simple, harmless and engaging fun. Kids - just try and keep your parents away from this one!

Your MoM
<http://www.cc.columbia.edu/~emj5/yourmom/ymhome.html>

A rather juvenile but inoffensive little 'zine best left read by children and pubescent teens. I found it to be somewhat funny but if I were a few years younger - I may have found it to be hilarious. No, it's not really educational - but even a kid needs a break while surfing. Have some laughs!

Bluedog Can Count!
<http://hp8.ini.cmu.edu:5550/bdf.html>

OK kids - think a dog can't count? Well wait until you see what this dog can do. Bluedog can count and, in fact, Bluedog can solve arithmetic problems that you enter and then "bark" out the correct answer! That's right! You can enter something like $2 + 3$ and Bluedog will bark 5 times. You can enter any simple arithmetic problem using add, subtract, multiply or divide operations and Bluedog will happily begin to bark away. I must however warn you that if you give Bluedog a problem like 65×85 then be prepared for LOTS of barking (5,525 barks!) After entering a problem simply tell Bluedog to "Go Blue Go" and off Bluedog goes again. Who said you can't teach a Bluedog new tricks? A most amusing site for kids!

Isaac Dziga's Home Page
<http://www.well.com:80/www/isaac/>

I thought I would put this site list here as a fine example of what a 14 year old can do with a passion for the web and a little HTML experience. This is his homepage and it offers a diverse collection of links while at the same time giving you an insight into the person behind the page. Remember - when you visit a person's personal homepage you're viewing a piece of that person expressed digitally for the world to see.

Rutgers FTP site for Macintosh Hypercard
FTP to: [crab.rutgers.edu](ftp://crab.rutgers.edu) in the --> /pub/mac/hypercard/

All sorts of hypercard stacks and stand-alones for kids are here! Ralph Gonzalez has authored several well done hypercard stacks that are both easy for kids to use and lots of fun. Although this is all done with educational goals in mind - don't tell the kids - they'll be busy having too much fun while they are learning all sorts of neat things! Excellent!

Helping Your Child Learn to Read
<http://www.ed.gov/pubs/parents/Reading.index.html>

Not merely a "how to" site for parents and educators - this site has neat and useful reading activities for younger children to try. They might seem simplistic but they are never the less important activities that promote valuable reading skills. They're also fun to do and young kids can now say, "I learned it on the web!". There is a wealth of information geared for adult reading on the subject of reading skills and how to promote them in children and there are also many tips for teaching kids how to read. This site is very well done and is a great resource for young and old alike. Educator alert! This page is a wonderful educational resource too!
