

WEB SITES FOR SUMMER READING PROGRAM 2007

BOOK A TRIP

4KIDS.COM

<http://www.4kids.org/>

This attractive site includes information, games, and links for elementary school-age students.

<http://www.4kids.org/servlet/coolspots.SearchCoolspotsByCategory?categoryId=8&catName=Culture+Shock&subcategoryId=87&subcatName=People+and+Places>

Culture Shock includes links to sites about the people and places around the world.

A TO Z TEACHER STUFF

<http://www.atozteacherstuff.com/Themes/>

This site links to other sites and to lesson plans on a variety of themes and subjects, such as Independence Day, Australia, Mexico, etc.

ABCTEACH

<http://www.abcteach.com>

Click on theme units. Select a sub-unit: Animals, Habitats, Holidays, or Social Studies. Countries are listed under Social Studies. All the units have terrific print outs, activities, and word puzzles.

ALA GREAT SITES FOR KIDS

<http://www.ala.org/greatsites>

This is the list of sites recommended by the American Library Association.

ART SPARKERS: UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA

http://www.arts.ufl.edu/ART/rt_room/sparkers.html

ART ROOM

http://www.arts.ufl.edu/ART/rt_room/index.html

This site is wonderful! Terrific art ideas.

ASIAN AMERICAN CURRICULUM PROJECT

<http://www.asianamericanbooks.com>

This site maintained by a nonprofit organization has an extensive catalog of books about Asia and Asian Americans, plus useful links and other information.

BEST KIDS BOOKSITE see THE BEST KIDS BOOKSITE

BIBLIOCAT

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

Resources for librarians, teachers, and home schools. This is a very thorough compilation of excellent, useful links to educational resources. It has excellent booklists and lots of links to sites with lesson plans about countries of the world.

BILL HARLEY

www.billharley.com

Bill Harley is the singer and storyteller who is working with ALA on the Campaign@Your Library. The site has stories, downloadable songs and much more.

BOOK NUTS READING CLUB

<http://www.booknutsreadingclub.com/index.html>

This attractive site has annotated booklists on a variety of topics, including some countries. The lists are very selective.

THE BRITANNIA RECIPE BIN

<http://www.britannia.org/recipes/>

This site has recipes listed by country. (Special section with Cajun Recipes.)

BRITISH MUSEUM

<http://www.thebritishmuseum.ac.uk/>

This fantastic site is easy to navigate and has beautiful photographs. The “Cultures of the World” section is excellent. There is also a “Children’s Compass” section with tours for kids.

CAROL HURST’S CHILDREN’S LITERATURE SITE

<http://www.carolhurst.com>

This is one of the best sites for many aspects of children’s literature.

<http://www.carolhurst.com/subjects/curriculum.html>

The subject guides have book lists on various topics.

CHILDREN’S LITERATURE WEB GUIDE

<http://www.acs.ucalgary.ca/~dkbrown/cinderella.html>

This site, maintained by David K. Brown at the University of Calgary is a very thorough guide to resources, awards, booklists, authors, organizations, etc. related to children’s literature.

CIRCLE OF FRIENDS FUN PAGES

<http://www.circle-of-friends.com/fun.htm>

Coloring pages, word searches, and mazes of attractive “cartoon-style” children from various cultures. The site does not tell you what country they are from.

DANIELLE’S PLACE

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

Crafts and activities for preschool and primary grade children.

DIA DE LOS NINOS SONGS, RHYMES, FINGERPLAYS, GAMES

<http://www.tsl.state.tx.us/ld/projects/ninos/songsrhymes.html>

Texas State Library presents traditional songs, fingerplays, and games in Spanish and English.

DLTK

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

DLTK and its Sister sites have all kinds of fun stuff. Check out [Coloring.ws](#) for loads of coloring pages, [First-School.ws](#) for Spanish/English activities, [KidsRCrafty.com](#) for French/English activities and [KidZone.ws](#) for Fun Facts for Kids. Most of the material is for preschool and primary grade level.

DLTK CRAFTS

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

DLTK COLORING PAGES

<http://www.coloring.ws/animals.html>

This is a good source for coloring pages. If you click on Free Coloring from the Animal page, you will find other coloring pages including Animals and Countries and Cultures.

DLTK'S PRINTABLE CRAFTS FOR KIDS

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

Click on countries and cultures for a list of crafts related to different countries. For example there is a nice Egyptian bookmark and an Aboriginal cave drawing craft as well as a Curious George out of a toilet paper tube.

DLTK-TEACH

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

Thematic storytimes and lessons for preschool and primary level.

EARLY LITERATURE

<http://www.earlyliterature.ecsd.net/>

Poems, rhymes, raps and fingerplays for young kids.

EMINTS NATIONAL CENTER

<http://www.emints.org/ethemes/index.shtml>

This site is a collaborative program developed by the University of Missouri, the Missouri Dept. of Ed. and the Missouri Dept. of Higher Ed. eThemes is an extensive database of content-rich, age-appropriate resources organized around specific themes. The themes cover many topics including countries, holidays, animals, and authors. It really is good!

ENCHANTED LEARNING

<http://www.enchantedlearning.com/Home.html>

This site has a wealth of information with lots of printouts.

EVERYTHING PRESCHOOL

<http://www.everythingpreschool.com/themes/allthemes.htm>

<http://www.everythingpreschool.com>

This site has lots of storytime ideas and activities.

FLAT STANLEY PROJECT

www.flatstanley.com/how.html

This is the official Flat Stanley site with lots of activity ideas.

http://www.socialstudiesforkids.com/articles/cultures/flat_stanley_project.htm

This project has been done by many schools. Flat Stanley around the nation!

FODOR'S LIVING LANGUAGES

<http://www.fodors.com/language/>

Living Languages: How to speak French German Italian Spanish.

FUNBRAIN GEOGRAPHY GAME

<http://www.funbrain.com/where/>

Kids will enjoy playing the geography game here.

GAMES KIDS PLAY

<http://www.gameskidsplay.net/>

This site has the rules for commonly played games with a few international games.

GAYLE'S PRESCHOOL RAINBOW

<http://www.preschoolrainbow.org>

This site has lots of early childhood education activities.

<http://www.preschoolrainbow.org/multicultural.htm>

Multicultural Activities

GEOGRAPHIA

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

This well-designed site has excellent photographs and interesting information about various (not all) countries in Africa, Asia, Caribbean, Europe, and Latin America.

GREATEST PLACES ONLINE

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

Kids will enjoy browsing this site that has excellent photographs and exciting, fun information and activities, related topics and web links. Locations include Amazon, Greenland, Madagascar, Namid Desert, Okavango Delta, and Tibet.

GUYS READ

<http://www.guysread.com>

Author Jon Scieszka makes suggestions for a literacy program with books boys want to read.

HAPPY MALL

http://www.happymall.com/japan/lucky_cat.htm

Source of merchandise from other countries. The items are nice things that aren't too expensive, but they are not cheap novelties.

HOLIDAY ZONE

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

This individual's site includes excellent songs, games, crafts and useful information about holidays.

HOME SCHOOL MOM see THE HOME SCHOOL MOM

INTERNET PUBLIC LIBRARY: KIDSPACE: CULTURE QUEST

<http://www.ipl.org/div/cquest/>

Culture Quest World Tour. "Join Ophelia Owl & Parsifal Penguin on their worldwide tour."

This site is organized by continent and includes many links to information, activities, etc.

JAN BRETT

<http://www.janbrett.com>

This prolific author/illustrator has a web site with games, activities and many images related to her beautifully illustrated books. Some images are full-color, such as animal masks for *The Mitten* and for *The Hat*. Others are very nice line drawings. She also includes fun activities.

JOHNETTE DOWNING

www.johnnettedowning.com

Louisiana children's musician's site with list of CDs and related activities.

KIDDIDDLES

<http://www.kiddiddles.com/lyrics/index.html>

Lyrics to 100s of familiar songs.

KIDS COLOR PAGES: COUNTRIES OF THE WORLD

<http://www.kidscolorpages.com/countries.htm>

Really silly cartoon images (one per country) of a person dressed in typical clothing with the map of the country as his face. They are funny in a bizarre way. Site includes other color pages.

KIDSCOM

<http://www.kidscom.com/games/animal/animal.html>

Site has fun interactive games for kids about a variety of animals (mostly wild).

KIDSDOMAIN

www.kidsdomain.com

Lots of ads, but when you get passed them, there are some good crafts in the holiday and animal sections.

KIDS GO WILD: WILDLIFE CONSERVATION SOCIETY

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

Kid-appealing site, with short, interesting facts and photographs of wild animals.

KIDS PLANET: DEFENDERS OF WILDLIFE

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

Interactive games and other activities related to wildlife for kids.

KIDSREADS

<http://www.kidsreads.com/index.asp>

This is a very attractive site with lots of children's book information.

<http://www.kidsreads.com/series/index.asp#b>

This part of the site provides useful information about the popular books in series.

KIDS TRAVEL FUN

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

Games to play in the car and some other activities.

KING COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM

www.kcls.org

This public library site has excellent pages for children and for teens, with information and good links to other sites.

LAND OF NURSERY RHYMES

<http://www.landofnurseryrhymes.co.uk>

LEARNING VOCABULARY CAN BE FUN

<http://www.vocabulary.co.il/>

Site has puzzles, word searches, etc.

LONELY PLANET

<http://www.lonelyplanet.com/dest/>

A travel guide publisher offers photos and information about most world nations. The information is very accessible and fairly easy to read.

MAKING FRIENDS

<http://www.makingfriends.com/world.htm>

This is a commercial site, but it does have cute patterns for multicultural paper doll cloths.

MRS. SEAGRAVES' QUEST CLASS AND THEMATIC UNITS

<http://www.geocities.com/Athens/Atrium/5924/index.html>

Mrs. Seagraves has excellent activities for a variety of subjects.

NANCY KEANE

<http://www.nancykeane.com/booktalks/sfolk.htm>

Nancy Keane's site has booktalks for a variety of good books, plus a list of folktales.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC – KIDS PAGE

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

This site includes games, videos and other activities related to the natural world and animals.

<http://www.nationalgeographic.com/ngkids/0609/>

Global Safari. Trek across seven continents with animal videos, photos and more.

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SCIENCES: **SONG LYRICS!**

<http://www.niehs.nih.gov/kids/home.htm>

The Kids' section of this site is fantastic. It has lyrics (and sometimes audio tunes) to well-known songs. Plus games, jokes, links and lots more. Environmental health is defined broadly!

NURSERY RHYMES 4 U

<http://www.nurseryrhymes4u.com/PORTLA2new/index.html>

NURSERY RHYMES AND SONGS

<http://nurseryrhymesandsongs.homestead.com>

ON THIS DAY

<http://www.on-this-day.com>

A list of what happened on each day in history and what famous people were born.

ONLINE GEOGRAPHY GAMES

<http://www.geography-games.com/>

Challenging (difficult) games from every continent.

PAT MORA

<http://www.patmora.com/index2.htm>

Spanish language author's site with lists of books in Spanish.

POSTCARDS FROM AMERICA

<http://www.postcardsfrom.com>

This beautifully designed site was selected as one of the best educational sites. The postcard gallery has postcards from many states that they have visited with interesting factual information and wonderful graphics. Click on "For Teachers" to get good geography activity ideas. You can sign up to receive color postcards from the places they visit (no cost).

PUZZLEMAKER

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

Create and print customized word searches, mazes, crossword and math puzzles.

READING ROCKETS

<http://www.readingrockets.org>

This site, prepared by WETA public television, presents strategies, activities, and lessons designed to help young children learn to read.

ROADSIDE AMERICA

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

Your online guide to offbeat tourist attractions.

RUSSIAN CRAFTS

<http://russian-crafts.com/index.html>

This is a very nice site that sells Matrioska Dolls and other nice Russian items. It also provides history, stories and other interesting information. Items are reasonable prices, but not cheap novelty items.

SCHOLASTIC TEACHER

www.scholastic.com Hurray for Scholastic. They provide lots of information about their books and authors. However, I sometimes find it hard to navigate.

<http://teacher.scholastic.com> Pick a grade level, then click on Social Studies. Various geographic regions will be listed to select.

<http://teacher.scholastic.com/activities/globaltrek/index.htm>

Global Trek is under the Social Studies Plans and Activities. It allows the student to plan a trip to 35 countries. Along the way they are to keep a travel journal and learn about the countries you visit.

STEP BY STEP

<http://www.stepbystepcc.com/themes.html>

Preschool storytime book lists and activities.

STORY ARTS HEATHER FOREST

<http://www.storyarts.org/heather.html>

Nice site about storytelling.

SOUNDS OF THE WORLD'S ANIMALS: GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY

<http://www.georgetown.edu/cball/animals/animals.html>

Learn how people describe the sounds animals make in 13 languages.

STORY CONNECTION: DIANNE DE LAS CASAS

<http://www.storyconnection.net/>

Lots of information related to storytelling.

STORYBOOK ENGLAND

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

This site includes an interactive map of the locations of well-known British children's stories, plus travel information for the sites.

TEACHER CREATED RESOURCES

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

Links to sites and resources for a variety of subjects.

THE BEST KIDS BOOKSITE

<http://www.thebestkidsbooksite.com>

This comprehensive site includes booklists and storytime ideas for a large selection of topics.

THE HOME SCHOOL MOM: CULTURES

<http://www.thehomeschoolmom.com/schoolroom/cultures.php>

This site has numerous links to other sites. Most of them are school-oriented.

THINKQUEST: CELEBRATIONS AROUND THE WORLD

<http://library.thinkquest.org/10007/>

A good discussion of various celebrations. ThinkQuest is often a good source of information.

TRAVEL FOR KIDS

<http://www.travelforkids.com>

Organized by regions around the world, you can find great travel destinations the whole family will enjoy. Includes reviews of children's books about each place.

WATERFORD PRESS

<http://www.waterfordpress.com/game1.html>

Origami, mazes and other games related to animals. Very nice pdfs.

WORLD ALMANAC FOR KIDS

<http://www.worldalmanacforkids.com/explore/nations.html>

Good, basic information with lots of kid-appeal.

WORLD TREK

<http://www.worldtrek.org>

Takes virtual trips to various parts of the world. Includes a kids' page.

YAHOO LIGANS

<http://www.yahooligans.com>

This search tool for children's sites has useful categories including Around the World and World-wide Holidays.

