

Connecting Girls With Books:
Helpful Web Sites and Resource Organizations
About Girls and Teens

WEB SITES

About Face

<http://www.about-face.org/>

A non-profit group that promotes positive women and girls' self esteem through education and activism. Includes resources for parents and educators.

Adios Barbie

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

Created by Ophira Edut, this site helps teens to accept and celebrate their bodies. Includes resources and recommended book lists.

ALSC Booklists and Award-winners

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

ALA's Association for Library Service to Children is a source of award-winners, Web sites for kids, and resources for collection development.

Booklists for Young Adults on the Web

<http://www.seemore.mi.org/booklists/>

Includes URLs for topic-based fiction lists, nonfiction, series, YA fiction review sources, and related electronic discussion lists. Note: Last updated 2001.

ChickLit

<http://www.chicklit.com>

A site that features resources and reviews on the latest trends in women's literature.

Comic Books

<http://ublib.buffalo.edu/libraries/units/lml/comics/pages/>

A helpful site maintained by Michael Lavin, Lockwood Memorial Library, SUNY at Buffalo, that includes lots of collection development resources.

Comics Journal

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

An online supplement to the print journal. Includes comics, graphic novels, and picture books.

FeMiNa

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

A web index created by Cybergrrl Incorporated, that includes sites for, by and about women and girls. Includes lots of ads.

Genrefluent

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

Recommendations for genre fiction from Diana Tixier Herald, the author of Teen Genreflecting.

Girl Power

<http://www.girlpower.gov>

This national public education campaign sponsored by the Department of Health and Human Services to encourage and empower nine- to fourteen-years-olds was launched by HHS Secretary Donna Shalala. GP participates in a variety of campaigns to reinforce healthy physical and psychological development, providing press materials and information for adults and fun pages just for girls. Phone (800) 729-6686 for free GP posters and other promotional materials.

Girl Power

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

A promotion for Hillary Carlip's book Girl Power: Young Women Speak Out, this site also provides links to other resources and a forum for girls to speak out, including unique resources for teen mothers and other special needs.

GirlSite

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

This community of girls on the Web is "a place where girls are free to share their strengths and weaknesses," focusing on art, careers, community and environmental concerns

Girl Talk

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

This new site still in development profiles four very different girls who are all friends. Navigators learn about health, sports, friendship, and more. An area for parents is included.

Girl Tech

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

Includes links, girls in the news, book and movie reviews.

Girl Zone

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

Here is a place where every girl is considered cool. Created by adults who care about girls and governed by a teen advisory board, the site shares book reviews by girls, provides articles on health and self-image, and links to other sites. Its cool graphics and common-sense layout make it popular and fun.

Girls' Series Web Page

<http://www.bookloversden.com/gseries.html>

For readers who love girl series books, this site features lots of information on popular and obscure girl series from glamorous Nancy Drew to sassy Trixie Belden and historic American Diaries.

Girls World

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

This virtual clubhouse for girls is filled with features on surviving in the family as a girl, cool party ideas, career paths, and more. Four girls host the club and invite feedback.

Graphic Novels

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

An online source for reviews of graphic novels. Note: Last updated 2002

Graphic Novels in Libraries (GNLIB)

<http://www.angelfire.com/comics/gnlib/>

A resource for collection development of graphic novels in libraries as well as a listserv – GNLIB-L

Grouchy Café

<http://www.grouchy.com/angst/index.html>

Creator, Cathy Young, has a feature on the Grouchy Café web site, “Favorite Teenage Angstbooks”, that provides a forum for teen literature.

Horror Writers Association

<http://www.horror.org>

The Horror Writers Association provides reading lists and the top 40 horror books of all time.

Internet Public Library – Kid’s Space/Teen Space

<http://www.ipl.org/div/kidspace/> and <http://www.ipl.org/div/teen/>

Sponsored by the University of Michigan, includes links from the main menu that features sites of authors, booklists and writing instruction.

Just for Girls

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

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

Sponsored by the Girl Scouts, this is a girl-friendly place on the Internet. You don’t have to be a Girl Scout to appreciate fun and informative articles and columns on technology, brain games, crafts, and activism. Clean and cool graphics will appeal to younger teens.

Kathleen Odean

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

Sponsored by the author of Great Books for Girls, Great Books for Boys, etc., Odean offers a list of new book recommendations and links on literature for young people.

Kathy Schrock’s Guide for Educators

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

A categorized list of sites useful for enhancing curriculum and professional growth. Includes a useful “Literature and Language Arts” link.

Kay Vandergrift’s YA Literature Web Site

<http://scils.rutgers.edu/~kvander/>

A thorough exploration of young adult literature and the young adult patron.

No Flying, No Tights

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

Robin Brenner’s Web site for teens devoted to reviewing graphic novels.

Parents, Families, and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG)

<http://www.pflag.org/education/schools.html>

Includes teacher resources.

Rational Magic

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

Created by D. Aviva Rothschild, an e-zine that features quality fiction, poetry and nonfiction, especially in the genres of science fiction and fantasy.

Reading Rants! Out of the Ordinary Teen Booklists!

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

Provides teens with distinctive booklists for those “wondering if there’s life beyond Judy Blume and Gary Paulsen”. Created and maintained by Jennifer Hubert, Young Adult Librarian at the Queens Borough Public Library.

SmartGirl

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

Girls can fill out book reviews for recommended lists.

Teenreads.com

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

Features “The Book Bag” for booklists, chat, book news, author information, magazines and more. Part of the Book Report Network’s Library and Teacher Resource Center at www.bookreporter.com/Library/index.asp, a resource for reading and book discussion. Sells books online through Amazon.com.

What’s Next? Teen Series and Sequels

<http://www.bettendorflibrary.com/bpl-bin/series.pl>

Sponsored by librarians from the Bettendorf Public Library in Iowa, a Teens’ Corner that includes an alphabetical listing of teen series and sequels.

What’s Next? Books in Series– Kent District Library

<http://www.kdl.org/libcat/WhatsNextNEW.asp>

Sponsored by the Kent District Library, Kent County, Michigan, a resource that includes books for children, teens and adults, with search capabilities.

YA Around

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

Includes programs, replicable forms, display ideas and reading lists originally created for the OLC Northeast Chapter Conference and maintained by RoseMary Honnold of the Coshocton Public Library in Ohio.

YALSA Booklists

<http://www.ala.org/yalsa/booklists/index.html>

Includes links to award winning booklists, professional resources, conferences, and Teen Read Week information.

** Check out commercial sites like Amazon.com (<http://coolteenbooks.com>), Borders (www.borders.com), Barnes & Noble (<http://www.bn.com/>) and Book Wholesalers, Inc.’s Title Tales (<http://www.bwibooks.com/>) for titles.

RESOURCE ORGANIZATIONS

Advocates for Youth

1025 Vermont Avenue NW Suite 200
Washington, DC 20005
(202) 347-5700
www.advocatesforyouth.org

Formerly the Center for Population Options, this organization is dedicated to creating programs and advocating for policies that help young people make informed and responsible decisions about their reproductive and sexual health, obtaining needed health and social services, and attaining productive employment.

American Association of University Women

www.aauw.org

The AAUW produced the eye-opening report, "How Schools Shortchange Girls," that brought so much attention to gender equity in the 1990s. Their site shares information for adults on activities, programs, and research focused on the development of young women.

American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)

132 West 43rd Street
New York, NY 10036
(212) 944-9800 FAX (212) 354-5290
www.aclu.org

The ACLU is the largest and most well known organization challenging infractions of the Bill of Rights. The ACLU will provide legal support for litigation that has a Bill of Rights issue as its main component.

American Library Association

50 E. Huron Street
Chicago, IL 60611
(312) 280-4223 Toll-free (800) 545-2433 FAX (312) 440-9374
www.ala.org

The national organization of libraries and librarians that includes links to offices and divisions such as the Office for Intellectual Freedom, Freedom to Read Foundation, Young Adult Library Services Association, and Association for Library Service to Children.

American Youth Work Center

1200 17th Street NW 4th Floor
Washington, DC 20036
(202) 785-0764 (800) 559-2455
www.youthtoday.org

The center is a nongovernmental resource organization for youth service agencies and youth workers. Publishes Youth Today, a free bimonthly newspaper.

Center for Children and Technology

Education Development Center
55 Chapel Street
Newton, MA 02158
(617) 969-7100

www.edc.org/home.html

Since 1981, CCT has undertaken a wide program of basic and applied research as well as prototype design and development. The mission of the Center is to investigate the roles technology can play in the lives of young people.

Child Welfare League of America

440 1st Street NW Suite 310

Washington, DC 20001

(202) 638-2952

www.cwla.org

CWLA is a privately supported organization of 400 affiliated member agencies devoted to improving services for youth and their families. The League supports lobbying efforts on the state and national levels, provides consultation, conducts research, and sponsors educational conferences.

Children's Defense Fund

25 E. Street NW

Washington, DC 20001

(202) 628-8787

www.childrensdefense.org

CDF is a national nonprofit advocacy organization dedicated to improving the lives of children through changes in public policy. CDF sponsors research, provides educational services, monitors federal agencies, offers legislative testimony, and assists in drafting federal and state legislation.

Girl Scouts of the USA

420 Fifth Avenue

New York, NY 10018-2798

(800) 478-7248

www.girlscouts.org

The largest girl-serving organization in the world is a great place to start creating community partnerships. This site details the national organization with lots of ideas for programming as well as current promotions. Click on "Just For Girls".

Girls Incorporated

120 Wall Street

New York, NY 10005-3902

(800) 374-4475

www.girlsinc.org

This fifty-year-old, not-for-profit advocacy organization, carried by public support, provides information on critical issues facing girls, supports various Girl Power campaigns including "Stamp out Smoking" and "Economic Literacy," and supports research to "prepare girls to lead successful, independent complete lives". You will find here the "Girls' Bill of Rights."

Horatio Alger Association of Distinguished Americans, Inc.

99 Canal Center Plaza

Alexandria, VA 22314

(703) 684-9444 FAX (703) 548-3822

www.horatioalger.com

Publishes an annual survey of young adults titled The State Of Our Nation's Youth. Founded in 1947, the Association was created to “demonstrate that the American dream is a truly attainable goal for all citizens”. The organization honors the accomplishments and achievements of outstanding individuals in our society who have succeeded in the face of adversity, and encourages young people to pursue their dreams with determination and perseverance. It annually identifies national role models and sponsors the National Scholars Program, awarding college scholarships to high school seniors.

Ms. Foundation for Women

120 Wall Street, 33rd Floor
New York, NY 10005
(212) 742-2300 FAX (212) 742-1653
www.ms.foundation.org

Includes information on the popular Take Our Daughters to Work Day with a guide for girls wishing to organize this event in their community.

National Center for Education Statistics

U.S. Department of Education
Office of Educational Research and Improvement
Washington, DC 20208-5570
(Contact through the Superintendent of Documents at (202) 512-1800, FAX (202) 512-2250,
www.ed.gov/NCES/)

Administers 20 surveys about education of which the National Assessment of Educational Progress is one at www.ed.gov/NCES/naep/.

National Center for Youth Law

405-14th Street 15th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612-2701
(510) 835-8098
www.youthlaw.org

The Center is a nonprofit organization devoted to improving the lives of poor children in the U.S. by providing legal assistance to professionals working on behalf of children and youth. The Center is part of a national system of legal services for the poor.

National Coalition Against Censorship

275 7th Avenue 20th Floor
New York, NY 10001
(212) 807-6222
www.ncac.org

A coalition of nonprofit public interest and professional associations, including the Association of American Publishers, the American Library Association, and the American Civil Liberties Union. Begun in 1974, the Coalition's aim is to preserve freedom of expression and to combat all forms of censorship. Publishes a quarterly journal, Censorship News.

National Council of Teachers of English

1111 Kenyon Road
Urbana, IL 61801-1096
(217) 328-3870
www.ncte.org

Includes organizations like The Standing Committee on Censorship and Support for the Learning and Teaching of English (SLATE). The Council is the professional association of secondary school, junior college, and university English instructors. Its primary purpose is to increase the effectiveness of the teaching of English at all levels and will enter litigation in support of English teachers being challenged in censorship cases.

National Dropout Prevention Center

Clemson University
209 Martin Street
Clemson, SC 29631-1555
(864) 656-2599
www.dropoutprevention.org

The Center is dedicated to reducing the school dropout rate by promoting public-private partnerships to meet the needs of at-risk youth. FOCUS, the Center's national database, includes profiles of dropout prevention programs.

National Information Center for Children and Youth with Disabilities

P.O. Box 1492
Washington, DC 20013
(202) 695-0285
www.nichcy.org

A clearinghouse on the education of children and youth with disabilities.

National Network for Youth

1319 F Street NW Suite 401
Washington, DC 20001
(202) 783-7949
www.nn4youth.org

The National Network is a membership organization representing over 1,000 community-based organizations nationwide. Provides special assistance on the issue of runaways.

National Organization for Women

550 chapters in all 50 states and the District of Columbia
www.now.org

NOW offers a page for young feminists "who are taking the movement into the 21st century," and directly addressing issues concerning older teens.

National Youth Leadership Council

1667 Snelling Avenue North
St. Paul, MN 55108
(651) 631-3672
www.nylc.org

The NYLC works to develop service-oriented youth leaders by supporting individuals, organizations, and communities that encourage youth service and leadership. The Council trains adults and youth, publishes materials and curricula, and conducts program research and development.

The Search Institute

Suite 210
700 South Third Avenue
Minneapolis, MN 55415
(612) 376-8955 (800) 888-7828

www.search-institute.org

A nonprofit, nonsectarian organization dedicated to advancing the well being of adolescents and children by generating knowledge and promoting its application. The institute is the source of the 40 Developmental Assets Framework, a list of concrete, common sense, positive experiences and qualities essential to raising successful young people.

Society for Adolescent Medicine

1916 NW Copper Oaks Circle

Blue Springs, MO 64015

(816) 224-8010

www.adolescenthealth.org

SAM is a multi-disciplinary professional organization for health care professionals committed to improving the physical and psychosocial health and well being of all adolescents. The society provides information and speakers, and acts as a clearinghouse.

Society for Research on Adolescence

505 E. Huron, Suite 301

Ann Arbor, MI 48104-1567

(734) 998-6567

www.s-r-a.org

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The Society is a multi-disciplinary professional society whose purpose is to promote research on and dissemination of research about adolescence.

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Nioga Library System

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