

Websites about reading and writing

There are some great websites out there for everyone - whether you really like or really hate books!!!

Reading

Cool Reads (<http://www.cool-reads.co.uk/>)

Book recommendations for 11-15 year olds, written by 11-15 year olds. If you don't know what to read next, this is the site for you!

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reads



Stories from the web (<http://www.storiesfromtheweb.org/sfwhomepage.htm>)

Find out the current most popular books for your age, as well as reading about some of your favourite authors. You can also write a book review and post it on the web!

Mrs Mad's Book-A-Rama (<http://www.mrsmad.com/>)

Mrs Mad is a huge fan of reading, so you will really like the books she recommends!

BookBOX



Writing

Book Box (<http://www.channel4learning.com/sites/bookbox/>)

Read about where authors get ideas and inspiration for their books. The Writers Toolkit will get you started writing yourself!

Blast - Writing

(<http://www.bbc.co.uk/blast/writing/>)

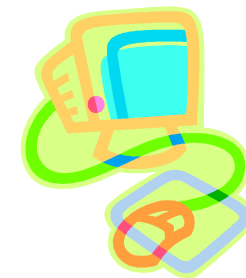


Loads of great information on how to write - not just stories but scripts, radio trails and comedies amongst other things. Read about how some of today's most popular writers have got to where they are, and share some advice with other budding writers.

You can access all the sites in this leaflet from the Kids' Zone on Library Online: <http://libraryonline.west-dunbarton.gov.uk>

Search the Internet

The following websites are a good place to begin looking for something on the Internet:



YAHOO! KIDS

Yahoo! Kids (<http://kids.yahoo.com/>)

Search the web with Yahoo! designed especially for kids. Make use of their excellent selection of websites for homework or just for fun. Websites are organised by topic so you can find what you're looking for easily.



KidsClick! (<http://sunsite.berkeley.edu/KidsClick!>)

A massive collection of excellent websites on every topic imaginable. KidsClick! is especially good for helping you research topics or projects you might have for homework.



CyberSleuth Kids (<http://cybersleuth-kids.com/>)

More websites listed by topic. Another great resource for homework, and also for music, films, computers and great clip art.

West Dunbartonshire Libraries
Young People's Team
<http://libraryonline.west-dunbarton.gov.uk>

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Reference

Try these websites when you start your research. They are quick and really easy to use.



Britannica Junior
(<http://library.eb.co.uk/elementary>)
For 5 - 11 year olds



Britannica Student
(<http://library.eb.co.uk/comptons>)
For 12 - 18 year olds

Both of these are encyclopaedias.

To use these resources at home, you will need to log on using your West Dunbartonshire Library Card.



Wikipedia (<http://en.wikipedia.org>)
Wikipedia is an easy-to-use, online encyclopaedia. You can find information about almost anything here, but be careful! Content can be added and edited by any visitor to the site, so you might need to check the accuracy of some of the articles.



SCRAN (<http://www.scran.ac.uk/>)
A huge collection of resources about Scottish life and culture, including LOTS of photographs and other multi-media files.

Homework Help



BBC Schools (<http://www.bbc.co.uk/scotland/education/>)
Lots of Websites to help you with different school topics, whether you are at Primary or Secondary school. The information is organised by school level then by topic.

GridClub (<http://www.gridclub.com/>)

A great Website for 7-11 year olds with lots of educational games and activities. You can access the site from any West Dunbartonshire library.



North Ayrshire ERS Pupil Pages **online**,
(http://www.ers.north-ayrshire.gov.uk/ers_primary_schooltopicsmain.cfm)
Education Resource Service

A collection of excellent Websites covering the most popular topics studied in Primary and Secondary schools in Scotland. All the Websites are arranged by school level then by topic so the site is easy to use.



Homework High (<http://www.channel4learning.com/apps/homeworkhigh/>)
Homework help for 11-16 year olds from Channel 4. They reckon they can answer any homework question you might have, so why not put them to the test?

Topmarks (www.topmarks.co.uk)

This site is particularly strong on resources and advice relevant to primary school children. It has interactive games which promote Numeracy and Literacy. It also acts as a portal to other useful sites. Aimed at Primary.

