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Search Tools and Tips for Kids

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General Search Tools

- [Bing](#)
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Librarian's Note about Internet Search Tools

[Common Sense Media](#) has a list of kid-friendly browsers and search sites from the organization designed to help families and educators learn about smart search practices and responsible online behavior.

Internet Safety Tips for Kids

- Don't give out personal information such as your first and last name, age, telephone number, home address, or your parent's credit card number.
- Don't "friend" or communicate with people who you don't already know in the real world. If someone asks for your photo or to meet you in person, tell a caregiver, teacher, or trusted adult right away.
- Don't assume that everything you read online is true. Try to figure out who wrote the information you are reading, why and when they wrote it, and if it is accurate. [Know your news—use these tips to help determine what's true or false.](#)

Parent Supervision

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Children's Services Website Selection Guidelines

The websites that are linked from the children's services webpages have been selected to reflect the interests and informational needs of the children served. Because this is a wide age range (from preschool to middle school), some of the websites featured may be more appropriate for older children than younger. Here are some things librarians look at before linking to:

- Whether it appeals to children ages 3–12
- Who produces the information on the site (is it purely commercial information, authoritative, reliable, unique, etc.)
- If the content is readily available to the user, or if some type of registration is required first
- If the site is well-organized and easy to navigate

While the sites linked to are recommended for children, we do not control the content on those websites. Unless you see "Monroe County Public Library," the site is not Library-sanctioned.

Librarians review websites for children as often as possible, but it's not possible to have complete knowledge of external sites. If you have questions about the content of this page, please stop by the children's information desk and ask to speak to a librarian. You can also read our [internet and computer use policy](#) and [social media policy](#).

Other Related Links

- Children and technology: a parent's guide [fact sheet](#) and [video](#)
- [Critical Evaluation of Websites](#)
- [GetNetWise](#)
- [Google Family Safety Center](#)
- [NetSmartz](#)
- [Yahoo Safety: Parents](#)

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