

Picture Books (J-Easy)

The Lying King: A Tale from the Watering Hole
by Alex Beard

Facts vs. Opinions vs. Robots
by Michael Rex
The Sad Little Fact
by Jonah Winter

Chapter Books (J-Fiction)

George and the Ship of Time
by Lucy Hawking

I Survived the Shark Attacks of 1916
by Lauren Tarshis
The Newspaper Club
by Beth Vrabel

J-Nonfiction

Fakers: An Insider's Guide to Cons, Hoaxes, and Scams
by H.P. Wood
J-001.95 WOO

Fairy Spell: How Two Girls Convinced the World that Fairies Are Real
by Marc Tyler Nobleman
J-398.45 NOBL

The Nantucket Sea Monster: A Fake News Story
by Darcy Pattison
J-001.944 PATT

Two Truths and a Lie: It's Alive!
by Ammi-Joan Paquette & Laurie Ann Thompson
J- 508 PAQU

Breaking the News: What's Real, What's Not, and Why the Difference Matters
by Robin Terry Brown
J-070.9 BROW

Aliens Are Coming! The True Account of the 1938 War of the Worlds Radio Broadcast
by Meghan McCarthy
J-791.4472 MCCA

Duped!: True Stories of the World's Best Swindlers
by Andreas Schroeder
J-364.163 S381D

The Wolf in Underpants
by Wilfrid Lupano
J-741.5973
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The Impossibly True Story of Tricky Vic: The Man Who Sold the Eiffel Tower
by Greg Pizzoli
J-Biog-364.163092
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Books for Teens: Nonfiction

Fake News, Propaganda, and Plain Old Lies: How to Find Trustworthy Information in the Digital Age
by Donald A. Barclay 070.43 BARC

True or False: A CIA Analyst's Guide to Spotting Fake News
by Cindy L. Otis 070.43 OTIS

Fake News: Separating Truth from Fiction
by Michael Miller 070.43 MILL

Detecting Deception: Tools to Fight Fake News
by Amanda Sturgill 070.43 STUR

A Field Guide to Lies
by David Levitin 153.42 LEVI

Kids Activity: Build a Cereal Brand

Build your information literacy muscles by creating and advertising a cereal brand!

1. Gather up a few cereal boxes from your kitchen to launch this activity that includes both design (box) and production (video).
2. Start by looking closely at each cereal box. Try to analyze each box by paying special attention to letter size, style, and placement, as well as things like a mascot (e.g., a leprechaun, bee, tiger) and its facial expression, colors, special slogans (e.g., "They're magically delicious!"), and any games, contests, or giveaways being advertised.
3. Take a look inside the box, too, and notice the shapes and colors of the cereal. What kind of an audience do you think the designer of the box is trying to appeal to?

4. Next, check out a few cereal commercials like these online:

Honey Nut Cheerios
[ispot.tv/ad/wZFE/honey-nut-cheerios-good-goes-round-bee-to-the-honey](https://www.ispot.tv/ad/wZFE/honey-nut-cheerios-good-goes-round-bee-to-the-honey)

Lucky Charms
[ispot.tv/ad/nlfc/lucky-charms-rainbow-bridge](https://www.ispot.tv/ad/nlfc/lucky-charms-rainbow-bridge)

Frosted Flakes
[youtube.com/watch?v=2wRjCflAJIU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2wRjCflAJIU)

5. Now, pull out some art supplies and design your own unique cereal box! Use what you've discovered to interest your target audience in trying your cereal. Once you've created a "box" on paper, you might want to plan and script your own ad, then record it using a personal device like a smartphone or an iPad. And who knows, someday your cereal idea may be "what's for breakfast!"

Teen Activity: Information Literacy Scavenger Hunt!

Can you find the following online?

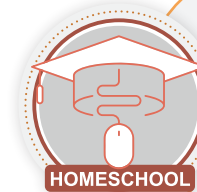
- An article in Gale Elementary about a mythological character.
- An image that is re-used by someone claiming that it is their own (hint: use reverse image search).
- A doctored image that's part of a news/political post or article.
- A fake "job opportunity."
- A misleading statistic.
- A post on social media promoting a conspiracy theory.
- An infographic with misleading graphics.
- An article with bias.
- An article that presents an opinion as fact.
- One resource to help you out with learning more about information literacy!

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Homeschool Connections

An Educational Resource Tool FALL 2021



Homeschool Hub | ppld.org/homeschool-hub

Whether you are a veteran homeschooling family, or just getting started, visit the PPLD Homeschool Hub to check out community and library events, sign up for eNewsletters, and access reading lists. Click on the "Resources" tab to link to information on getting started, Colorado homeschool law, local enrichment programs, tutoring, extracurricular activities, support organizations, and more.

Information Literacy

In our constantly evolving media landscape, it can be tricky to figure out what's real and what's not. Has that picture been doctored? Is the article biased? Is this job a scam? These questions can seem daunting, but luckily there are resources that teach vitally important skills for how to identify and obtain accurate information. The American Library Association defines information literacy as the ability to "recognize when information is needed and have the ability to locate, evaluate, and use effectively the needed information" (literacy.ala.org/information-literacy). Since the topic is so broad, several types of information literacies have been identified, such as news literacy, digital literacy, visual literacy, media literacy, and data literacy. Homeschool parents can teach important information literacy skills to youth of all ages by utilizing high-quality, free online resources.

Common Sense Digital Citizenship

commonsense.org/education/digital-citizenship

From the folks at Common Sense (you might be familiar with their media reviews), this curriculum teaches skills around online privacy, your digital footprint, and online communication, along with news and media literacy concepts. Included are many full lesson plans for grades K-12, and a complement of quick activities that were developed with researchers from Harvard University. There are even a few educational games for elementary and middle school youth!

Be Internet Awesome

beinternetawesome.withgoogle.com/en_us/

This Google website is designed to teach kids "the fundamentals of digital citizenship and safety so they can explore the online world with confidence." Areas covered here are privacy and security; cyberbullying; phishing and scams; online reputation; and inappropriate content. Download the free curriculum (grades 2-6), which aligns with educational standards, or invite your students to explore "Interland," four interactive games that put important concepts into action.

The News Literacy Project

newsliit.org/newsliit-nation/#tools

A non-profit organization with excellent news literacy tools for youth and educators, NLP caters their lesson plans and activities to middle or high school students. They focus on identifying misinformation and disinformation along with standards-based journalism and bias, which are important skills in today's digital environment. NLP's free Checkology app provides lesson plans and skill building around fact-checking, recognizing bias, avoiding conspiracy theories, and a host of other news literacy tools. A resource library includes lesson plans, infographics, and other classroom activities.

American Library Association: Evaluating Information

libguides.ala.org/InformationEvaluation/Overview

This curated list of websites and subject guides on the topic would be useful aids for those trying to determine how to assess resources and articles for reliability and accuracy. This guide also has information about citations and would be useful for older students who are starting to learn about research.



Learn more at ppld.org/appr

All Pikes Peak Reads is Pikes Peak Library District's annual program geared towards celebrating literature, improving community connection, and fostering dialogue across social, cultural, and generational lines. This fall we invite you to read one of the selected titles, and join us for author visits, programs, and more.



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ppld.org/homeschool-hub/newsletters

Other Cool Resources: Information Literacy Websites

CyberWise

cyberwise.org/cyber-civics-homeschool

Cyber Civics, presented by CyberWise, is a digital literacy curriculum used in schools around the country, with a special version designed specifically for homeschoolers. The three levels of Cyber Civics correspond to the three years of middle school – but don't be afraid to work ahead! Check out the CyberWise Learning Hubs for more digital literacy resources and recommendations.

NAMLE, or Stop Media Monsters

namle.net/mediamonsters

Meet the Media Monsters! Created by the National Association for Media Literacy Education, these four monsters will help children understand how to approach and share media critically. Explore the Resources tab for further information about the core principles of media literacy, tips on how to spot COVID-19 misinformation, and a guide to media literacy for parents.

KidNuz.org

Check out the KidNuz podcast to find 7-minute news stories created specifically for children by veteran broadcast journalists. KidNuz presents children with news relevant to them, and helps them build critical skills for engaging with news and media. Explore the Resource section of the website for additional kid-friendly news stories, education resources, and more.

MediaWise Youtube

youtube.com/mediawise

Visit the MediaWise Youtube page for videos aimed at helping people of all ages build media literacy. Have you ever seen something online and wondered "Is This Legit?" Join the Teen Fact-Checking Network for this video series debunking viral misinformation! Find tips and tricks for using the web in the Navigating Digital Information Crash Course, presented by MediaWise Ambassador John Green. Explore further to find videos teaching specific skills, like how to find an image's source or fact-check information shared on social media.

The New Bookshelf



Lion of Mars

by Jennifer L. Holm

Life on Mars is all 11-year-old Bell has ever known. The youngest of only five kids in America's Mars settlement, Bell loves his cat, wonders about secrets the adults seem to be keeping, and wants to bake a cake for Meems. Though other countries have bases, the U.S. base no longer has any contact with them, and the people in Bell's small settlement are all family to one another. However, when the adults fall ill, the kids are left with the weight of the universe on their shoulders.

Ages 9–12; Sci. Fiction
J-Fiction

13 Ways to Eat a Fly

by Sue Heavenrich

Picture book science is what you will find in this little book! Your kids could easily memorize the countdown numbers and words, and as they do that, they will be able to recall all the ways flies provide sustenance for many other creatures.

Ages 5-10; Science
J-595.77 HEAV

The Way of the Hive: A Honey Bee's Story

by Jay Hosler

This amazing graphic novel is both fun to read and full of solid science. Learn about what happens in the hive as a bee egg develops into a young worker bee and flies off to perform many tasks. A bonus information section appears at the end of the book.

Ages 8-12; Science
J-741.5973 Wayhive Hosl

Kate's Light: Kate Walker at Robbins Reef Lighthouse

by Elizabeth Spire

In 1882, Kate and her son sailed from Germany to America to find a better life. Kate only knew a few English words, but quickly found work as a cook. After marrying John Walker, a lighthouse keeper, she dove into her new life, and even served as lighthouse keeper after her husband died. This story about one of the East Coast's first female lighthouse keepers includes additional information and photographs.

Ages 4-8; Amer. History
J-Biography 387.1 Walk

Esther Didn't Dream of Being Queen

by Allison Ofanansky

Esther, a young Jewish orphan, is forced into a life she never wanted. Unlike Cinderella, another orphan queen, Esther faced real danger and had to put her life on the line. Esther's story can be found in both the Old Testament and the Megillah Scroll, and a first-person narrative makes this retelling compelling.

Ages 4-8; Bible Story
J-222.909505)

PPLD Resources: Information Literacy

As a public library, PPLD has a diverse selection of information literacy resources for folks of all ages. The following is a succinct description of the three that we feel might be most useful to Homeschool Families.

Gale Elementary

go-gale-com.ezproxy.ppld.org/ps/start.do?p=ITKE&u=pike

Gale Elementary is a terrific way to introduce younger students to basic research skills. Users can sort by content level, meaning that there are easy-to-read articles for those just learning to read and articles that would be more appropriate for middle-schoolers. The interface, which is easy to understand and manipulate, introduces basic research skills for finding information in certain formats and sorting information. Use this resource designed for beginners to teach basic information literacy skills for database usage and research.

NorthStar Digital Literacy

digitalliteracyassessment.org/

In addition to assessments for basic computer and software skills, NorthStar Digital Literacy provides students the opportunity to evaluate skills around information literacy, career searching, social media, and their digital footprint! Assessments culminate with a list of skills mastered, and skills needed so that you can tailor your digital literacy education to the needs of your students!

News Literacy Libguide

research.ppld.org/NewsEverywhere

A Libguide is a collection of resources that is curated around a particular topic. PPLD's News Literacy Information Libguide includes tips and techniques, as well as segments dedicated to fact checking, journalistic standards, and reverse image searching, teaching these concepts through a variety of media including video and infographics.

Check the calendar for all events!



Online Games and Interactive Tools



Media Smarts mediasmarts.ca/digital-media-literacy/educational-games

Presented by Canada's Centre for Digital and Media Literacy, this site offers computer games for a variety of grade levels that teach kids about key ideas in media and digital literacy.



Digital Passport commonsense.org/education/digital-passport

This suite of six interactive games from Common Sense Media introduces students in grades 3-5 to important issues kids face in today's digital world. Each game teaches critical skills to help kids learn to use technology responsibly. Download the Educator Guide for more information. Available in Spanish.



Digital Compass digitalcompass.org/

Also from Common Sense Media, this game geared to kids in grades 6-8 uses a choose-your-own-adventure approach to teach students digital citizenship basics. Download the Educator Guide for more information. Available in Spanish.



FBI Cyber Surf Islands sos.fbi.gov/en/

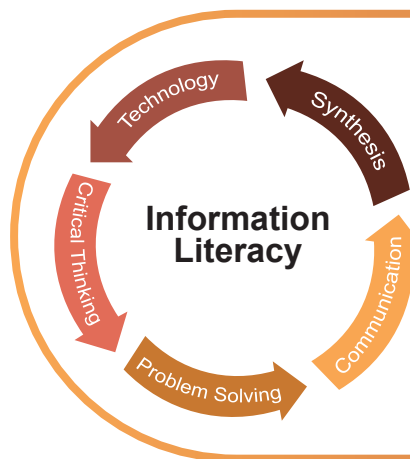
This game created by the FBI to help teach kids about cyber safety features animated islands organized by grade level (3-8), each of which offers different activities (written questions, videos, word searches, and more). Available in Spanish.



Fact or Fake: Can You Tell the Difference Online?

cbc.ca/kidscbc2/the-feed/fact-or-fake-can-you-tell-the-difference-online

This interactive offering from the Canada Broadcasting Corporation introduces the basics of how to evaluate an online news article and then tests students' knowledge with a "Fact vs. Fake" quiz.



Information literacy means being information smart.

- ✓ It means knowing when a book may be more helpful than a computer.
- ✓ It means knowing how to find, evaluate and use information in all forms.
- ✓ Information literacy is more than print literacy, computer literacy or media literacy.

Source:
blogs.bellevue.edu/library/index.php/2013/10/information-literacy-month/

DID YOU KNOW?

Types of Information Sources:

- Books
- Newspapers
- Encyclopedia
- Library Catalog
- Magazines
- Internet
- Databases