

## CREATE! EXPLORE! EXPRESS YOURSELF! Resources for Librarians

### Be Creative: Brain Builders

- **Discovery Education Puzzlemaker** <http://puzzlemaker.discoveryeducation.com/?campaign=PM> This rather commercial site offers some fun puzzlemaking tools for a variety of puzzles.
- **Crossword Puzzle Maker** <http://www.armoredpenguin.com/crossword>  
A nice site for creating simple crossword puzzles. Also includes a collection of puzzles to play made by other site visitors.
- **Crosswords by Ray Hamel** <http://www.primate.wisc.edu/people/hamel/cp.html> Links to many, many crossword puzzles from worldwide sources for printing & solving. Want a crossword puzzle in Swedish? This is your site! Includes anagrams, tips on puzzle solving, and a listing of crossword creation software.
- **Sudoku Page** <http://sudoku.com.au> A nice basic daily on-line puzzle site which allows you to create & submit puzzles, join a blog, visit the archive for more puzzles, etc. Includes small, easy sudokus for kids.
- **Simply Sudoku** <http://sudoku.wetpaint.com/?t=anon> Good site for Sudoku history, puzzle-solving tips, and links to major newspaper sudokus.
- **Sudoku 9981** <http://www.sudoku9981.com/printable-sudoku> Nice site for finding lots of printable sudokus – easy, medium, hard, & kids' puzzles.

### Express Yourself: Writers' Sites

- **Writer's Digest** <http://www.writersdigest.com/101BestSites> 100 best sites for writers – resources, links, publishers, writing groups, cool sites just for fun.
- **The Write Site** <http://pages.sssnet.com/ohiobar/writesite.html> Billed as having “something for every web writer,” this site has tips for writers, competition information, and lots of links to other interesting sites.
- **Every Poet.com** <http://www.everypoet.com> This site has some great elements – on-line forums for posting & discussing your - and others' - poems, a haiku writing area, poetry reading recommendations, lots of poetry searchable by topic, poet, etc. The ads are annoying, but they pay for the nice bits.

- **All Words.com** <http://www.allwords.com/wlinks.php> Lots of links for wordsmiths: blogs, dictionaries, songs, speeches, quotes, etc. – it's all here.

### Explore New York

- **Be Creative @ Your Library: Explore New York** <http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev/summer/nyshstry.htm> The official New York State Summer Reading site with the addendum to the 3-ring binder manual. Lots of ideas to support libraries in joining in with the state-wide 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Samuel de Champlain & Henry Hudson & the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Robert Fulton.
- **I Love New York** <http://www.iloveny.com/home.aspx> Official New York State travel site.
- **New York State Department of Environmental Conservation** <http://www.dec.ny.gov/index.html> Great resources for exploring New York: fact sheets on the state's animals, plants, & aquatic life; printable posters & brochures; regional maps of public lands for hikers, boaters, skiers, etc.
- **New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation** <http://nysparks.state.ny.us> Local and state-wide exploration information: heritage trails, campsites, maps, golf courses, etc.

### Reading in the Library: Lists, Book Reviews, & More

- **Bookspace** [www.hclib.org/pub/bookspace](http://www.hclib.org/pub/bookspace) Hennepin County Library, Minnesota. This reader's page is a nice example for libraries to use as a model. A few reading lists, a few new titles, lists compiled by readers, and some nice weblinks. Readers will love the chance to contribute a list.
- **Library Booklists** <http://librarybooklists.org/> One of the booklist sites – original lists and annotated lists from other libraries for adults, children, & teens. Where else can you find not one but 4 bibliographies of books on Drowned Towns? The site also has an Authors' Birthday Calendar with lots of links, a section for Reading Groups (resources including discussion guides, tips on starting a group, and a list of fiction and non-fiction books about reading groups), and a blog on all things booky (an ATM that dispenses books? Read about it here!)
- **Overbooked** [www.overbooked.org](http://www.overbooked.org) Overbooked is “the resource for readers” with “information about fiction and readable non-fiction” in a variety of genres. Of particular note are the many links to reviews – a great resource for libraries which can't afford subscriptions to professional

periodicals – and the look ahead to books to be published in the coming months.

- **Seattle Public Library, Reader's Corner**  
[http://www.spl.org/default.asp?pageID=collection\\_readinglists](http://www.spl.org/default.asp?pageID=collection_readinglists) A nice collection of fiction and non-fiction reading lists for adults, teens, and children plus lists of fiction books with people with disabilities. While you're visiting, take a few minutes to check out the book group section with tips for starting and running a group, selecting books for discussion (for adults, children, & teens), etc.
- **Springfield Public Library, MA**  
<http://www.springfieldlibrary.org/reading/booklist.html> Lists, lists, and more lists – a treasure trove for readers of all ages (children, teens, & adults.)

### **Programming**

- Imhoff, Kathleen R. T. and Maslin, Ruthie. ***Library Contests***, 2007.
- Lear, Brett W. ***Adult Programs in the Library***, 2002.
- ***The Reading America Toolkit: How to Plan and Implement an Intergenerational and Intercultural Reading and Discussion Program at Your Library***, 2005.

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- Cyr, Ann-Marie and Kellie M. Gillespie. ***Something to Talk About: Creative Booktalking For Adults***, 2006
- Fineman, Marcia. ***Talking About Books: A Step-By-Step Guide for Participating in a Book Discussion Group***. 1998.
- Greenwood, Monique. ***The Go on Girl! Book Club Guide for Reading Groups***, 1999.
- Jacobsohn, Rachel W. ***The Reading Group Handbook: Everything You Need to Know to Start your Own Book Club***, rev. ed., 1998.
- John, Lauren Zina. ***Running Book Discussion Groups: A How-To-Do-It Manual***, 2006.
- Moore, Ellen. ***Good Books Lately: The One-Stop Resource for Book Groups and Other Greedy Readers***, 2004.

- Niebuhr, Gary Warren. *Read 'Em Their Writes: A Handbook for Mystery and Crime Fiction Book Discussions*, 2006.
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- Pearlman, Mickey. *What to Read: the Essential Guide for Reading Group Members and Other Book Lovers*, 1999.
- *Reading Group Choices: Selections for Lively Book Discussions*, 2009.
- **Barnes & Noble Book Clubs** <http://bookclubs.barnesandnoble.com/> Participants are invited to “explore great books and meet bestselling authors” and the author interviews are one of the strengths of this fun site. Also of note: book groups for writers. This is a nice site for readers who want to participate in a group on-line.
- **Book-Clubs-Resource.com** <http://www.book-clubs-resource.com/> This site bills itself as “a complete guide to book clubs and reading groups with an outstanding collection of links and information for readers,” and it certainly is that. Whether you want to start and run a reading group or just want to find an on-line group to participate in, this site can help you.
- **BookMuse** <http://www.bookmuse.com/> Designed to “make book discussions smarter,” this site offers the usual tips for starting and running a book group, information on a variety of titles, and author interviews. Interesting features: readers are invited to write reviews and a Kids' Corner offers book/author information for kindergarten – teens.
- **Reading Group Choices** <http://www.readinggroupchoices.com/> Another nice all-around site with suggested titles and accompanying information. Of note: news for book groups and helpful links to other sites.
- **ReadingGroupGuides.com** <http://www.readinggroupguides.com/> The strength of this site is in the reading guides it offers with information about the book, discussion questions, author biography and interview. There are also tips on forming and running a reading group, recipes, and information on children's and young adult book groups. Book groups are invited to register making them eligible to enter prize drawings for prizes such as author chats, free books, etc.

### **Social Networks**

- **CrimeSpace** <http://crimespace.ning.com> A place for readers and writers of crime fiction to meet. Chat, blog, check out the e-zines, enter a contest.

### **Readers' Advisory Services (Matching the Book to the Patron)**

- Charles, John. *The Mystery Readers' Advisory: The Librarian's clues to Murder and Mayhem*, 2002.
- Cords, Sarah Statz. *The Real Story: A Guide to Nonfiction Reading Interests*, 2006.
- Gannon, Michael B. *Blood, Bedlam, Bullets, and Badguys: A Reader's Guide to Adventure/Suspense Fiction*, 2004.
- Herald, Diana Tixier. *Strictly Science Fiction*, 2002.
- Hollands, Neil. *Read On...Fantasy Fiction*, 2007.
- *Readers' Advisor's Companion*, 2001.

### **Displays/Marketing**

- Byrd, Susannah Mississippi. *Bienvenidos! Welcome! A Handy Resource Guide for Marketing Your Library to Latinos*, 2005.
- LaPerriere, Jenny and Trish Christiansen. *Merchandising Made Simple: Using Standards and Dynamite Displays to Boost Circulation*, 2008.
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- Wolfe, Lisa A. *Library Public Relations, Promotions, and Communications*, 2005.
- Woodward, Jeannette. *Creating the Customer-Driven Library: Building On the Bookstore Model*, 2005.
- **What Libraries Can Learn From Bookstores**  
<http://www.webjunction.org/do/DisplayContent?id=1191> This WebJunction article on marketing by Chris Rippel, Central Kansas Library System, compares libraries with bookstores. Displays, he says, are the most effective way of attracting readers to books, and he has some helpful tips for us on how to design and create winning displays.

## Everything About the Book

- **BookBrowse** [www.BookBrowse.com](http://www.BookBrowse.com) While this site does not list all books, it includes lots of information about those it does: reviews from a wide variety of sources, author biographies & interviews, reading guides & book excerpts. Also: tips on starting and running book discussion groups & lists of bestsellers in the US, Canada, the UK, & Australia.
- **Bookpage** [www.bookpage.com](http://www.bookpage.com) Book reviews, author interviews, & topical articles. A good source for patrons to discover new books/authors. This is the on-line versions of the periodical distributed in bookstores.
- **BookSpot** [www.bookspot.com/readinglists](http://www.bookspot.com/readinglists) The site to find links to book lists for all ages compiled by public libraries across the US, book reviews, book awards, bestsellers, etc.

## Pseudonyms

- **a.k.a.** [www.trussel.com/books/pseudo.htm](http://www.trussel.com/books/pseudo.htm) Author pseudonyms, aliases, nicknames, working names, pen names, etc.

## Reading Sites

- **International Reading Association** <http://www.reading.org/resources/tools/parent.html> Good literacy resources to share with parents; best of all, these are available in both English and Spanish.
- **Reading Is Fundamental (RIF)** <http://www.rif.org/> Lots of reading tips, games, activities, booklists, etc for librarians as well as parents, this site is notable for its resources being available in Spanish as well as English.
- **Summer Reading Tips** <http://www.ldonline.org/article/36> Although targeted to parents of children with learning disabilities, all parents will find these suggestions by the Coordinated Campaign for Learning Disabilities helpful.

## Recommended Reading From Around the Globe

- **Based On the Book** <http://www.mcpl.lib.mo.us/readers/movies/> The Mid Continent Public library, Independence, Missouri has a guide to assist in locating books, short stories, and plays that have been made into movies.
- **If You Like...Fiction & Non-Fiction** <http://christchurchcitylibraries.com/Literature/IfYouLike> another nice list for finding both fiction and nonfiction when you want something like

- something else you've read. Nice touches: lists of large print books, New Zealand fiction, & a stupendous list of mysteries "by a woman solved."
- **Overbooked** [www.overbooked.org](http://www.overbooked.org) The website for "ravenous readers" has short reviews and lists, lists, lists.
  - **Reading...just imagine**  
[http://www.galaxy.bedfordshire.gov.uk/webingres/bedfordshire/vlib/0.books\\_reading/books.htm](http://www.galaxy.bedfordshire.gov.uk/webingres/bedfordshire/vlib/0.books_reading/books.htm) A variety of nice information for readers from Bedfordshire Libraries in the U.K. Compare their tips on starting a reading group with those from libraries on this side of the Atlantic.
  - **Waterloo Public Library Readers Corner**  
[www.wpl.ca/site/goodreads/good\\_reads.asp](http://www.wpl.ca/site/goodreads/good_reads.asp) This compilation of fiction booklists by subject from the Waterloo Public Library, Waterloo, Ontario is extensive and has the bonus of also offering lists of Canadian authors.