Teen activity

Digital Citizenship:
Etiquette and Responsibility in an Online World

As we become more and more globally connected through the use of the internet, cell phones, and other devices, what does it mean to be a good citizen in an increasingly networked and digitally centered world? According to code.org, a nonprofit that provides free lesson plans and student activities to promote computer science, a digital citizen is “someone who acts safely, responsibly, and respectfully online.” Let’s look at each of these factors separately:

Someone who acts safely online is someone who follows standard safety practices. These practices include not sharing identifying personal information, such as full name, age, birthday, address, school, or personal information that would enable identity theft. Online safety also includes creating strong and unique passwords, a child or youth telling an adult if they are uncomfortable with something found online or a message they receive, and not responding to messages unless the sender is known.

Someone who acts responsibly online is someone who goes beyond basic safety rules and extrapolates the principles to all of their online interactions. A responsible online user does not lie about their age to access websites intended for an older audience and is careful about what information they enter when registering for websites. If they are going to post a photo or video of someone else, they first request permission.

Someone who acts respectfully online treats others as they would want to be treated. They think before they post anything, be it comments, photos, videos, or other content. They stop extrapolates the principles to all of their online interactions. A responsible online user does not lie about their age to access websites intended for an older audience and is careful about what information they enter when registering for websites. If they are going to post a photo or video of someone else, they first request permission.

1. “Read the message out loud. Is it clear? Is it kind?”
2. “Picture your friend’s reaction. How do you think your friend will feel when she reads the message?”
3. “Count to ten. This gives you one more chance to read your message — and rewrite it if you need to.”

Good digital citizens can use the internet to stay connected with family and friends who are far away, to make new friends with similar or diverse interests, to express their creativity, and to promote and engage in positive change. They can be researchers, entrepreneurs, or advocates, to name just a few exciting opportunities to be found online.

Resources:

A Smart Girl’s Guide to the Internet by Sharon Cindrich
Online Etiquette and Safety by Phylis Cornwall
Kids Get Coding: Online Safety for Coders by Heather Lyons
Screenwise: Helping Kids Thrive (and Survive) in Their Digital World by DeVorah Heitner
code.org/curriculum/course20/10/Teacher (lesson plan on digital citizenship)
commonsense.org/education/scope-and-sequence (lesson plans for digital citizenship divided by grade level)
pbskids.org/webonauts (interactive game for ages 8 - 10 to learn about digital citizenship)
Have you been wondering what happened to Brainfuse? This homework helper is still around but has been renamed Help Now. There are multiple ways to find it in our PPLD database collection, here is just one.

1. Go to ppld.org
2. In the green box on the right hand side of the screen, select PPLD Kids
3. Scroll down and select the HOMEWORK circle.
4. Select all the DATABASES circle.
5. Scroll down and select the HELP NOW database.

**HelpNow**

Live homework help and skills building from almost any subject, including writing and reading assistance. Designed for grades K-12. Along with live tutoring each day, HELP NOW has several other useful tools:

- **SKILL SURFER** – Online practice tests and quizzes, including ACT, SAT, AP, and more.
- **LEAP LAB** – More practice tests for the ACT/ SAT/College Readiness/GED, however, these tests aren’t aligned to your skill level and changes as you improve.
- **SEND QUESTION** – Stumped? Send your question and a tutor will respond with an answer in one business day.
- **FLASHBULBS** – Study various topics with online flash cards, crosswords, matching games, etc. Don’t know what you need? Enter your data and it will create flashcards for you.

Take a moment to explore the many learning tools in this valuable database. What treasures will you find?

Pikes Peak Library District

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**Washi Tape Workshop** (Ages 9+)

Make some fun things with Washi tape.

Tues., Sept. 19; 5 - 6 p.m.

High Prairie Library

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**Escape the Room**

Oregon Trail Edition

(Ages 12 - 18)

Escape the Room's theme is the Oregon Trail in honor of our All Pikes Peaks Read pick, Under a Painted Sky by Stacey Lee. The room is open from Sat., Sept. 9; 3 p.m. - East Teen Center.

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**Teen/Tween Programs**

**Barbie Zombies** (Ages 9+)

Join in, play a barbie and turn them into creepy zombies. Bring your own Barbies or we will have a couple for you to destroy.

Thu., Oct. 26; 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

High Prairie Library

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**Magic Fortune Jars** (Ages 9+)

Find out what your future will hold with these cool fortune jars.

Fri., Nov. 3; 4 - 5 p.m.

High Prairie Library

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**Western Movie Marathon**

(Ages 18+)

Celebrate all our All Pikes Peaks Reads pick, Under a Painted Sky by Stacey Lee, by watching our Western Movie Marathon. We will show Magnificent 7 at 1 p.m. and True Grit at 3:30 p.m. Tasty snacks will be served.

Sat., Sept. 23; 1 and 3:30 p.m.

East Teen Center

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**Dungeons and Dragons**

(Ages 12 - 18)

Join teens that are passionate about Dungeons and Dragons!

Wed., Oct. 4; 4 - 5:30 p.m.

East Teen Center

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**First Friday Gaming**

(Ages 12 - 18)

Are you ready to show off your mad gaming skills? Want to learn how to game? Join us for a friendly competition on the Wii U of Super Smash Bros.

Fri., Nov. 10; 4 - 6 p.m.

East Teen Center

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**Celebrating High Prairie's 7th Anniversary Harvest Festival**

Tue., Sept. 19

(Ages 9+)

Come out! This escape room's theme is the Oregon Trail in honor of our All Pikes Peaks Read pick, Under a Painted Sky by Stacey Lee. The room is open from Sat., Sept. 9; 3 p.m. - East Teen Center.

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**Under a Painted Sky** Book Discussion

Join us in discussion of Under a Painted Sky by Stacey Lee from Sept. 9th.

Wed., Oct. 4; 6:30 p.m.

East Teen Center

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**PPLD Kids**

Visit our selection of pre-readers, early readers, middle readers, and young adult books.

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**Teen All Pikes Peak Reads**

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***PPLD is proud to announce the theme and book titles for the All Pikes Peaks Reads 2017 initiative: Cultures, Conflicts, & Cuisines. This theme connects the threads of cultural enlightenment, familial and social conflicts, social and romantic influences, and cuisines that make our world such a diverse home for us all.***

This fall, PPLD will present a variety of programs to the community, including author visits, concerts, film screenings, community discussions and panel presentations, theater productions, culinary demos, art installations, gallery exhibitions, and more. Check ppld.org/appr to find programs you might enjoy and—talk about the outstanding 2017 featured titles listed below.

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**Teen Selection Under a Painted Sky** by Stacey Lee

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**Children’s Selection Save Me a Seat** by Sarah Weeks and Gita Varadarajan

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**Academic Selection**

*True Grit*, by Anna Deavere Smith

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**Kids Programs**

**Homeschool Science East**

This academic program for grades 1-5, each featuring a different science topic, will offer kids an engaging variety of learning experiences. Homeschooled students of all ages and their parents are encouraged to participate. Contact flashshack@ppld.org or check online at ppld.org for more information.

**Homeschool Selection**

Third Friday of Each Month • 1 p.m. • East Library

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**Homeschool Rockrimmon**

Enjoy activities with other homeschool families.

**Second Thursday of Each Month**

1:30 - 3:30 p.m. • Rockrimmon Library

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**Homeschool High Prairie**

Enjoy activities with other homeschool families.

**Second Thursday of Each Month**

1:30 - 3:30 p.m. • High Prairie Library

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**Family Fun**

Crafters, artists, children, and crafts more at monthly programs. Fun for the whole family! Check online at ppld.org or all your local library for upcoming events.

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**Make Art!**

Kids in grades 1 - 5 can create a unique work of art one Saturday afternoon at East Library.

Contact (719) 531-6333, x4103 for dates and themes.