

Wealth O' Web Sites for Young Writers

We have compiled a list of web sites for young adults and emergent writers. These sites are recommended as starting points and a brief description is included when possible. The trick comes in finding sites that fit the wide variety of needs and interests of young writers that provide a forum for thoughtful exchange, supportive feedback and publishing. We recommend that you visit these sites yourself and/or with your students and spend some time evaluating the quality and appropriateness of the content.

Bean Stalk Stories

<http://storytrain.kids-space.org/>

Kids everywhere are invited to start a story, add to one, or finish one. Children under the age of sixteen can even add a picture to an already published story or write a story that explains an already published picture. There are many reminders to stay safe on the Internet.

Creative Kids

http://www.prufrock.com/client/client_pages/prufrock_jm_createkids.cfm

The website of a national magazine for kids 8-14. Features sample pieces and allows kids to submit poetry, prose or essays.

Fan Fiction

<http://www.fanfiction.net/>

There are many categories of fan fiction that can be browsed. "Sign Up" to be able to post poetry and short stories online for other kids to read.

Figment

<http://figment.com>

Figment.com is a free platform for young people to read and write fiction, both on their computers and on their cell phones. Users are invited to write novels, short stories and poems, collaborate with other writers, and give and receive feedback on the work posted on the site.

Internet Public Library, Teen Division

<http://www.ipl.org/div/teen/>

Click on the "Reading and Writing" link for a wealth of resources (links to other pages), including authors, blogs, poetry, reading lists and clubs, teen writing, writing instruction, 'zines, and resources.

"I Love to Write Book" Activity & Resource Center

<http://www.lovetowritebook.org>

Quotes, activities, writing tips, and information on how to get published. This site is inspired by the *I Love to Write* book.

Paradigm Online Writing Assistant

<http://www.powa.org/>

Online writing assistant for young adults, including "Freewriting," which has writing ideas and tips on what can be the most difficult part of any project...starting. It also has many resources for writing academic essays.

Poetry Writing with Jack Prelutsky

http://teacher.scholastic.com/writewit/poetry/jack_home.htm

Learn how to write a poem that Mr. Prelutsky will publish! Includes poetry writing tips, a huge collection of student's writing, Jack's biography, and sound clips of his poems.

Poetry Zone

<http://www.poetryzone.co.uk> (New Address)

Publish poetry online for kids ages 4-18. This newly refurbished site also has other information on poets and poetry.

Purdue Writing Lab

<http://owl.english.purdue.edu/>

Online writing lab for high school/college-age students. This site includes help with citing sources, paraphrasing, a grammar hotline, tutorials, workshops, and reference materials.

Story Writing Tips for Kids Presented by Corey Green

<http://www.coreygreen.com/storytips.html>

Seven simple steps to writing a story. Corey Green is a children's book author who writes middle grade fiction. He also has ideas to succeed in writing book reports.

Teen Ink

<http://www.teenink.com/>

Teen Ink has no staff writers and depends completely on teen readers to submit work. There is no charge to submit or to be published. Read and/or submit nonfiction, interviews, opinion pieces, art, college essays and reviews, poetry, fiction, reviews, sports, and community service experiences. Also now features help with the college essay.

Young Authors Guide

http://newpages.com/npguides/young_authors_guide.htm

A site where young authors can find places to publish writing. This site provides a select list of children's and teen publications in print and online that have open submissions with guidelines, an editorial selection process, and a regular print cycle. Some publish only young authors, some publish all ages for children and teen audiences. For more specific submission guidelines, visit the publication's website.

Websites that require fees:

KidPub

<http://www.kidpub.com/>

A safe and fun site for kids who love to write. A one-year membership costs \$12.95 and it includes access to discussion boards and free entry into all KidPub writing contests. One of the really cool things about this site is that it offers professional publishing packages. For any kid (or adult) who wants to be published without having to deal with the usual hassles of the editors and publishers of other publishing companies.

Magic Dragon Magazine

<http://www.magicdragonmagazine.com/>

A full-color, quarterly magazine that includes writing and art created by children. It costs \$22.00 for a one-year subscription (4 issues) and only a very few pages of the magazine are online.

New Moon Girls

<http://www.mewmoon.com/>

A safe and secure online community and print magazine for girls ages eight and up. A one-year membership costs \$34.95 and includes twelve months of online access and six print issues. Girls can share/publish poetry, artwork and videos. It also has adult-moderated discussions about self-esteem and positive body image.

Stone Soup

<http://www.stonesoup.com>

The website for *Stone Soup*, "the magazine by children." Kids under the age of thirteen can submit work (prose, poetry and illustrations) and may see it published. All published work can be found online in their archives, but some may find it easier or preferable to purchase a subscription. A one-year subscription costs \$37.00.

Youth Outlook! (YO!)

<http://www.youthoutlook.org/news>

YO! Youth Outlook is an award-winning literary journal of youth life in the Bay Area. Featuring in-depth reporting pieces and first-person essays, comic strips and poetry pages, *YO!* is the communication outlet for youth who feel their voice and vision need to be seen and heard. It does cost \$12.00 a year for a student subscription and many articles and artwork only appear in the magazine.