The following list of resources have been provided as a reference to help parents select educational material for their children. If parents are interested in acquiring any of the reading materials listed, they can either subscribe to receive personal copies or check out the magazines from their local library. A host of these resources are also available to read on-line. Permission has been granted from the Monroe County Public Library in Indiana to the Georgia Department of Education for reproduction and redistribution of this information.

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MAGAZINES FOR CHILDREN

Note: Age level recommendations for some of the magazines listed below are based on those given in the reference book *Magazines for Young People* (JR 051 Ka). (Age recommendations made by the publisher may differ.)

- **American Girl** http://www.americangirl.com/agmg/index.html
  Designed to celebrate the achievements and foster the creativity of girls ages 8-12 *American Girl* magazine is filled with craft projects, games, girl-to-girl advice and more! The companion web site features a variety of fun activities.
- **AppleSeeds** http://www.cobblestonepub.com/magazine/APP/
  Geared to children ages 7-9, each themed issue covers a social studies topic. Includes articles, interviews, photographs and activities.
- **Ask : Arts and Sciences for Kids** http://www.cobblestonepub.com/magazine/ASK/
  Features puzzles, riddles, cartoons, articles and more inviting readers ages 6-9 to explore the world's greatest artists, inventors and other thinkers.
- **Babybug** http://www.cobblestonepub.com/magazine/BBB/
  Designed for children 6 months to 2 years old, this boardbook magazine contains colorful pictures, short stories and rhymes to engage listeners and encourage children to try reading.
- **Boys' Life** http://www.boyslife.org/
  Features the cover picture and contents from the current issue, but only selected articles are available online. Includes a section where you can download the plans for making various projects, such as stilts or a telegraph.
- **Boys' Quest** http://www.boysquest.com/
  Geared toward elementary-age boys, includes stories, poems, crafts and other educational activities.
- **Calliope World History for Young People**
  http://www.cobblestonepub.com/magazine/CAL/
  Designed to help readers between the ages of 9-15 understand how historical events

intertwine, each issue of Calliope is devoted to one theme in world history. The web site lists current and upcoming themes and links to theme-related web sites and others of interest to children and teachers.

- **Chickadee** http://www.owlkids.com/chickaDEE/index.html
  Filled with puzzles, games, pictures and activities of interest to children between the ages of 5 and 9, *Chickadee* features colorful photos and stories emphasizing funny, unusual and true information about animals and people.
- **Chirp** http://www.owlkids.com/chirp/index.html
  Subtitled "The See and Do, Laugh and Learn Magazine," *Chirp* is recommended for children ages 6-9. Features short stories, jokes, puzzles and other games. The web site also features activities for young children.
- **Click** http://www.cobblestonepub.com/magazine/CLK/
  A magazine for ages 3-7 from the publishers of *Cricket* and *Smithsonian Magazine*. Includes articles, stories, cartoons, activities and more to help introduce young people to the world around them.
- **Cobblestone American History for Kids**
  http://www.cobblestonepub.com/magazine/COB/
  Geared for kids ages 8-14, each issue examines a part of America's past. The web site lists current and upcoming themes and links to theme-related web sites and others of interest to children and teachers.
- **Creative Kids** : The National Voice for Kids
  http://www.prufrock.com/client/client_pages/prufrock_jm_createkids.cfm
  Includes stories, games, opinions, poetry, drawings and more written by kids for kids between the ages of 8 and 14. Published by Prufrock Press, which supports the education of gifted children, this magazine aims to stimulate and encourage the creativity of readers and invites kids to submit their creative work. Visit the website for guidelines.
- **Cricket** http://www.cobblestonepub.com/magazine/CKT/
  Features children's literature, poems, stories, articles, songs, crafts and jokes for children ages 8-12. Contributors are often internationally known authors and illustrators. Regular features include "Cricket League" (a story, art, or poetry contest), crossword puzzle, and letters from children to the magazine.
- **Dig** http://www.cobblestonepub.com/magazine/DIG/
  A Cobblestone publication produces in cooperation with the Archaeological Institute of America, *Dig* brings the excitement of archaeology and other earth sciences to readers, ages 9-14. Each issue focuses on a theme and contains information and activities, colorful graphics and photos to promote a broad understanding of the featured topic.
- **Discovery Girls** http://www.discoverygirls.com/
  Created by girls for girls, ages 8-12. Includes articles on a variety of hot topics, from fashion to technology. Every other month, the magazine editors travel to a different part of the country to involve a new 12-girl panel in the creation of the magazine. Visit the magazine's website to find out how to apply to be a "Discovery Girl."
- **Faces : Peoples, Places and Cultures**
  http://www.cobblestonepub.com/magazine/FAC/
  Geared for children ages 9-14, this magazine provides historical information about places in the news, colorful photos, maps and activities to help young people increase their knowledge of world cultures.
- **FootSteps**: African American History http://www.footstepsmagazine.com/
  Designed to help young people discover more about African American History. Includes informational articles and interviews, historical photos and artwork, maps and activities.
- **Girls' Life Magazine** http://www.girlslife.com/
  Geared to girls 10 to 15, this magazine (six issues a year) is packed with advice on friends, family, school, crushes, fashion and beauty. More of the same is available on their website.

- **Highlights for Children** http://www.highlights.com/
  Issues contain poems, stories, puzzles, jokes, riddles, rebus stories, crafts, and hidden pictures. There is something for everyone ages 4-12.
- **Hopscotch** http://www.hopscotchmagazine.com/
  Geared toward elementary-age girls, includes stories, poems, crafts and other educational activities.
- **Jack and Jill** http://www.jackandjillmag.org/
  Published by the Children's Better Health Institute, this monthly/bimonthly magazine is geared to children between the ages of 7 and 10. It features current event and other special interest stories, as well as "things to do" and "jokes and riddles."
- **Kids Discover** http://www.kidsdiscover.com/default.aspx
  This full-color, monhtly magazine covers nature, science and geography topics for children ages 6 and older. Each issue is devoted to a specific subject. Magazines are shelved by subject area in the nonfiction collection.
- **Ladybug** http://www.cobblestonepub.com/magazine/LYB/
  This is a magazine from the publishers of *Cricket*, targeted to a younger audience (2-7). It contains numerous learning activities with a particular focus on reading and understanding. Contains poems, stories, cartoons, and activities.
- **Muse** http://www.cobblestonepub.com/magazine/MUS/
  A magazine for ages 9-14 from the publishers of *Cricket* and *Smithsonian Magazine*. Includes articles and activities about science, nature, poetry, music and more.
- **National Geographic Kids** (Formerly called National Geographic World) http://www.nationalgeographic.com/ngkids/
  Published by the National Geographic Society for kids between the ages of 8 and 14, *Kids* covers a wide variety of topics, but focuses on geography, adventure, wildlife and science issues. The web site includes links to stories, fun facts, games and other activities.
- **New Moon** http://www.newmoon.org
  New Moon: The Magazine for Girls and Their Dreams is an international magazine designed "for every girl who wants her voice heard and her dreams taken seriously." Featuring girl editors, ages 8-14, and girl contributors from around the world, the magazine includes stories, poems, artwork, personal profiles and a variety of informational articles.
- **Nick Jr. Magazine**
  The magazine that helps "kids play to learn and parents learn to play" features stories, news and activities for parents and preschoolers to do together, a pullout section for preschoolers and tips for adults.
- **Nick Magazine** http://www.nick.com/all_nick/nick_mag/
  Geared to older schoolage children (ages 8-15), the magazine features a special topic each month. Also includes cartoons, stories, activities, and news about celebrities, movies, music, sports and other aspects of kid culture.
- **Odyssey** http://www.cobblestonepub.com/magazine/ODY/
  The web site for "The science magazine for young adventurers!" Includes information about the current issue, sections on science news, science fun, a teachers guide, and links to webcams around the world! (Recommended for ages 10-16.)
- **OWLkids Online** http://www.owlkids.com/
  Geared for children over 8, **Owl** magazine aims to interest children in nature, science and the world around them. The website includes links to Chickadee Net, designed for kids between ages of 6 and 9, Wired Owl, for kids 8 and older, and CyberFamily - a place for parents to explore.
- **Plays** http://www.playsmag.com/
  The Drama Magazine for Young People, this monthly publication (October thru May) includes in each issue 8-10 plays for elementary, middle and high-school aged students.
- **Ranger Rick** http://www.nwf.org/gowild/
  Monthly magazine for kids ages 7 and up features colorful animal photos, funny drawings,

and exciting stories that inform children about nature, outdoor adventure, and helping the environment. The online version of the magazine includes web sites for homework help, monthly activities, games, sections for parents and teachers and a sneak preview of the current issue.

- **Sesame Street Magazine** http://www.sesameworkshop.org/sesamestreet/
  Early learning concepts are featured via stories, poems, and activities with Bert, Ernie, and other Sesame Street Characters. Recommended for ages 2-6, the magazine is published monthly as a supplement to ***Parenting*** Magazine. The website connects to Sesame Workshop pages for parents and kids.
- **Skipping Stones** : An International Multicultural Magazine
  http://www.skippingstones.org
  A nonprofit children's magazine, *Skipping Stones* provides a playful forum for sharing ideas and experiences among children from different lands and backgrounds. The magazine accepts art and original writings in every language and from all ages. Non-English writings are accompanied by English translations. Each issue (5 during a school-year), also contains international pen pals, book reviews, news, and a guide for parents and teachers. More information and a sample issue is available on the magazine's website.
- **Spider** http://www.cobblestonepub.com/magazine/SDR/
  Another magazine from the publishers of *Cricket*, recommended for ages 6-9. Contains stories, articles, poems, drawings, cartoons and letters all with the aim of getting children interested in reading.
- **Sports Illustrated for Kids Online** http://www.sikids.com
  Monthly magazine for elementary age children includes interviews with sports heroes, comics, action photos and much more. The Web version mirrors the print edition while capitalizing on the magazine's interactive appeal.
- **Stone Soup** http://www.stonesoup.com/
  This international magazine is written and illustrated by children between the ages of 8 and 13. The web site includes examples of the stories, poems, artwork and book reviews that appear in sample issues, project ideas and guidelines for contributing to the magazine.
- **Time Magazine for Kids** http://www.timeforkids.com/TFK/
  The web site for this current-events oriented monthly magazine for kids features news, games and activities, as well as sections for teachers and parents.
- **U.S. Kids** http://www.uskidsmag.org/
  Published eight times a year by the Children's Better Health Institute, *U.S. Kids* is a magazine about kids ages 6-10. Readers will find stories about the achievements of kids their own age, puzzles, games, and opportunities to contribute to the magazine, as well. The web site for the magazine also features activities for kids.
- **Wild Animal Baby** http://www.nwf.org/wildanimalbaby/
  A publication of the National Wildlife Federation, the magazine includes stories, fingerplays and big colorful photographs and drawings of wild animals for children between the ages of 1 and 3. The website offers more games and activities for young children.
- **Your Big Backyard** http://www.nwf.org/yourbigbackyard/
  Also published by the National Wildlife Federation, this monthly magazine introduces 3-7 year olds to the fascinating world of nature. It features big, colorful photos, read-to-me stories, poems, riddles, and games.
- **Zillions** http://www.zillions.org/
  In September 2000, Zillions stopped publishing its print magazine and decided to exist as an online site only. Sponsored by Consumer Reports Online, the site (now called *Consumer Reports Online for Kids*) features articles produced by Zillions between 1999 and 2001. Geared to children 8 and older, the site features toy and other product tests and informative articles designed to help kids become smart consumers and make informed decisions about money matters.