

GALILEO & More Information Resources for Home Schoolers Information Services, Athens-Clarke County Library

Searchasaurus (GALILEO)

- **What is it?**
Magazine articles and encyclopedia
- **Who's it for?**
Elementary school students.
- **How to use it?**
Search by keyword or browse by category. Filter by type of source. Sort by relevance or date. Also has a searchable image collection.
- **Special features**
Dictionary. Funk & Wagnalls Encyclopedia. Teacher resources. Title list to search within a publication. Lexile levels provided.
- **Where's Help?**
Upper right corner. It includes tutorial and instructions for all kinds of searching.

Kids Search (GALILEO)

- **What is it?**
Newspaper & magazine articles, radio & TV transcripts, encyclopedia, books, primary sources.
- **Who's it for?** Elementary through high school
- **How to use it?**
Search by keyword or category. Filter by type of source. Narrow by topic list on side. Sort by relevance or date. Detailed search includes list of topics and subtopics.
- **Special features**
Encyclopedia of Animals. Dictionary. *Funk & Wagnall's Encyclopedia*. Teacher resources. Photos and videos.
- **Where's Help?**
Upper right corner. It includes tutorial and instructions for all kinds of searching.

Sirs Discoverer with Webfind (GALILEO)

- **What is it?** Articles, selected Internet sites, and much more!
- **Who's it for?** Elementary/Middle
- **How to use it?** Keyword search or browse by subject.
- **Special features?** "How to cite" button at bottom of main page. *Compton's Encyclopedia by Britannica*. *World Almanac*. Lexile levels and color coded reading levels. Pathfinders. Activities (like art projects and even jokes). Biographies. Fiction (mostly short stories or excerpts). Country facts. Pictures. Maps. Dictionary & thesaurus.
- **Where's help?** Bottom of the page

Novelist K-8 (GALILEO)

- **What is it?** Information about books. Summaries, book reviews, series order, lexile levels, sometimes readalikes
- **What's it best for?** Elementary & middle school fiction. If you're looking for series order, or a certain fiction topic to accompany a unit you're working on.
- **How to use it?** Search by author or title or keyword
- **Special features** Book reviews, book discussion guides, author biographies, award winners, recommended reads (by genre), curricular connections (articles for educators), picture book extenders (related discussions and activities for many picture books)

Internet resources (Athens Regional Library system page)

- **Where is it?** Link on the Athens-Clarke County Library main page (www.clarke.lib.ga.us) or your Athens Library system library page
- **What is it?** Librarian-selected websites on various topics, including education. These are mostly for adults.

Subject Guides (Athens Regional Library system page)

- **Where is it?** Link on the Athens-Clarke County Library main page (www.clarke.lib.ga.us) or your Athens Library system library page
- **What is it?** A list of useful resources (including books at Athens library) tailored to a subject, including **Homeschooling**

Evaluating websites

ICYouSee: T is for Thinking: A Guide to Critical Thinking About What You See on the Web

<http://www.ithaca.edu/library/training/think.html>

Great Web Sites for Kids Selection Criteria

<http://www.ala.org/ala/alsc/greatwebsites/greatwebsitesforkids/greatwebsites.cfm>

• **Reference desk**

We're located on the 2nd floor of the Athens-Clarke County Library building on Baxter Street. There's always a librarian available happy to assist you.

Phone: 706-613-3650 ext. 356. **Email:** refdesk@athenslibrary.org

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