*Parents Guide to Helping Kids Explore the Internet…*

It is the position of the Payson Public Library that it is the responsibility of parents and/or legal guardians to monitor their child's Net Surfing.

Internet, the "Net," the "Web": it's a worldwide network of information and entertainment accessible through computer and modem.  Even if your children are more comfortable using computers than you are, your involvement can help them be "street smart" on the Information Highway and ensure that their experience is a positive one.

- Explore the Internet with your child.
- If you do not know how to use it, have your child teach you or ask a librarian for help.
- Spend time with your child exploring online sites.
- Be aware that sometimes even recommended and appropriate sites will link directly or indirectly to non-appropriate sites.
- Know that there is no control over who and/or what is on the Internet.
- Be aware that you might find inappropriate material, people with bad manners, computer viruses, harassment, advertising scams, adult material, and sites you may not wish your child to visit.
- Teach your child how to be safe on the Internet.

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Visit The American Library Association's Library & the Internet Toolkit/Tips for Parents. It's a good place to begin learning about and exploring the Internet. Also, The American Library Association's Great Sites for Kids provides a huge assortment of recommended sites.