

Resources

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Books for Adults

- A Parent's Guide to Gifted Children James Webb
- Parents Guide to Best Family Videos Patricia McCormick ** Out of print, go to used book store/site
** Rates hundreds of movies with age recommendations, similar titles, ratings on content (violence, sexual, language), excellent source for moving up age brackets on movies
- Bright Not Broken: Gifted Kids, ADHD, and Autism Diane Kennedy, Rebecca Banks, Temple Grandin
- Smart but Scattered: The Revolutionary "Executive Skills" Approach to Helping Kids Reach Their Potential Peg Dawson and Richard Guare
- Emotional Intensity in Gifted Students: Helping Kids Cope with Explosive Feelings (2nd ed.) Christine Fonseca
- Misdiagnosis and Dual Diagnoses of Gifted Children and Adults: ADHD, Bipolar, OCD, Asperger's, Depression, and Other Disorders James Webb
- 10 Things Not to Say to Your Gifted Child: One Family's Perspective Paperback – August 1, 2011 Nancy N Heilbronne (I didn't care for this book – I didn't need 'parenting' advice I needed 'parenting a gifted kid' advice)
- Mindset: The New Psychology of Success Carol Dweck
- Parenting Gifted Children: The Authoritative Guide From the National Association for Gifted Children
- The Teenage Brain: A Neuroscientist's Survival Guide to Raising Adolescents and Young Adults by Frances E. Jensen

Books for Kids

- Horrible Science Series – Author Nick Arnold, a series of books concentrating on unusual, gory, trivial, or unpleasant facts to emphasize the drama and wonder of science
- Beast Academy Math Books and Curriculum – Teachers standard grade level math material and goes beyond to develop logical thinking and problem solving skills
- The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens: The Ultimate Teenage Success Guide – Author Sean Covey
- The 6 Most Important Decisions You'll Ever Make: A Guide for Teens – By Sean Covey
- Beyond Texting: The Fine Art of Face-to-Face Communication for Teenagers Author Debra Fine
- "Who was" series - Nonfiction biographies of different people throughout the ages (Neil Armstrong, Blackbeard, Leonardo DaVinci, Alexander the Great) various authors
- "What was" series - Nonfiction series about places and events (What was D-day? What were the twin towers? What was the Declaration of Independence?) various authors
- Eyewitness Books - Nonfiction books on multitude of topics with award winning photographs (Dinosaurs, Mythology, Knights and Castles, Space, Volcanoes, Titanic) DK Publishing
- Guinness Book of World Records
- Ripleys Believe It or Not
- Eyewitness Classics – Classic stories retold with photos, illustrations, and factual content about era, people, and society. (Black Beauty, Dracula, Robin Hood, A Christmas Carol, Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde) DK Publishing with various authors
- F in Exams/F for Effort, etc. – Richard Benson, multiple books showing actual answers to tests, homework, and quiz questions. Some real answers are obvious guesses and some are to show how poorly written the questions were. Advanced sense of humor and puns – my kids thought these were hilarious when other people didn't understand why they were funny! A must!

- The Book of Totally Irresponsible Science: 64 Daring Experiments for Young Scientists – Sean Connolly; book of science experiments using everyday objects, got this as a great gift that came with balloons, baking soda, baggies, straws and other items needed for the experiments

Work/Play/Puzzles Books

- The Greatest Dot to Dot Book in the World – (multiple books) Not your standard dot-to-dots, puzzles average 150 dots and may also contain puzzle-dot-to-dots, David Kalvitis
- XXX Mazes – Roger Moreau, not your average easy mazes, complicated and with great illustrations (Wizard Magic Mazes, Treasure Hunt Mazes, Backyard Bug Mazes, etc.)
- Mindware Word Winks – book of visual and verbal puzzles and puns, a picture is shown and you must figure out the phrase (like the word MIND sitting on top of the word MATTER would be Mind over Matter)
- Sudoku and KenKen books – Sudoku is a logic game where you must put numbers into a grid, KenKen takes sudoku one step further by using math equations to give hints on the numbers
- Mad Libs – book of 1 page stories where words have been omitted, players are asked to provide a noun, verb, adjective, etc. without knowing the context of the story, SILLY and a classic!

Phone & Tablet Apps

- Quizlet – creates flash cards and multiple choice questions based on facts you enter for studying/quizzes/tests
- Stack the States and Stack the Countries – geography games that are based on locations, shapes, capitals, flags and more
- Tinkerbox – (free) engineering and physics puzzle games, inventions you create or download information about existing inventions
- Book Creator – Create e-books, comic books, journals, etc. on device
- iMovie – Video editing software that allows you to create movies, clips, trailers, etc.
- 2048 – a logic game consisting of combining like numbers to form larger numbers, aim is to get to 2048 without getting stuck with different numbers that do not combine, free from the App Store
- Wordament – online Boggle game where you make words from the letters that appear in a 4x4 grid, can be played as a guest or with login scores compared to worldwide players, free from the App store

Magazines

- National Geographic for Kids – Ages 8 and up, fabulous NG pictures and facts about animals, geography, space, etc.
- GAMES magazine – Each issue has pencil puzzles, story games, reviews of video games, logic puzzles, visual games, etc. Fabulous subscription!
- Family Fun – a great family oriented magazine with ideas for things to do as a family, trip and vacation advice, and lots of arts/crafts
- National Geographic – Still the best photography in the world, in depth articles on a wide variety of topics
- Highlights – Kids magazine with combination of fiction, non-fiction, puzzles, and jokes. A classic!
- Ranger Rick – Kids magazine about nature, animals, and the environment

Blogs and On Line Articles

- A Nation Deceived http://www.accelerationinstitute.org/nation_deceived/
- A Nation Empowered - The follow-up report of A Nation Deceived released in 2015. http://www.accelerationinstitute.org/Nation_Empowered/Order/Default.aspx

- [Why Your Gifted Child Isn't Living Up to Expectations \(And What You Can Do About It\)](#) Motivation
- [Gifted students are not necessarily high-achievers](#) Motivation
- [Rethinking Achievement - Helping Gifted Kids Thrive at Home](#) Motivation
- [Talking About Failure: What Parents Can Do to Motivate Kids in School](#) Motivation
- [Again With the "All Children Are Gifted" Talk - Raising Lifelong Learners](#)
- [The Top 10 Funny Ways You Know Your Kid Is Gifted](#) (Not funny ha-ha but funny-odd or unexpected)
- [Five Unexpected Traits of Gifted Students](#)
- [Outliers | Gifted Development Center](#)
- [What We Have Learned About Gifted Children | Gifted Development Center](#)
- http://www.hoagiesgifted.org/highly_profoundly.htm
- [The Smarter They Are, the Harder They Are...or Are They?](#)
- [7 Tips to Avoid Arguments with Gifted Children](#)
- [Disciplining Gifted Children](#)
- [The Misunderstood Face of Giftedness | Huffington Post](#)
- [Misdiagnosis and Dual Diagnosis of Gifted Children « SENG](#)
- [Gifted children: Emotionally immature or emotionally intense?](#)
- [10 Signs That You Have A Strong-Willed Child - FertileBrains](#)
- [The Gift of a Strong-Willed Child](#)
- [What is an Intense Child?](#)
- [Lin-Manuel Miranda's Gifted Intensity](#)
- [Creativity's Monsters: Making Friends with Complexity](#)
- [Navigating Social and Emotional Needs of Gifted Children](#)
- [Social Instruction for the Gifted Child - Great Peace Academy](#)
- <http://www.raisinglifelonglearners.com/asynchronous-development/>
- [Asynchronous Development: an Alternative View of Giftedness](#)
- [Understanding the Academically Gifted Child](#)
- [Understanding the Cognitively Gifted Child](#)
- [Understanding the Creatively Gifted Child](#)
- [How to Raise a Creative Child. Step One: Back Off](#)
- [No One Is Too Busy to Be Creative](#)
- [The pros and cons of a coloring books obsession](#)
- [High Achiever, Gifted Learner, CreativeThinker](#)
- [Art Room Quotes](#)
- [IEP Toolkit for Parents](#)
- [NPR Created A Searchable Catalog With 8 Years' Worth Of The Best Kids' Books](#)

Articles For or About Teachers/Schools/School Districts

- [Why it Stinks to be Gifted in Schools Today - Raising Lifelong Learners](#)
- [Dos and Don'ts of Teaching Gifted Students](#)
- [What to Do With the Student Who's Driving You Crazy](#)
- [Supporting Gifted and Talented Students in the General Classroom | Teaching With Haley O'Connor](#)
- [Myths and Misunderstanding: Teachers Who Don't. Get. Gifted!](#)
- [A Teacher Who Changed My Life - Bill Gates article](#)
- [A top psychologist says there's only one way to become the best in your field — but not everyone agrees](#)

- [How To Differentiate For Your High Achievers](#)
- [Differentiate Math With Complexity and Novelty](#)
- [100 Games for Gifted Kids - Great Peace Academy](#)
- [IEP Toolkit for Parents](#)

Catalogue/Stores

- [marbles the brain store.com and catalog](#) - lots of “brainy games” includes age recommendations and categories of items like coordination skills or critical thinking skills
- [Fat Brain Toys](#) – games, building sets, figures, pretend play, and lots of others
- [Spillsbury and Bits and Pieces](#) - Jigsaw Puzzles, 3-D puzzles, and small gifts; other recommendation from these are puzzle piece sorter bins
- [CafePress.com](#) – source for shirts, cups, hats, bags with ANY topic (thousands available) or design your own, my best source for kids passion-topic and humorous sayings
- [www.areyougame.com](#) – source for games of all kinds
- Classics: Chess, Clue, Monopoly, Risk

Classes & Activities

- [Johnson County Community College](#) – Summer classes
- [University of Kansas](#) – Summer classes and music camps
- [BVPAGE Summer Robotics Camps](#) – see [www.bvpage.org](#) for dates and information
- Shawnee Mission Summer Enrichment – Nature, drama, science, art, etc.
- [Barstow’s YOUiversity](#) – Academic camps from Grades 1 – 8
- [Duke TIP](#) - summer camps, CRISIS camps (creative resolutions of Impending situations with intelligent solutions)
- [Johnson County Arboretum and Deanna Rose Children’s Farmstead](#) – not only good places to go but both offer activities (special access for members) like geocaching at Arboretum or Fun Run at Deanna Rose
- [Culinary Center of Kansas City](#) (located in Overland Park) – cooking classes for all ages, special summer sessions for kids, different classes have age requirements
- [Kansas City Youth Symphony](#) – auditions required, check for age restrictions
- [Fountain City Youth Brass Academy](#) – auditions required for different level brass and percussion performance bands, up to age 23
- [Kansas City Symphony](#) – check website for open rehearsal scheduled, instrument petting zoo, and music in the schools clinics and performances [www.kcsymphony.org](#)
- [Overland Park Golf courses](#) – variety of classes for all ages, both group and individual available
- [Kansas City Zoo](#) – offers a variety of summer camps for kids, also has zoo in the classroom, and special activities for scout troops, gift memberships have made great family gifts – best family gift we ever got! [www.kansascityzoo.org](#)
- [CYT](#) : Kansas City Christian Youth Theatre – after school theatre education program for ages 6 – 18, classes and performances [www.cytkc.org](#)
- [AMF Bowling](#) – has summer_program for kids for free bowling games, see their information for specifics
- American Contract Bridge League: Local instructor, Kathy Rolfe, has taught bridge to gifted students in Lee's Summit for nine years, and can provide classes for other students. The ACBL provides books and a stipend. She has a great website:
<http://www.kathyrolfe.com/modules/tinycontent0/index.php?id=2>

Facebook Pages

- [BVPAGE](#)
- [SENG Blue Valley](#) – For those who have taken a SENG course and wish to continue discussions or ask for advice, resources; Closed group, you must request membership
- [KGTC Parent Support](#) – Closed group, you must request membership
- [Raising Poppies](#) – Provides information from international gifted parents

Games & Toys

- [Mastermind](#) – a logic game for 2 people where one person creates a colored code and the other tries to guess based on correct/incorrect outcome of each precious play
- [Othello](#) – simple game for 2 people using black and white chips where you try to turn over more of your colored chip by surrounding other's chips
- [Qwirkle](#) - a game of strategy using colors, shapes, and sets of wooden tiles
- [Quiddler](#) - Card game where you create words based on the letter cards you are dealt
- [Ticket to Ride](#) – Players collect matching train cards to claim railway routes across North America
- [Forbidden Island](#) – A teamwork game where the players must work together to survive while the island sinks as they collect treasures and items
- [Blokus](#) – game where you try to place shaped pieces on a board while others place theirs, no reading involved
- [LazerMaze](#) – Logic game where you must arrange mirrored tokens to reflect and split laser beam light to hit targets, single person game
- [Q-bitz](#) – Game where you must use patterned dice to recreate a given shape/pattern (multiplayer and solo editions)
- [GoldiBlox](#) - building kits with a female engineer character
- [One Night Ultimate Werewolf](#) - role playing game where kids are assigned characters of werewolf, townsperson, seer, troublemaker, etc. and they have to figure out who is the werewolf
- [20Q](#) – multiple versions (people, sports, original, etc.) hand held electronic game where you play 20 questions but game asks the questions! Amazingly accurate in its answers! Addictive!
- [Story Cubes](#) - (many versions) Consists of multiple dice with pictures on them, can be used solitary for story ideas or as a group for conversation starters or games
- [Gobblet](#) – (different versions) Visual perception and strategy game where one 'gobbles' other pieces (wooden pieces that fit over opponents piece)
- [Game Quest cards](#) – multiple grades & age ranges available; Questions and answers on general knowledge and facts; we use these in the car for a game we can all play out loud!
- [Logo](#) – A fantastic generation game!! Questions about companies, their products, history and logos. Great for all ages as topics cover century's worth of businesses and companies! We split our family into 2 teams and ages ranged from 6 to 84!
- [Tribond](#) – (board game and travel version) Game where you are given 3 items/names and have to figure out the bond between them. Another great game to play while traveling!
- [Magnetic Sicks & Ball sets](#) - various brands, metal ball sets with sticks have different polarity ends, building sets and magnetic properties
- [Sequence](#) – “Board” and card game where you play try to get 5chips in a row on a board based on the cards you hold in your hand, strategy and planning skills, team play also makes you adjust strategy on the fly

Television Shows

- [How It's Made](#) (Science Channel) 2 – 3 segments per ½ hour episode show how every day and specialty items are made from start to finish (DVDs now available)
- [Aerial America](#) – (Smithsonian Channel) Each episode covers 1 US state and explains boundaries, geography, history, trivia, and landmarks, all photography is by aerial shots and fly overs (DVDs and tv)
- [American Pickers](#) – (History Channel) 2 “pickers” look through barns & storage areas for old &/or interesting items for their stores. Facts are given about history and use of items. Also included is ‘business’ talk about consideration of prices for buying and selling, 2 owners are friendly and funny

Websites

- www.bvpage.org
- www.hoagiesgifted.org
- www.kgtc.org - Kansas Gifted and Talented and Creative
- www.nagc.org - National Association for Gifted Children
- www.sporcle.com Game website with categories like geography, logic, tv, music, movies, etc. Fun and challenging games that take knowledge &/or skill – an easy way to work on specific topics that is fun.
- www.thriftbooks.com and www.abebooks.com Used and new books, out of print, older hard to find books
- www.imdb.com Internet movie database, ratings on movies, television, actors, etc., note that ratings are from people (not the movie producers) with age recommendations and ratings for language, violence, and sexual content
- <http://www.raisinglifelonglearners.com>
- www.khanacademy.org – Free practice exercises & videos for students to study and learn at their own pace outside of a classroom
- www.mensaforkids.org – Free resources for parents and teachers: games, lesson plans, reading, etc.
- www.davidsongifted.org – The Davidson Institute of Reno Nevada was created to “recognize, nurture, and support profoundly intelligent young people”
- www.freesound.org – a website of sounds and sound effects that you can download, my kids loved having the files for these sounds and also used them for sound effects in a play!
- www.goodreads.com – website for and about books, able to join groups (there is a gifted child group) and read recommendations from readers and not publishing companies
- www.jocolib.org – Johnson County library website and resource access, library membership is free, some online resources require membership number
- www.musescore.com – website for sheet music downloads and uploads, also software to create and print your own music

Video & Computer Games

- [Minecraft](#) – Game about placing blocks and going on adventures, build things from simple homes to ships to castles, different modes of play, can be played solo or with friends; multiple platforms
- [Kerbal Space Program](#) – A space flight simulation game
- [Oregon Trail](#) – Interactive game where you simulate life as a 19th century pioneer on the Oregon Trail
- [Front Row Ed](#) - Math and English site for practice resources and test preparation
- [Cool Math](#) – Free online math, strategy, number, and logic games and puzzles
- [Kahoot](#) – A real time quiz/discussion/survey that is played by any member from their tablet, smartphone, or computer