

# **1<sup>st</sup> Annual Homer International Film Festival for Children**

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**Educators and Parents resource pack**

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# Welcome

Welcome to the parents and educators resource pack for the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Homer International Film Festival for Children! This is our community's first – and in fact Alaska's only – film festival presented for children. We hope that the festival will act as a starting point for us all not only to enjoy international children's film but also as an impetus to evaluate and explore not only film but the importance of media in our children's lives.

This resource pack uses the backdrop of the festival as a springboard to help you create opportunities for children and young people to learn about the role and value of media in their lives.

We encourage you to explore the material presented here, maybe go and enjoy a film or two or 10 during the festival and then use some of these links to explore media in an age appropriate way with your children or pupils!

We attach listings of books, magazine, organizations and websites as an ongoing resource for your continued exploration of media literacy.

Media literacy is the ability to access, analyze, evaluate, and produce communication in a variety of forms so that one can think critically about what they see, hear and read in books, newspapers, magazines, TV, radio, movies, music, advertising, the internet and emerging technologies. It also includes learning how to create messages and communicate using all the above means.

Enjoy the festival!

Sincerely,  
Dots Sherwood, Karen Shemet, Wendy Jason  
and Claudia Haines (festival organizers)

## Websites about media/film and children

1. HIFFC film links:  
Lepel [www.nl.warnerbros.com/movies/lepel](http://www.nl.warnerbros.com/movies/lepel)  
Spirit Bear [www.spiritbearmovie.com](http://www.spiritbearmovie.com)  
Kylie Goldstein [www.evasaksmovies.com](http://www.evasaksmovies.com)  
Henry's Garden [www.simplisticpictures.com/films/garden](http://www.simplisticpictures.com/films/garden)  
The Man who Planted Trees [www.videoproject.com](http://www.videoproject.com) to view trailer  
Information on remaining films can be found at [www.imdb.com](http://www.imdb.com)
2. [www.medialit.org](http://www.medialit.org) Center for Media Literacy. Includes access to their wide range of resources such as:  
\*CML Media Lit Kit: Literacy for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century; An Overview and Orientation to Media Literacy Education.  
\*Five Key Questions That Can Change the World, a collection of 25 lesson plans for the K-12 classroom.
3. [www.pbs.org/teachersource/medialit](http://www.pbs.org/teachersource/medialit) PBS teacher source; media literacy.
4. [www.common sense media.org](http://www.common sense media.org) Reviews and ratings of children's movies. Includes media usage tips.
5. [www.mediafamily.org](http://www.mediafamily.org) The National Institute on Media and the Family makes available educational resources on topics such as media and TV.
6. [www.kidsfirst.org](http://www.kidsfirst.org) The Coalition for Quality Children's Media. Their mission is to teach children critical viewing skills and increasing visibility and availability of quality children's programs.
7. [www.unicef.org/magic](http://www.unicef.org/magic). MAGIC-- Media Activities and Good Ideas by, with and for Children (UNICEF). The MAGIC website is United Nation's Children's Fund's response to the Oslo Challenge of 1999, which called on media professionals, educators, governments, organizations, parents, children and young people themselves to recognize the enormous potential of media to make the world a better place for children.
8. [www.tvturnoff.org](http://www.tvturnoff.org) TV Turn-Off Network. Turn of week this year April 24-30.
9. [www.commercialfreechildhood.org](http://www.commercialfreechildhood.org) Health care professionals, educators, etc. using action, advocacy, research and education to counter harmful marketing.

10. [www.commercialalert.org](http://www.commercialalert.org) Tries to highlight the corporations who use schools and public institutions to market their products to our children.
11. [www.childrensmediaproject.org](http://www.childrensmediaproject.org) CMP's mission is to create a teaching/learning environment where artists, educators, community activists and especially children can learn to interact with the media arts both as creators and critical viewers.
12. Other film festivals include, but not limited to:

Montana	<a href="http://www.wildlifefilms.org">www.wildlifefilms.org</a>
Minnesota	<a href="http://www.mnfilmarts.org/childish">www.mnfilmarts.org/childish</a>
Washington	<a href="http://www.nwfilmforum.org">www.nwfilmforum.org</a>
California (San Diego)	<a href="http://www.dschildrensfilm.org">www.dschildrensfilm.org</a>
California (San Rafael)	<a href="http://www.cafilm.org">www.cafilm.org</a>
Michigan	<a href="http://www.elcff.com">www.elcff.com</a>
Florida	<a href="http://www.kidsflixflorida.com">www.kidsflixflorida.com</a>
New York	<a href="http://www.gkids.com">www.gkids.com</a>
Illinois	<a href="http://www.cicff.org">www.cicff.org</a>
Toronto, Canada	<a href="http://www.bell.ca/sprockets">www.bell.ca/sprockets</a>