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Resource Guide: Digital Play for Global Citizens

In partnership with the Center for Global Education at Asia Society, we’re thrilled to share Digital Play for Global Citizens, a new publication by Jordan Shapiro that introduces educators, youth leaders, and parents to innovative tech tools to help kids learn, understand, and engage within an increasingly interconnected world.

Plus, don’t miss Jordan’s candid insights on navigating a world shaped by new technological, economic, and geopolitical paradigms—and how it led to the creation of a resource guide to help kids use digital tools to develop global citizenship.

Lost Connections: Tech Use Among Young Kids in Silicon Valley.

Explore background and key findings highlighting trends around tech use with young kids from a Silicon Valley Community Foundation report produced with research support from New America and the Joan Ganz Cooney Center.

How Empathy and Play Can Support Connection

In a white paper for UNESCO’s Mahatma Gandhi Institute of Education for Peace and Sustainable Development, Dr. Matthew Farber and Dr. Karen Schrier explore the limitations and strengths of using digital games as “empathy machines.”
Preparing Early Learners for Future Success Through STEM

A recent publication from the Center for Childhood Creativity highlights practical, actionable tips for parents and caregivers to help young children develop STEM skills in both formal and informal learning spaces.

The App Fairy Podcast Talks to Toca Bocca

For the final episode of season one of the App Fairy podcast, host Carissa Christner talks with two members of the talented Toca Boca team about the fun-first philosophy that has established them as one of the most well-known children's app makers in the marketplace.

Upcoming Events

- **Webinar: Tackling World Issues by Fostering Global Competence in the Classroom | On Demand**
  Tune in to this engaging on-demand Share My Lesson webinar with Jordan Shapiro, World's Largest Lesson, and World Savvy for tips and resources on using digital play to foster global citizenship.
- **Webinar: Mimi Ito Interviews Mitch Resnick | March 27**
  Join Mimi Ito, Director of the Connected Learning Lab at UC Irvine, as she interviews Mitch Resnick, the Director of the Lifelong Kindergarten group at the MIT Media Lab, about his book, “Lifelong Kindergarten: Cultivating Creativity through Projects, Passion, Peers and Play.”
- **AERA Annual Meeting | April 13-17**
  The AERA Annual Meeting is the largest gathering of scholars in the field of education research. For those attending, join Cooney Center Research Manager Alexia Raynal for a roundtable session on equity and learning technologies on Tuesday, April 17.

View more events on the Cooney Center Events Calendar

What We're Reading

- **Global Challenges for the New (Digital) Childhood**
- **The Next Census Will Shape Children's Lives. Let's Make Sure We Count Right**
- **Back-and-Forth Exchanges Boost Children's Brain Response to Language**
- **What Kids Think About Bullying And Kindness In The Trump Era**