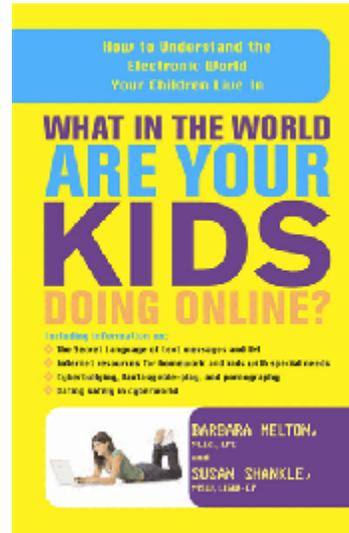




“A must-read for parents who want to raise healthy, caring, creative, and self-reliant children as well as kids who can thrive in a cyber-steeped future.”

—Margaret Sagarese, coauthor of *The Rollercoaster Years* and *Boy Crazy!*



We live in a Cyberworld where technology moves faster and faster every day. The popularity of social and video networking sites continues to grow, and Facebook—a site once known for being safer and less all inclusive—was recently accused by the Connecticut Attorney General for falling short in protecting young users from sexual predators. Kids constantly text and IM in abbreviated speak, using emoticons, such as ☺ and ☹ to easily signify how they’re feeling. New forms of media quickly become old, and while kids seem to have no problem staying on top of the trends, many parents find themselves furiously struggling to keep up.

So how can parents protect their children’s online safety while helping them study, socialize, and develop nourishing relationships in healthy and productive ways? Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC), Barbara Melton and Licensed Independent Social-Worker-Clinical Practice (LISW-CP), Sue Shankle share their expertise and more in helping families identify and correct dangerous internet practices in their new book, **WHAT IN THE WORLD ARE YOUR KIDS DOING ONLINE?: How to Understand the Electronic World Your Children Live In** (Broadway Books; now on sale).

And, Melton and Shankle have listed NetLingo.com in the resources section in their book and on their website: www.whatintheworldareyourkidsdoingonline.com.

Separated into three parts, “Cyberworld from Your Child’s Perspective,” “How Cyberworld Affects Your Child’s Development,” and “Parenting Challenges,” **WHAT IN THE WORLD ARE YOUR KIDS DOING ONLINE?** is a comprehensive, all purpose guide that offers advice on how to keep up with the latest in computer technology and provides tools to help parents navigate the new parenting issues that have popped up in our digital age.