Tips for Staying Safe Online

- When making a new screen name, get creative! Avoid using your real name, birthday or other information. In fact, don’t share your personal information anywhere online without your parents’ permission.

- Keep your passwords secret and only share them with your parents.

- Check with your parents before posting pictures online.

- Talking to your friends online is fun, but let a grownup know if a stranger tries to chat with you.

- The Internet is a big place! If you see something weird, always tell a grownup about it. They can help you stay on websites that are fun and kid-friendly.

- Resources for Parents -

  - Minemum.com: info, tips, and everything else you could want to know as a parent of a Minecraft fanatic (including offline activities!).

  - Commonseemedia.org: features a large database of age-based and educational ratings and reviews for media and technology, as well as other parent-friendly information.

  - "iRues: What Every Tech-Health Family Needs to Know About Selfies, Sexting, Gaming and Growing Up" by Janell Burley Hofmann. Information on parenting in today’s techy world, including a workbook for establishing your family’s tech rules.

Visit Mesa County Libraries for more resources and help navigating technology and the online world.