



Mississippi Public Broadcasting

EDUCATION SERVICES e-NEWSLETTER March 2007

Welcome to the MPB Education Services e-Newsletter – the monthly newsletter designed to help the educational community stay current regarding Mississippi Public Broadcasting's educational services, programming and information!

This newsletter is part of a broader overall education communications plan to increase the exposure and use of Mississippi Public Broadcasting's Education Services Division. We hope you'll find this resource supports your own work to educate students and others in your community. Please feel free to copy or forward to teachers and others in your school or district.

Educational Outreach

CALLING ALL YOUNG ARTISTS AND WRITERS!

Enter MPB's 2007 Reading Rainbow Young Writers and Illustrators Contest!

Mississippi Public Broadcasting invites youngsters to participate in its annual *Reading Rainbow* Young Writers and Illustrators Contest. Children from kindergarten through third grade are encouraged to write and illustrate their own stories and submit them to MPB.

This year's contest is sponsored by Western New York Public Broadcasting Association and Educate Media Resources, LTD.

All entries from Mississippi are judged locally. First place winners are selected for each grade level, with each receiving a *Reading Rainbow* backpack and DVD copy of a *Reading Rainbow* program. The first place winners will also have his or her entry submitted for inclusion in the national competition.

Entry deadline is **March 30, 2007**. Please contact Sharon Person at 601-432-6172, sharon.person@mpbonline.org for additional information.

You can watch *Reading Rainbow* Monday through Friday at noon on MPB.

Distance Learning

MPB EXPRESS ([unitedstreaming](#)) Trainings for March, April, May!!!

MPB EXPRESS has expanded to include the fantastic [unitedstreaming](#) product from Discovery Education as part of our free, digital multi-media services to K12 schools in Mississippi . MPB Education Services staff will be conducting several five hour in-house train-the-trainer workshops March-May:

- **March 21, 2007**
- **April 11, 2007**
- **May 10, 2007**

The trainings will be from **9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.** .5 CEU's will be offered. The workshops will be held in the IVN classroom at Mississippi Public Broadcasting, 3825 Ridgewood Road, Jackson, MS.

If your district has already been using MPB EXPRESS, you already know how these multi-media resources can enhance classroom instruction. We invite you to come expand your use by adding [unitedstreaming](#) in your district. Those few districts that have not attended an MPB EXPRESS training previously, here is your chance to get involved and take the information on these wonderful resources back to your teachers!

Please contact Jill Boteler at 601-432-6254, or jill.boteler@mpbonline.org for a confirmation form if you and/or other representatives plan to attend one of the above listed trainings.

THE MIVN UPDATE

Coming this month from the National Association of State Directors of Special Education (NASDE):

The Mississippi Interactive Video Network will offer teachers the opportunity to view a two hour professional development program, "Response to Intervention (RtI): Strategies for Reading and Math" on Wednesday, **March 14** from **3:30 – 5:30**. The program will focus on the success of RtI for students challenged in math and reading. Presenters will highlight research and best practices in improving learning results for all students. This is the third program in the Satellite Conference Series sponsored by NASDE. For additional information on the program contact Jill Boteler at 601-432-6254, or jill.boteler@mpbonline.org.

Adult Learning

Intermediate-Level pre-GED Preparation

[Pre-GED Connection](#), part of the PBS LiteracyLink Project, offers excellent intermediate-level pre-GED preparation to precede or supplement **GED Connection**.

Pre-GED Connection provides the necessary foundation for adult learners at the 6-8 reading level. Before they can tackle GED-level work, these learners need to develop basic skills and content-area knowledge at a level that is comfortable for them. Teachers now have all of the tools that they need to meet pre-GED students' needs and manage multi-level classrooms:

- **Pre-GED Connection** workbooks
- Teacher's Guide with lesson plans
- Locator instrument for placement

Pre-GED Connection's five four-color pre-GED-level workbooks help learners strengthen their basic reading, writing, math, graphic literacy, and thinking skills as well as their knowledge of science and social studies. Each workbook chapter corresponds to a video program.

The **Pre-GED Connection** video package contains 26 of the 39 **GED Connection** programs. Titles are the same, but program numbers match pre-GED workbook chapters. Teachers can either use the pre-GED videotape package, which matches the workbooks, or follow a chart in the Teacher's Guide to determine which **GED Connection** video program corresponds to the new pre-GED Lesson. For ordering information, call (800) 354-9067.

Workbooks, Teacher's Guides and Videos Available

For a nominal fee, *GED Connection*, *Workplace Essential Skills* and *TV411* workbooks and teacher's guides can be purchased by calling (800) 354-9067. All episodes of our Adult Education programs are available for purchase through the MPB [online school resource guide](#).

- *GED Connection* - \$160 for a complete set
- *Workplace Essential Skills* - \$112 for a complete set
- *TV411* - \$128 for a complete set

Educational News and Programming

2006-2007 Instructional Television (ITV) Block Feed

K-12 Instructional programming is being block-fed from 2:00 a.m. to 6 a.m., Tuesday-Saturday on Mississippi Public Broadcasting. Education Services have added several new programs for this school year. We are including the March calendar with this newsletter for your convenience.

ITV Block Feed Calendar 12:00 AM – 5:30 AM March 2007

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 12:00 WES 1:00 TV-411 2:00 Give & Take 1-12 5:00 Teenage Pregnancy	2 12:00 WES 1:00 TV-411 2:00 Let's Pretend Stories 1-9 3:15 Economics: The Production 1-5 4:40 A New People: The American Mos 1-3	3 12:00 WES 1:00 TV-411 2:00 Natural Phenomena 1-6 3:40 Getting in Character 4:35 Hidden Heritage: The Roots of BI
6 12:00 WES 1:00 TV-411 2:00 Work, Energy and the Simple Machine 1-4 2:45 Conflict Resolution 1-3 4:15 Basics of Physics 1-2	7 12:00 WES 1:00 TV-411 2:00 Basics of Physics 3-5 3:20 Posie Paints 1-6 4:55 Pride & Prejudice: A History of Black Culture in America	8 12:00 WES 1:00 TV-411 2:00 Stories about Vowels 1-5 3:20 Using Maps, Globes, Tables, Charts & Diagrams 1-5 4:35 Am.Chronicles Series 1-2	9 12:00 WES 1:00 TV-411 2:00 Am. Chronicles Series 3-10 5:05 Regions of the U.S.	10 12:00 WES 1:00 TV-411 2:00 Regions of the U.S. 1-6 3:40 Am. History Collection 1-4
12 Spring Break Week	13	14	15	16
20 12:00 WES 1:00 TV-411 2:00 Physics: What Matters, What Moves 1-6 3:30 .S. History: The Am. West 1-5	21 12:00 WES 1:00 TV-411 2:00 U.S. History: The Am. West 6 2:40 Stories in Spanish 1-19	22 12:00 WES 1:00 TV-411 2:00 Stories in Spanish 20-27 3:30 Our Federal Government 1-4	23 12:00 WES 1:00 TV-411 2:00 Am.Civil War Series 1-4 4:15 McGruff the Crime Dog Series 1-4	24 12:00 WES 1:00 TV-411 2:00 McGruff the Crime Dog Series 5-12 4:20 Seven Steps to Good Study Habits 1-2 4:55 Paul Robeson
27 12:00 WES 1:00 TV-411 2:00 Famous Authors 1-7	28 12:00 WES 1:00 TV-411 2:00 Famous Authors 8-14	29 12:00 WES 1:00 TV-411 2:00 Famous Authors 15-20	30 12:00 WES 1:00 TV-411 2:00 Famous Authors 20-25 5:00 Stories or Fun II 1-3	31 12:00: WES 1:00 TV-411 2:00 Stories for Fun II 4-6 2:40 Stories for Fun 1-7 4:10 1-10

Helpful Links and Resources

The following Web sites are available for additional teaching tips, professional development, activities and information:

PBS.org

PBS Literacylink

PBS TeacherSource

[unitedstreaming \(MPB Express\)](http://unitedstreaming.com)

PBS TeacherLine

Mississippi Department of Education

PBS Kids

State Board for Community Colleges

PBS Kids Go!

Test Prep Review

PBS Parents

Mississippi Institutions for Higher Learning

www.TV411.org

www.gedonline.org

How Can We Help – What Do You Want to See?

We want to hear from you, and learn what kinds of content you would like to see in the monthly MPB Education Services e-Newsletter. Was the information in this issue helpful? What more would you like to see? We are also seeking questions and comments about the format of this newsletter.

Finally, we want to use this newsletter to answer your questions about Mississippi Public Broadcasting's Education Services. Please email all comments and questions to edservices@mpbonline.org, or you can call us at (800) 922-9698.

For more information about our services and programming, visit our Web site at www.mpbonline.org.

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