



Intellevision News

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Back to School with Public Television

Look for our September Back to School display in the BORDERS Bookstore, located in the Salmon Run Mall! Featuring fun books about going back to school with PBS KIDS! characters. Look for books like *Clifford's First Day of School*, and *Arthur's Teacher Trouble*. Reading Rainbow books will be displayed as well. Look for *The Day Jimmy's Boa Ate the Wash* and *Miss Nelson Is Back*.

In October look for our Between the Lions display featuring books like *Click Clack Moo* and *Giggle, Giggle, Quack* and more.

WPBS-TV's BORDERS Benefit Days Coupon on the back cover of this copy can be used during the weekend of Oct. 15-17. WPBS will receive a percentage of your sales if you use the coupon, so cut it out of the back page and support your local station.

New Educational Services Manager, Leslie O'Hara

WPBS-TV would like to announce their new Educational Services Manager, Leslie O'Hara. Ms. O'Hara is a local professional that recently graduated from Clarkson University with her M.B.A.

"I am excited to foster education in our community, and it is truly an honor to work for public television."

Ms. O'Hara replaces Crystal Butler, who moved from the area in August. WPBS-TV wishes Mrs. Butler the best of luck in all her endeavors and she will be greatly missed.

2004-2005 Whiz Quiz Broadcast Schedule

See your local schools compete in the academic challenge of Whiz Quiz. **The season will be broadcast 4 times a week, Monday through Thursday at 7:30 PM.**

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| 10/07/2004 | Indian River Vs. Watertown |
| 10/11/2004 | Copenhagen vs. Gouverneur |
| 10/12/2004 | Massena vs. Harrisville |
| 10/13/2004 | LaFargeville vs. Lyme |
| 10/14/2004 | Lowville vs. Heuvelton |
| 10/18/2004 | Sandy Creek vs. Edwards-Knox |
| 10/19/2004 | IHC vs. Sackets Harbor |
| 10/20/2004 | Carthage vs. South Lewis |
| 10/21/2004 | Norwood-Norfolk vs. Franklin Academy |
| 10/25/2004 | Beaver River vs. South Jefferson |
| 10/26/2004 | Clifton-Fine vs. Lisbon |
| 10/27/2004 | Ogdensburg vs. Hermon-Dekalb |
| 10/28/2004 | Belleville Henderson vs. General Brown |
| 11/01/2004 | Canton vs. Morristown |
| 11/02/2004 | Colton-Pierrepont vs. St. Lawrence |
| 11/08/2004 | Alexandria vs. Thousand Islands |

*look for the rest of the schedule in our next issue



Check Out Homework Hotline!
Beginning Monday, September 20th and airing
Monday through Thursday at 5:30 PM

Teachers George Wolfe and Carol Smith help hundreds of students with homework problems. But you won't just find them doing so in a traditional classroom. They're the hosts of *Homework Hotline*, which airs Monday through Thursday at 5:30 starting September 20th on WPBS-TV. This half-hour, **live** call-in program helps students grades 5-12 with homework questions in a myriad of categories.

****Kids can also call Dial-A-Teacher** for one-on-one homework help over the phone Monday through Thursday from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. toll-free at 1.888.986.2345 during the school year.

Adult Learner Broadcast Schedule

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| Math Basics | Tuesday, 12:00 PM |
| TV 411 | Tuesday, 12:30 PM |
| Learn to Read | Wednesday, 12:00 PM |
| Another Page | Wednesday, 12:30 PM |
| Workplace Essential Skills | Thursday, 12:00 PM |
| Crossroads Cafe | Thursday, 12:30 PM |
| GED Connections | Friday, 12:00 PM |

If you require more information on where to get a GED please contact the Educational Service Manager, 782.3142 ext. 314.

A Year of Women

WPBS-TV is excited to announce a recent project made possible by the National Center for Outreach, *A Year of Women*, a journey to reveal the famous women in history, nationally and locally. *A Year of Women* is centered around several broadcasts and themes to be launched in October, 2004. Please join us for the first in a series of specials under the umbrella of *A Year in Women*, entitled: *Not for Ourselves Alone: The Story of Elizabeth Cady-Stanton and Susan B. Anthony* on October 28 at 9:00 p.m. WPBS-TV is pleased to provide a series of on-air trivia questions and lesson pages to accompany each theme, the first being *Women in Politics*.

Locally, WPBS will feature the life and works of Marietta Holley (funded in part by a grant from the NYS Council of the Arts) as part of *A Year of Women* and is currently producing a 30-minute documentary, complimentary DVD and teachers guide. WPBS-TV intends to provide the following to schools and libraries:

- Provide tools for teachers throughout our broadcast region to explore Marietta Holley and her contributions to women's history.
- Increase awareness of other "lost women" and their contributions in history, as well as revisit the significance of notable women (Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony) who are a part of our local history ("famous New Yorkers").
- Initiate discussion among teachers and their students about women's achievements, and women's issues overall and educating all students about the role(s) women have and can play in our society.
- Create an archive/library of material that teachers can use for several more years.

WPBS-TV hopes you're as excited about this project as we are and that you will continue to look to this newsletter and our website for up-to-date information about *A Year of Women*.

Professional Development- PBS TeacherLine

With the new requirements for incoming Educators, PBS TeacherLine is an excellent way to obtain quality and affordable professional development.

PBS TeacherLine, funded by a grant from the U.S. Department of Education, is committed to helping preK-12 teachers acquire the skills they need to prepare students for a successful future. TeacherLine provides online professional development through facilitated and standards-based courses, supportive and collaborative learning communities, and exemplary Internet-based resources.

TeacherLine offers more than 90 courses in mathematics, reading, instructional technology, instructional strategies, science, and curriculum mapping. Courses are facilitated by specially trained educators, combining the best of face-to-face professional development with the best of online instructional design. There are 15 and 30 hour courses available.

Course are being offered now, so register today. Check out the New York State website at:

<http://teacherline.nylearns.org/>

For more course offerings visit the national website at: <http://teacherline.pbs.org/>

PBS has been a consistent resource for teachers with Video on Demand, Teacher Source, Educational Programs, and now we can offer high caliber Professional Development for Educators. If you are interested, please contact Leslie O'Hara, Educational Services Manager, at 782.3142 ext. 314.

Educational Program Highlights

A Tribute to 9/11

Tuesday 9/7 at 8PM: *“Nova - Why the Towers Fell”*

Tuesday 9/7 at 9 PM: *“Frontline - On Sacred Ground”*

Thursday 9/9 at 9 PM: *“9/11 - Clear the Skies”*

Thursday 9/9 at 11 PM: *“September’s Children”*

9/22 8 PM: *“The Journey of Sacagawea”*

9/22 9:30 PM: *“Welcome to the Club: The Women of Rockabilly”*

NOVA

Tuesdays at 8 PM

9/28: *“Origins Part 1: Earth is Born/How Life Began”*

Who would have predicted that a hot spot left over from the Big Bang would eventually lead to the Earth, the cosmos — and to us? NOVA covers all the exciting steps in between in this four-part miniseries about the beginnings of Earth, life and the universe. Hosting the series is astrophysicist Neil deGrasse Tyson, director of the Hayden Planetarium at the American Museum of Natural History and one of the world’s most popular lecturers on astronomy.

The first episode shows that ancient cataclysms made our planet what it is today. Ironically, says Neil deGrasse Tyson, “Earth became a hospitable planet only after a series of devastating disasters in its early years.” Chief among these was a titanic collision between Earth and a Mars-sized object, an impact so immense that it obliterated the colliding object and part of the Earth itself to create a dense ring of orbiting material that eventually collected into the moon. The collision tilted Earth’s axis at an angle of 23.5 degrees — enough to cause the seasons. Other milestones in this eventful era include the formation of continental crust and the precipitation of water out of a hellish atmosphere. All of these events happened in a remarkably short period of time, perhaps in the first few hundred million years of Earth’s 4.5-billion-year history. This new picture of our planet’s formative era implies that Earth may have reached a habitable stage much earlier than previously thought.

“How Life Began”—The second episode highlights the most radical transformation in the history of our planet and perhaps the cosmos: the moment when inert, lifeless matter managed to organize itself into life. However it began, life may have developed as early as a few hundred million years after the formation of the planet, possibly at the earliest moment that conditions allowed. Afterward, it increased in complexity over the course of hundreds of millions of years, until primitive organisms in the oceans started converting carbon dioxide in the atmosphere into a waste molecule — oxygen. This reactive gas combined with iron in seawater. Later, it began to build up in the atmosphere, setting the stage for a whole new class of organisms — including human beings — that thrived on oxygen.

NOVA on a special night Wednesday 9/29 at 8 PM:

“Origins Part 2: Where are the Aliens/Back to the Beginning”

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Leslie O’Hara, *Educational Services Manager*
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