



# Intellevision News

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## **Tune In: Tuesday, December 16 at 9:00 PM for the Award-Winning Film**

### **“What I Want My Words To Do To You”**

*“It has been said that we build our own prisons and serve as our own jailers, we offer this film so that you might free yourself of assumptions about, or apathy towards women who live in prison, and allow yourself to see the need for transformation and purpose in a population society has written off. And most importantly, to show how taking responsibility for wrongdoing, even murder, can change the direction of a life, where ever it is lived.*”

***You will be surprised by who you will meet. I certainly was.”***

— Judith Katz, Producer

“What I Want My Words To Do To You” offers an unprecedented look into the minds and hearts of the women inmates of New York’s Bedford Hills Correctional Facility. The film goes inside a writing workshop led by playwright and activist Eve Ensler, consisting of 15 women, most of whom were convicted of murder. Through a series of exercises and discussions, the women delve into their pasts and explore the nature of their crimes and the extent of their own culpability. The film culminates in an emotionally charged prison performance of the women’s writing by acclaimed actors Mary Alice, Glenn Close, Hazelle Goodman, Rosie Perez and Marisa Tomei.

“What I Want My Words To Do To You” documents both the wrenching personal journeys undertaken by the inmates to find the words that tell their own stories, and the power of those words to move the outside world.



Visit: [www.pbs.org/pov/pov2003/whatiwant/index.html](http://www.pbs.org/pov/pov2003/whatiwant/index.html)

- Educator’s guide
- Interviews with the filmmakers
- Letter from Glenn Close
- Discussions on victim advocacy
- Articles on women in prison
- Prison stories

# Instructional TV Block

Fridays at noon

## Naturimages

This collection of fifty-two 6-minute programs for primary grades teaches about the characteristics and habitats of a variety of species. The production is fashioned using a narrator's voice to explain key biology concepts.

**Friday, 12/5** #101 - 105

All About Swallows  
All About Dragonflies  
All About Chamois I  
All About Chamois II  
All About Coots

**Friday, 12/12** #106 - 110

All About Frogs and Toads  
All About Kingfishers and Bee-Eaters  
All About Snakes  
All About Dippers  
All About Ibexes

**Friday, 12/19** #111 - 115

All About Great Crested Grebes  
All About Paper Wasps  
All About Orchids  
All About Stags  
All About Small Passerines

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## In the Mix

**December 12 at 5:30**

### **Student Power: Organizing for School Reform**

This episode profiles youth-led organizations engaged in grassroots activism around issues of school reform. The program shows the process, obstacles, training of youth leaders and identification of issues involved in successful school reform with the aim of encouraging teens to take on leadership roles in their schools and communities.

# Nova

Tuesdays at 8:00 PM

## **12/9 Orchid Hunter**

For nine months in 2000, Tom Hart Dyke was a captive of guerrillas who seized him while he was collecting wild orchids in the Colombian rain forest. Now Hart Dyke is at it again in the most orchid-rich and one of the most politically unstable parts of Irian Jaya, the western half of the island of New Guinea.

## **12/16 Wright Brothers Flying Machine**

December 17, 2003, marks the centennial of the world's first powered flight at Kitty Hawk, North Carolina. To celebrate this milestone, NOVA presents the definitive documentary on the invention of the airplane. While many shows have retold the Wright brothers' personal story, no program has properly explored the astonishing inventiveness that they applied to the problem of powered flight. NOVA reveals the popular image of the Wrights as amateur bicycle mechanics who tinkered their way into the sky to be a total myth. The program features exhilarating footage of flights by exclusively commissioned replicas that use the same original materials and the only existing Wright engine for the frail craft that first propelled humans toward the clouds. Watch as the triumph of powered flight comes alive once more in NOVA's epic documentary.

## **Monday, Dec 8 at 9:00 PM**

**Ken Burns American Stories The West (cc)**  
**Geography of Hope** By the 1870s, the American conquest of the West was nearly complete. In one decade, with Native Americans effectively confined to reservations, some four-and-a-half million new settlers would arrive to stake their claim to the future. Pap Singleton, an ex-slave from Tennessee, became the era's "Black Moses," leading his people to the free soil of Kansas. A frail New York politician named Theodore Roosevelt transformed himself into a rugged North Dakota rancher, and eventually, president of the United States. As Americans tried to "tame" the West, the nation's greatest showman, Buffalo Bill Cody, instead offered adoring crowds his enthusiastic version of a "Wild West" heroic, glorious, romantic and, most of all, mythic.



## Reading Rockets Re-Airs on WPBS-TV! Monday, December 15 - Friday, December 19 at 5:30 PM

*Reading Rockets: Launching Young Readers* is a series of five half-hour television programs airing on public television stations nationwide. Hosted by Fred Rogers, Annette Bening, Vivica A. Fox, Deborah Norville, and Frank McCourt, the programs were filmed in schools, childcare centers, libraries, research centers, and homes around the country. The series looks at different reading strategies that help young children learn to read; features practical advice for parents; and interweaves the personal stories of children, families, and teachers.

Each program also includes a profile of a prominent children's book author, such as Norman Bridwell (*Clifford the Big Red Dog*), Kate Duke (*Aunt Isabel Tells a Good One*), William Joyce (*George Shrinks*), Walter Dean Myers (*Harlem*), and Rosemary Wells (*Max and Ruby*).

- **12/15 Program 1: "The Roots of Reading"** looks at the earliest stages of literacy in such locations as a baby speech lab and a Head Start center. The program examines how parents, childcare providers, and kindergarten teachers can get children started on the road to literacy.
- **12/16 Program 2: "Sounds and Symbols"** focuses on how children learn the relationship between sounds, letters, and words as an initial step before being able to decode the printed word.
- **12/17 Program 3: "Fluent Reading"** explores the ability to decode quickly and

achieve fluency. The program also demonstrates how early testing and intervention can help struggling readers.

- **12/18 Program 4: "Writing and Spelling"** examines the connection between reading and writing and between spelling and composition. The program features successful methods for encouraging children to write and build their vocabularies.
- **12/19 Program 5: "Reading for Meaning"** highlights effective strategies to help kids understand - and care about - what they read, the ultimate goal of learning how to read.

*Reading Rockets: Launching Young Readers* was filmed in more than 40 elementary schools, preschools, and community centers in 17 states. Among the sites visited are the legendary Lab School in Washington, DC, which specializes in teaching students with learning disabilities, and a kindergarten class at Mark Hopkins Elementary School in Sacramento, California, where six different languages are spoken.

Visit: [readingrockets.org](http://readingrockets.org)

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### **Monday, Dec 8 at 10:30 PM**

**Prange & Pearl Harbor: A Magnificent Obsession** One man's obsession, 37 years of his life, 10,000 pages of historical documentary, and the book he authored, are the focus of PRANGE & PEARL HARBOR: A MAGNIFICENT OBSESSION. This program explores the work of Gordon Prange, a University of Maryland professor who researched and wrote, *At Dawn We Slept: The Untold History of Pearl Harbor*, a book *The New York Times* called "impossible to forget." His other major works on the war in the Pacific include *Tora! Tora! Tora!*, which was made into a feature film in 1970. PRANGE & PEARL HARBOR follows Prange's life from chief historian in occupied Japan under General Douglas MacArthur to his professorship at the University of Maryland, through his unceasing journey to publish what is hailed as the definitive book about the attack on Pearl Harbor

# Instructional Video-On-Demand News Bits

## **Multimedia in the Classroom is Offered Online-Earn Graduate Credit!**

Thinking about your continuing education units needed for recertification? United Learning offers quarterly online classes on “Multimedia in the Classroom.” Enroll now for the winter quarter. Classes begin January 12th. Contact MMoreth@unitedlearning.com for details.

## **United Learning Bolsters Health Education Programs Available on *unitedstreaming***

New video content from Sunburst and Slim Goodbody, focuses on health education and prevention topics addressing fitness, violence, substance abuse, life skills and decision making issues. Access to these new video titles is automatically provided.

## **1,500 High-Resolution Photographs Available in the Image Library**

*Now available in unitedstreaming's Image Library:* More than 1,500 photographs and graphic images of plants, animals, biomes, geology, astronomy, weather, and American history. 50 core-curricular images containing labels using standards-based vocabulary words are also available!

To access the Image Library, simply select “Learning Resources” from the *unitedstreaming* navigation bar across the top of your screen. Select “Image Library” from the menu on the left. You can search the images using keywords or curriculum category. To find labeled images, use the category pull-down menu to select “Labels” or type in the keyword “labels.” These labeled images are great resources for teaching your students core-curricular vocabulary terms.

## **Top user this month:**

With 334 video views, Indian River Central School is the top user this month. Congratulations!

## ***“What is Instructional Video On Demand and How Can I Get My Passcode?”***

For more information about this free service, visit [www.wpbstv.org/Edu-AboutVideoOnDemand.htm](http://www.wpbstv.org/Edu-AboutVideoOnDemand.htm), or go to [www.wpbstv.org](http://www.wpbstv.org) and click “Educational Services.” You will find a request for access form, tips for proper use of video in the classroom, and a link to the digital library of over 20,000 free video clips (correlated to NYS standards).

For help with or questions about the service contact Crystal Butler at 315.782.3142, ext. 314, by email at [crystal\\_butler@wpbs.pbs.org](mailto:crystal_butler@wpbs.pbs.org), or you may contact our *unitedstreaming* representative Jung Choi at 1.800.323.9084 for more comprehensive help and training over the phone.

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