



# Mississippi Public Broadcasting

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**EDUCATION SERVICES e-NEWSLETTER**

**May 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.

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## **Educational Outreach**

### **MPB and other agencies support Abstinence Awareness to Teens at Annual Conference**

To promote abstinence among teens in Mississippi, the “Just Wait” Abstinence Unit within the Mississippi Department of Human Services (MDHS), Division of Economic Assistance (DEA) will host the **Abstinence Works! Let’s Talk About It! Conference** on **May 5, 2007** from **8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** at Northwest Middle School in Jackson, Mississippi. The conference will provide attendees with valuable information necessary to promote an abstinence-only message. Topics to be covered include: how parents can talk to their teens, dealing with peer pressure, sexually transmitted diseases and out-of-wedlock pregnancies. The free conference is open to youth ages 12 and older, parents, teachers, ministers, youth leaders, schools and community leaders. Over 2,000 youth from across the state have been invited to this annual event. A continental breakfast and lunch will be provided.

The media is invited to come and cover the conference. Nationally known speaker, **Dr. Adolph Brown, III** is scheduled as the keynote speaker. Also on hand will be local television host, Rob Jay, WLBT Sports Director and DJ Sam Brown from WJMI 99.7.

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# Educational Technology

## MPB EXPRESS ([unitedstreaming](#)) Training for May 10!!!

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 a five hour in-house train-the-trainer workshop on **May, 10, 2007**. The training 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.

### MPB EXPRESS TRAINING REQUEST "Incorporating Digital Resources in Classroom Instruction" (Introducing *Unitedstreaming*)

CONTACT PERSON: \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL/DISTRICT: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

FAX: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ May 10, 2007 – MS Public Broadcasting IVN Classroom, 3825  
Ridgewood Rd., Jackson, MS 39211

Seating is limited so please register early. The workshop is from 9:00 am to 3:30 pm. CEU credit will be available.

#### ***PLEASE PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS:***

Name	Position	Email

***NOTE: All participants must have a valid email account.***

**Email completed form (as attachment) to Darrell Lee,**  
[darrell.lee@mpbonline.org](mailto:darrell.lee@mpbonline.org)

**Fax completed form to Darrell Lee, MPB Education Services, at 601-432-6907**

# THE MIVN UPDATE

## MIVN TRAINING WORKSHOPS

**Basic Equipment Operation Training Workshop:** Teachers, facilitators, administrators, media specialists, and other school personnel who will or may be working in the electronic classroom need to attend the workshop on one of these dates. **Training covers operation of the VTEL LC5000 system only.**

**Effective Distance Learning Instruction Workshop:** Based on research and practical experience, important distance instruction outputs and competencies have been identified. Competencies, behaviors, teaching strategies, and ideas for engaging students from a distance are the focal points for this training opportunity for all MIVN teachers. Teachers who have not attended previously as well as teachers who will be involved for the first time this fall are encouraged to attend.

**Distance Learning Class Facilitation Workshop:** School personnel hired or assigned to facilitate classes received by that school need to attend this workshop. Designed to train facilitators in their duties and responsibilities, this does not take the place of basic equipment operation training they must also attend. Returning facilitators who have not previously attended this training are also encouraged to attend.

The July sessions will be held at the University Center, 3825 Ridgewood Road in Jackson, in Room 2-4 (across the courtyard from MPB). CEU credit is through Mississippi College. The cost for .5 CEU credit is \$5.00. Please contact Jill Boteler at 601-432-6254, or [jill.boteler@mpbonline.org](mailto:jill.boteler@mpbonline.org) for a registration form.

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## 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.

## LiteracyLink Online for Learners

PBS LiteracyLink's online lessons, activities, and pretests allow students to work on *GED Connection* and *Workplace Essential Skills* lessons to strengthen skills they need to achieve their learning goals. Learners register online at [www.pbs.org/literacy](http://www.pbs.org/literacy) and personalize a Home Space, where they store portfolio work and receive feedback from online instructors. Learners can redo lessons or revise answers as often as they like.

- In *Workplace Essential Skills*, learners develop strategies for finding and succeeding in a job likely to suit their needs skills and talents.
- In *Pre-GED Connection*, learners gain experience doing lesson-related research on the Internet before diving into the higher-level GED online lessons.
- In *GED Connection*, learners can work through two different practice tests for each of the five content areas and practice in learning modules and web-based activities related to each lesson.

With Internet access, students can log on 24 hours a day, seven days a week—and it's FREE!

### ***Think Math!* DVD available to adult education classrooms!**

ALMA (adult Literacy Media Alliance) is producing the *TV411 Think Math!* DVD for use in adult education classrooms in Mississippi. The DVD features:

- 8 video segments from the TV411 broadcast series that embed useful math lessons in everyday situations to engage adults and motivate them to learn
- Lesson plans for teachers of adult learners on the topics of: fractions and percents; basic geometry and perimeter; ratios and rates; number patterns and data analysis
- Links to lessons and interactive, online games that reinforce the math content
- A short tutorial on how to best incorporate TV411 into program curricula

For more information on how to get a FREE copy of the *Think Math!* DVD, contact Shelley Ruchti at (212) 807-4244, or [sruchti@edc.org](mailto:sruchti@edc.org).

## 2006-2007 Instructional Television (ITV) Block Feed

K-12 Instructional programming is block-fed from 2:00 a.m. to 6 a.m., Tuesday-Saturday on Mississippi Public Broadcasting. We are including the May calendar with this newsletter for your convenience.

### ITV Block Feed Calendar 12 AM – 5:30 May 2007

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 12:00 WES 1:00 TV-411 2:00 Elements of Chemistry 4-6 3:05 About Science 101-110	<b>2</b> 12:00 WES 1:00 TV-411 2:00 About Science 111-126	<b>3</b> 12:00 WES 1:00 TV-411 2:00 American Lifestyle Series 1-7	<b>4</b> 12:00 WES 1:00 TV-411 2:00 American Lifestyle Series 8-15	<b>5</b> 12:00 WES 1:00 TV-411 2:00 American Lifestyle Series 16-23
<b>8</b> 12:00 WES 1:00 TV-411 2:00 American Lifestyle Series 24 2:30 Enrio-Tacklebox 1-8	<b>9</b> 12:00 WES 1:00 TV-411 2:00 Enrio-Tacklebox 9-11 3:05 Stories for Fun 1-7 4:30 Stories from Foreign Lands 1-6	<b>10</b> 12:00 WES 1:00 TV-411 2:00 Stories from Foreign Lands 7 2:15 Stories about Nature 1-7 3:20 Constr. Through History 1-5 5:05 African and African-American 1	<b>11</b> 12:00 WES 1:00 TV-411 2:00 Operation Algebra 1-6	<b>12</b> 12:00 WES 1:00 TV-411 2:00 Operation Algebra 7-10 4:25 Stores for Fun III 1-8
<b>15</b> 12:00 WES 1:00 TV-411 2:00 Stories for Fun III 9-10 2:20 Newton's Cradle 1-3 3:30 MS. History Series 1-3 4:35 Let's get Along: Conflict Skills 1-4	<b>16</b> 12:00 WES 1:00 TV-411 2:00 Stories about Special Days 1-7 2:55 Stories about Special Days II 1-8 4:20 Oral Communication 1-2	<b>17</b> 12:00 WES 1:00 TV-411 2:00 Stories about Animals II 1-9 3:40 Basic Grammar Series 1-3 4:10 Season under the Sun 1-3	<b>18</b> 12:00 WES 1:00 TV-411 2:00 Mathamerica 1-8	<b>19</b> 12:00 WES 1:00 TV-411 2:00 Mathamerica 9-16 4:00 A New People: The American Mosaic 1-3
<b>22</b> 12:00 WES 1:00 TV-411 2:00 A New People: The American Mosaic 3 2:20 Canada: Land of Diversity 1-2 3:10 Playing Fair 1-4 4:10 Let's Pretend Stories 1-9	<b>23</b> 12:00 WES 1:00 TV-411 2:00 Natural Phenomena 1-6 3:35 Geoscout 1-4 4:40 Earth Science 1-2	<b>24</b> 12:00 WES 1:00 TV-411 2:00 Earth Science 3 2:20 Fairy Tales & Other Stories 1-6 3:20 Teenage Pregnancy 3:55 Debbie Greenthumb 1-4 4:55 Trauma Run	<b>25</b> 12:00 WES 1:00 TV-411 2:00 Basic Biology Series 1-6 3:45 Using Maps, Globes, Tables etc.	

## Helpful Links and Resources

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

[PBS.org](http://PBS.org)

[PBS Literacylink](http://PBS Literacylink)

[PBS TeacherSource](http://PBS TeacherSource)

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

[PBS TeacherLine](http://PBS TeacherLine)

[Mississippi Department of Education](http://Mississippi Department of Education)

[PBS Kids](http://PBS Kids)

[State Board for Community Colleges](http://State Board for Community Colleges)

[PBS Kids Go!](http://PBS Kids Go!)

[Test Prep Review](http://Test Prep Review)

[PBS Parents](http://PBS Parents)

[Mississippi Institutions for Higher Learning](http://Mississippi Institutions for Higher Learning)

[www.TV411.org](http://www.TV411.org)

[www.gedonline.org](http://www.gedonline.org)

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## 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](mailto: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](http://www.mpbonline.org).

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