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Calendar of Events

- May 4 PBS Teachers Webinar
- May 5 National Teacher Day
- May 8 NTTI Master Teacher applications due
- May 16 WVPT Kids' Book Festival Harrisonburg
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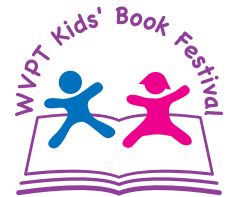
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WVPT Kids' Book Festival of Harrisonburg Returns

WVPT will host the 2009 Harrisonburg Kids' Book Festival on May 16 from 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. at James Madison University's Godwin Field. FREE books for children, FREE entertainment, FREE food, and FREE family activities are part of this community literacy event. Mark your calendars! [back](#)



Winners !

Over 300 illustrated stories were submitted by children in grades Kindergarten through third grade. Entries were sent from school divisions across the WVPT service area, including

Winchester, Lynchburg, Charlottesville, Highland, in addition to entries from children who are homeschooled. Stories were judged by over twenty educators, librarians, business leaders and WVPT staff. This year's contest is sponsored by McDonald's of Albemarle, Augusta and Harrisonburg and The Daily Progress of Charlottesville is the media partner.

The following winners were announced at an Awards Reception at the WVPT studios in Harrisonburg on April 30. Donna Hughes, the Youth Services Division Head for Handley Regional Library in Winchester and Storyteller, was the keynote speaker for the program. Ronald McDonald and Cubby, the WVPT Bear were on hand for the festivities as well. [back](#)

Kindergarten	First Grade	Second Grade	Third Grade
First Place Ava Goodale <i>Trusty's Lesson</i> Homeschooled Charlottesville	First Place Jessica Bohdan <i>Smiley's Nut</i> Pleasant Valley Rockingham County	First Place Russell Hunter <i>Fly Soup</i> Meriwether Lewis Albemarle County	First Place Nettie Jo Webb <i>I Love My Grandma, But She Can't Remember</i> TC Miller Lynchburg
Second Place Riley Hamp <i>The Good Idea</i> Westwood Hills Waynesboro	Second Place Emma Purgason <i>Time to Shine</i> McGaheysville Rockingham County	Second Place Graham Smith <i>Manatees on Ice</i> Agnor-Hurt Albemarle County	Second Place Michael Dew <i>The Turning World</i> Murray Charlottesville
Third Place Rieley Warf <i>Ben and June</i> Highland Highland County	Third Place Jenine H. Hamdan <i>The Sun</i> Stone Spring Harrisonburg	Third Place Alec Figler <i>Snakes</i> Agnor-Hurt Albemarle County	Third Place Nick Napora <i>A Duck is Stuck in a Truck</i> Lacey Springs Rockingham County
		Honorable Mention Alexa Fleshman <i>How I Met a Pixie</i> TC Miller Lynchburg	Honorable Mention Haley Warner <i>The Giraffe Whose Neck Would Not Grow</i> Highland Highland County

Summer READING RAINBOW Broadcast

READING RAINBOW will air through the summer at its regular 1:30 a.m. broadcast time. Please feel free to tape throughout the summer to complete your library media center set of the popular READING RAINBOW series. Ask parents to volunteer to tape during the summer.

Check the wvpt4learning.org website for a complete listing of episodes airing this summer at wvpt4learning.org/images/pdfs/readrainbow%20schedule%2008-09.pdf [back](#)





Summer Workshops with WVPT

Summer is a good time to catch up on professional development that is difficult to squeeze into a school year that is already packed! Your Education Specialists at WVPT are available for summer workshops in your area. Workshops are FREE to all of those school divisions within the WVPT service area. Call today to schedule a workshop for your school or school division. Contact Linda Holt at lholt@wvpt.net or 540-437-2463 or Bly Brown at bbrown@wvpt.net or 540-437-2436 to see what is available or to customize a workshop to meet your needs. [back](#)



May is National Physical Fitness and Sports Month

Check out Two Resources You're It. Get Fit!

May is National Physical Fitness and Sports Month. It only takes a small change. Instead of telling yourself you can't, tell yourself you can.

The President's Challenge is a program that encourages all Americans to make being active part of their everyday lives. No matter what your activity and fitness level, the President's Challenge can help motivate you to improve.

The 2009 "National President's Challenge: Be Active Your Way in May!"

Registration dates: May 1 to 29, 2009 at presidentschallenge.org

Program runs: May 1 to July 24, 2009 [back](#)



Food, Nutrition and Exercise

7 25-min. Programs Grades 7-12

This series of seven programs addresses important health issues for adolescents including overweight and under exercised teenagers, serious eating disorders such as Anorexia Nervosa and Bulimia, exercise, proper nutrition, food labeling, the food pyramid and advice for maintaining a healthy weight. Studies indicate that nearly 25% of all school-age children are overweight and another 12% have been diagnosed as obese. This series gives students information on making healthy choices while motivating them to get and stay in shape. The program and activities are consistent with the National Health Standards and provide students with a blue print for a healthy lifestyle. A teacher's resource guide provides valuable follow-up activities to help students put their new knowledge to practical use. Ask your library media specialist about this series. [back](#)



WVPT Partners for Childhood Nutrition and Obesity Seminar

WVPT—Virginia's Public Television and the Virginia Extension office are partnering to bring a Health Seminar June 17, 2009 at the Plecker Center of Blue Ridge Community College. Dr. Daniel Davidow, M.D. from the Medical Counseling and Associates of Richmond will speak on childhood nutrition and obesity. This informational seminar will begin at 8:00 a.m. with a continental breakfast. The seminar will end at noon and both educational and medical recertification points will be offered. The cost of the seminar is \$25. For registration forms and any additional information contact Barbara Roadcap, 540-437-2462 or broadcap@wvpt.net. [back](#)

Thinkfinity Partner Highlight: The Kennedy Center ArtsEdge

A program of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, **ArtsEdge** is also a partner of **Thinkfinity**, a consortium of national education organizations, state education agencies and the Verizon Foundation.

ArtsEdge – the National Arts and Education Network – supports the placement of the arts at the center of the curriculum and advocates creative use of technology to enhance the K-12 educational experience. **ArtsEdge** empowers educators to teach in, through, and about the arts by providing the tools to develop interdisciplinary curricula that fully integrate the arts with other academic subjects.

ARTSEGE offers free, standards-based teaching materials for use in and out of the classroom, as well as professional development resources, student materials, and guidelines for arts-based instruction and assessment.

Visit artsedge.kennedy-center.org or through Thinkfinity homepage at thinkfinity.org/home.aspx. [back](#)





Connecting, Collaborating, and Creating Using Technology

The Shenandoah Valley Technology Consortium will sponsor the *21st Century Skills Symposium: Connecting, Collaborating and Creating using Technology* on June 23, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Daniel Morgan Middle School in Winchester, Virginia. The cost of registration is \$35.00 and will cover lunch and breaks for the symposium.

The event will include hands-on activities, lectures, and poster sessions on a variety of topics including handhelds, iPods, PSP, *Thinkfinity*, *ThinkQuest*, copyright, and Web 2.0 tools such as blogs, wikis, and Google docs.

To submit a proposal to present at the symposium, go to: spreadsheets.google.com/viewform?hl=en&formkey=cHp3UzBfOWk4WTJoaZdoTIZCWk1iQ2c6MA.

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For additional information about the symposium, contact Linda Holt at lholt@wvpt.net. [back](#)



Celebrate Shenandoah National Park

WVPT has been awarded a grant to promote the beautiful Shenandoah National Park in connection with the release of Ken Burns' film **THE NATIONAL PARKS, AMERICA'S BEST IDEA** in the fall of 2009. For this grant many activities will be held such as photography contests and Park Days. Visit www.wvpt.net for future updates and details regarding this local parks initiative. If you have not visited the Shenandoah National Park, make this the year that you and your family experience the history, beauty and environment of the national park that is within the WVPT service area! [back](#)



PBS Teachers Webinar for May

PBS Teachers and Classroom 2.0 will host Jean-Michel Cousteau, famed explorer, environmentalist, educator, filmmaker, and executive producer and host of the PBS series **JEAN-MICHEL COUSTEAU: OCEAN ADVENTURES** as the guest for *Diving into the Digital World of Marine Science*, the next webinar in the PBS Teachers LIVE! series. Please mark your calendars for Monday, May 4 at 8:00 p.m. for this upcoming free webinar.

In this webinar, Jean-Michel Cousteau will discuss the importance of educating young people about the ocean and the vital role of teachers in inspiring students to become stewards of the environment. Joining him will be expedition team member, Holly Lohuis, and education associate Andrea Swensrud, the education and outreach coordinators for the PBS series **JEAN-MICHEL COUSTEAU: OCEAN ADVENTURES**. Webinar participants will learn ways to effectively integrate multimedia into the classroom to help teach important scientific concepts including adaptations, ecosystems, and human

impact on the environment. Participants will learn how to access the free Web-original videos, standards-based lesson plans, in-depth articles and online games available on the Ocean Adventures website. The webinar is geared towards 5th through 8th grade teachers, but the ideas and activities presented are easily adaptable to other grade levels. Visit pbs.org/teachers/webinar/index.html. [back](#)



TeacherLine: FREE Online Orientation Course

Take this free, two-hour orientation course, “Practice Learning Online with TeacherLine” to prepare for online learning. At the end of this course, you will be familiar with:

- The importance of time management and the self-discipline required to be a successful online learner.
- Skills for navigating course content quickly and efficiently.
- Strategies to improve the quality of your participation in an online learning community.
- Where to go for help.
- Resources available through PBS TeacherLine

Visit pbs.org/teacherline/free-orientation-course/ for more information. In order to take the course, you must first join PBS TeacherLine at pbs.org/teacherline/register/. [back](#)