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DISCOVERY STREAMING OFFERINGS

Date	Theme	Media Title	Grades
1st	1955: Rosa Parks Refused to Give Up Her Bus Seat	The Story of Rosa Parks (segment from Martin Luther King Day video)	3rd - 5th
3rd	International Day of the Disabled Person	No Body's Perfect ... Everybody's Special	3rd - 5th
6th	1865: 13th Amendment was Passed, Abolishing Slavery	Amendments to the Constitution After the Bill of Rights (segment from Understanding the Constitution: Creating	3rd - 8th
14th	1911: South Pole Discovered	Seasons on the North and South Poles (segment from The Reasons for the Seasons)	3rd - 8th
16th	1773: Boston Tea Party	Boston Tea Party (segment from Prelude to Revolution (Revised))	6th - 8th
21st	2008: First Day of Winter	Dear America: The Winter of Red Snow: The Revolutionary War Story of Abigail Stewart Winter	6th - 8th K-2nd
26th	2004: Deadliest Tsunami in Recorded History	Raging Planet: Tsunami	6th - 8th



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An Invitation to Alabama's K-3 Teachers

Alabama Public television, in conjunction with more than 100 PBS stations across the U.S., is proud to be a sponsor of the 15th Annual Reading Rainbow Young Writers & Illustrators Contest for K-3 students.

This year, APT is extending a special invitation to Alabama's K-3 teachers to start the New Year with a unique and engaging language arts project - one that helps their students to utilize their growing literacy skills in a meaningful way.

The contest offers a "real life" opportunity for the children to not only create and use their own literary "voices," but also to use the literacy skills they are practicing and learning based on the Alabama Language Arts Standards. This writing/illustrating project can take a few class periods or a few weeks - whatever your time allows.

Entering students' stories is easy: Go to www.aptv.org/RR to access the Reading Rainbow Contest Entry Form (one for each student) and the Contest Rules. For assistance, please call or email Tiffany Conner at 800-239-5233 ext. 177 or tconner@aptv.org.

For an animated look at the stories created by last year's winners, go to www.aptv.org/APTPLUS/digitalmedia/show.asp?ConceptID=4.

POWERMEDIAPLUS OFFERINGS

Date	Theme	Media Title	Grades
1st	1955: Rosa Parks Refused to Give Up Her Bus Seat	Milestones of the Civil Rights Movement (segment from The Unfinished Nation: The Other America)	7th - 12th
3rd	International Day of the Disabled Person	On Common Ground: Between a Rock and a Hard Place	7th - 12th
3rd	1967: First Successful Heart Transplant	Standard Deviants School Anatomy: The Circulatory System	10th - 12th
7th	1941: Japanese Attack on Pearl Harbor	A Time Remembered (go to http://www.aptv.org/alabamaww2/index.asp for World War II stories of Alabama veterans)	7th - 12th 9th - 12th
14th	1911: South Pole Discovered	Latitude & Longitude: Where Are We?	7th - 12th
16th	Beethoven's Birthday	Great Composers & Their Music, Second Edition: Ludwig van Beethoven	4th - 9th
21st	2008: First Day of Winter	I Want to Know: Hibernation	1st - 6th
31st	1869: Henri Matisse Born	Henri Matisse: Pattern & Paper Henri Matisse (segment of Twentieth Century Artistic Revolution)	7th - 12th 7th - 12th