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ACCESSING APTPLUS™

Generally, there are three categories of APTPLUS™ users: those who are currently enrolled and remember their Username and Password, those who are enrolled and don't remember their Username and Password, and those who have never been enrolled in APTPLUS™. Outlined below are scenarios and solutions for each of these situations.

Currently Enrolled:

If you are currently enrolled and remember your Username and Password, go to www.aptpus.org and click the "Sign in now" button. You should be taken to the new "APTPLUS Federated Search" page which will provide access to all of the database content.

New to APTPLUS – NOT currently enrolled:

If you are NOT currently enrolled, you may obtain your unique school Passcode from APT and complete the enrollment process yourself or you may request enrollment from the APT staff. Enrollment will result in a unique Username and Password for you that will enable access to the content in multiple databases through a single sign-on from the APTPLUS web portal.

Those who have forgotten their Username and Password:

If you are currently enrolled and want to retrieve your existing Username and Password, log on to www.aptpus.org, click on "Sign in Now," scroll down the page to bullet #4 ("I don't remember my unitedstreaming Username and Password"), click on "click here and enter your email address." The system will send your existing Username to your email address. Upon receipt of your Username, repeat the procedure by typing in your Username and click "continue." Follow the prompts to answer your Security Reminder Question and click "continue." Your Password will be sent to your email address.

CAUTION: If you click on "Forgot Password?" underneath the Username and Password boxes instead of selecting bullet #4, you will create a NEW Password rather than retrieve your existing Password.

THE NEW AND ENHANCED APTPLUS™

In June, Alabama Public Television launched a new and enhanced APTPLUS! This new service offers continuing access to curriculum content in unitedstreaming plus additional content in PowerMediaPlus through a single APTPLUS sign-on. The addition of a federated search function to the service enables the user to search across five databases simultaneously to find the desired content. With multiple databases offered on APTPLUS, over 100,000 media assets are now available with the click of a mouse. To use the new service, the only requirement is enrollment. Log on to www.aptpus.org and print out the Enrollment Directions for Current Users of Unitedstreaming and the Enrollment Directions for New Users. If you have questions or need help, click on "Contact APTPLUS" on the APTPLUS home page.

Almost every teacher in Alabama is familiar with unitedstreaming and the wealth of



resources it offers. But what about PowerMediaPlus? Why add another streaming video service to APTPLUS? PowerMediaPlus enhances the content available in the other databases by providing MORE content in the Pre-K area, foreign languages, and the fine arts. Teachers requested more content specifically in those areas to meet their classroom needs. In addition, it offers some options previously unavailable such as podcasts, extensive audio

files, and correlations to not only the Alabama Course of Study but also the SAT 10 and Alabama High School Graduation Exam.

Alabama Public Television will continue to increase the content available on APTPLUS to strengthen the service and to enhance the benefits derived from using it. Let us know your needs, thoughts and concerns. We look forward to your participation.

MASTERPIECE THEATRE PRESENTS JANE AUSTEN



The Complete Jane Austen

Masterpiece Theatre has good news for Jane Austen's millions of fans: PBS' beloved British drama series will broadcast adaptations of all of Austen's six novels, plus a new drama based on her life. It's the first time in television

history that her books have been broadcast as a complete collection.

Beginning on January 13th, APT is inviting viewers to tune in on Sunday nights for "The Complete Jane Austen": new presentations of *Northanger Abbey*, *Persuasion*, *Mansfield Park* and *Sense and Sensibility*. The series will also include

Emma and *Pride and Prejudice*.

A printed Educator's Guide to accompany this series is available FREE OF CHARGE from APT. Only 400 copies are available and will be distributed on a first come, first served basis. To request this free material, contact Libby Davis at ldavis@aptv.org.

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Focus on: WINTER

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PowerMediaPlus

- Charlie Needs a Cloak (Gr. 1-6)
- Holiday Story Fun for Kids: The Four Seasons (Gr. K-5)
- Dear America Series: The Winter of Red Snow: The Revolutionary War (Gr. 4-9)
- Ping and Pong Learn About Plants and Animals (Gr. 1-3)

Unitedstreaming

- Winter (Gr. 3-5)
- World's Best: Series: Cool Creatures (Gr. 6-12)
- Elementary Spanish: Grade 1-2: Unit 8, Lesson 6 (Winter clothing segment) (Gr. 1-5)
- Biomes: Wild Arctic (Gr. 6-8)
- The Reasons for the Seasons (Gr. 3-5)

100th Day of School

Most of the schools in Alabama will reach the "100th Day of School" milestone sometime in January. Here are some video resources for you to use on that day. Enjoy these "number" selections from

PowerMediaPlus:

The Hundred Penny Box (Gr. 1-6)

Fingerplays and Footplays (Five Little Monkeys segment) (Kindergarten)

Dr. Rock's Math Adventure: Place Value (Gr. 1-3)

Spanish for Kids: Level One: Volume One (Counting segments) (Gr. 1-5)

UNITEDSTREAMING OFFERINGS

	Theme	Media Title	Grades
1st	2000: The "Millennium Bug" Doesn't Bite in 2000	The Ups and Downs of Technology	6th - 12th
2nd	1975: The Monarch Butterflies' Winter Home Discovered	World of Nature: Monarch Butterfly: Milkweed to Mexico	3rd - 8th
5th	1896: X-Ray Discovery Announced	Physics: A World in Motion: Wave Particle Duality (How X-ray Works segment)	9th - 12th
10th	1901: Drillers Make 1st Major Oil Strike in Texas	Junior Geologist: Our Planet Earth What's Inside the Earth? (Oil, Water, and Lava segment)	3rd - 5th 6th - 8th
12th	1737: John Hancock's Birthday	Why Don't You Get a Horse, Sam Adams Six Revolutionary War Figures	3rd - 5th 3rd - 5th
15th	1929: Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.	American Heroes and Heroines: Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The Boyhood of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.	3rd - 5th 3rd - 5th
17th	1706: Benjamin Franklin's Birthday	The Real Ben Franklin	6th - 9th
19th	2008: Nevada Caucuses	Our Federal Government: Electing a President: The Process The History & Functions of the Presidency	6th - 8th 9th - 12th
25th	First Winter Olympics	Discovering History: 20th Century Biographies: Sports Legends (Jesse Owens segment)	6th - 12th

POWERMEDIAPLUS OFFERINGS

	Theme	Media Title	Grades
1st	2000: The "Millennium Bug" Doesn't Bite in 2000	Understanding How Stuff Works for Students: Computers	4th - 6th
2nd	1975: The Monarch Butterflies' Winter Home Discovered	The Story of the Butterfly	4th - 9th
5th	1896: X-Ray Discovery Announced	Teen Kids News: Show 440 (Siemens Science Day segment)	4th - 9th
10th	1901: Drillers Make 1st Major Oil Strike in Texas	Globe Trekker: The Arab Gulf States (scroll down and select The Burgan Oil Field segment)	10th - 12th
12th	1737: John Hancock's Birthday	Just the Facts Learning Series: The Declaration of Independence (The Signing of the Declaration segment)	4th - 9th
15th	1929: Dr. Martin Luther King,	Holiday Facts and Fun: Martin Luther King Jr. Day, 2nd	1st - 6th
17th	1706: Benjamin Franklin's Birthday	What's the Big Idea, Ben Franklin? (literature selection) Just the Facts Learning Series: Fun Facts of American History (Franklin State segment)	1st - 6th 4th - 9th
19th	2008: Nevada Caucuses	Race to the White House: The Making of a President (Caucuses & Primaries segment)	7th - 12th
25th	1924: First Winter Olympics	Daily Deskercise: First Winter Olympics: Workout One Sports: Financing Olympic Dreams	1st - 3rd 6th - 12th