

Vermont PBS Kids and Education: January 2022

Vermont Public Broadcasting System (PBS) and the Agency of Education (AOE) continue their partnership to support learning for Vermont students and school communities heading into the new school year. This partnership provides access to free educational programming, curricular connections, offline kits, and distance learning tutorials through [Vermont PBS Kids and Education](#).

The Broadcast Schedule can be found [online](#), for in classroom or take-home enrichment.

Would you like to know more? Watch the webinars:

- [Beyond Screen Time: The Fundamentals of PBS Navigation](#) (1 Hour)
- [Playful Learning Collections for Home: Resources for Parents](#) (1 Hour)
- [Molly of Denali: Indigenous Cultural and Informational Text](#) (1 Hour)

Join the Vermont PBS Educational Resources group on [Edmodo](#) and share resources related to PBS programming and classroom strategies. To join the group:

- Activate your Edmodo account and join the VTED Learns community by filling out [this form](#).
- [Join the group](#) with the link provided or the group code “zyqyd4”.

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As a primary resource, [PBS LearningMedia](#) provides recommended collections for PreK-12 resources for in-person or remote instruction, both with or without internet access. These are anytime, anywhere resources.

Teacher Resources Accessible Ahead to Stream On-demand and Through Broadcast

Teachers and community members can navigate resources in two ways:

1. Access weekly thematic bundles with specific episodes highlighted per week by content area and age-level that are available to stream on-demand. These episodes connect to specific resources on [PBS LearningMedia](#) and [PBS Kids for Parents](#).
2. Use the [Vermont PBS grids](#) with the Incorporating PBS guides to help pick and choose specific educational series that align with content focus, standard, and age-level. Not all content is available on-demand.

Looking for Specific Content Connections?

- Go to [PBS LearningMedia](#) and search by content, standard, or grade.
- Search resources by using the [Incorporating PBS Documents](#) by series, age, or content.

Media Literacy

Collections you might like...

- [PBS KIDS](#) – Discover how to stream free videos and play games, no matter where you are. Watch and play (and learn!) anytime on any device with family and friends.
- [Expanding Narratives Using Media](#) – This planning kit has resources, tips, and professional development opportunities rooted in supporting critical media literacy skills. Media literacy education emphasizes skills of inquiry and expression and empowers students to think critically, communicate effectively, and engage as active citizens. (All Grades)
- [Teaching Students to Critically Analyze Media: Empowering Young Media Consumers and Creators](#) – This professional learning series considers how to tackle misinformation, how to analyze digital media, and why it's important for students. Prioritizing fun, engaging and accessible tools for your students, the series will highlight techniques for analyzing media, and amplifying student voice through authentic storytelling. (Middle and High)
- Take time to check out PBS LearningMedia's new [Student Portal](#) allowing students to search with tech savvy.

Just for teachers!

One Small Step Project by Vermont Public Radio

Vermont Public Radio and Vermont PBS have united and are collaborating on an exciting project through StoryCorp called [One Small Step](#). One Small Step is a nationwide initiative to help bridge political divides and strengthen communities, one conversation at a time. This One Small Step [conversation guide](#) will help teachers of high school students set up scaffolded opportunities to explore political identity and differences, but most importantly--find common ground. To find out more about ways to get your school or students involved please email Heather Duhamel, Manager of Education, hduhamel@vermontpbs.org.

Want to find out more?

- PBS LearningMedia StoryCorp: [Interview Tips](#)

Preschool to Grade 2

Enjoy FREE Learning Games and Podcasts!

- Listen to local Vermont Public Radio [But Why](#) Podcast for Curious Kids with questions like [Do skyscrapers scrape the sky?](#)
- Watch FREE [PBS KIDS Video Mobile](#) with optional Download App (for children ages 2-8)
 - Safe, child-friendly viewing for shows like STEAM inspired [Wild Kratts](#)
- Play FREE Interactive [PBS KIDS Games](#) – Download App (for children ages 2-8)
 - 50+ Learning Games like STEAM inspired [The Cat in the Hat Builds That](#)
- Enjoy new episodes from [Alma's Way](#) in English and Spanish

Other Webinars for Families

- [Talking Authentically about Race and Racism](#)

For Teachers

- [PreK Self-Paced Teacher Learning Modules](#) (FREE, includes certificate)

Grades 3-5

[Critical Changemaker Worksheet](#) – Let’s expand the narrative and ways we think about digital media in the classroom!

Informational text to accompany Changemaker worksheet:

- **The Arts:**
 - [Trombone Shorty](#) Learning Guide & [Read Aloud](#)
- **Leaders in STEAM:**
 - Albert Einstein: Mini-biography from [Nat Geo for Kids](#)
 - Jane Goodall: Mini-biography from [Time 4 Kids online](#) & accompanying [video from PBS Learning Media](#)
- **Social Studies/History** (For Martin Luther King Jr. Day):
 - Mini-biographies from [Nat Geo for Kids](#), [Time 4 Kids](#) & [Ducksters](#);
 - Accompanying [video from PBS Learning Media](#)
- **ELA:**
 - Dr. Seuss: Mini-biography from [Britannica for Kids](#)

Middle School

VPR Podcast: Timeline with NEW Learning Guide (WebQuest)

Learn more about [Scott Joplin](#) in January. Composer Scott Joplin was called “The King of Ragtime.” Though his works were popular during his lifetime, Joplin did not have an easy life or kingly riches.

Expanding the Narrative Resources on PBS LearningMedia

- [Creating Podcasts](#)
- [Critically Analyzing Media Catcher & Question Stem Cards](#)

High School

VPR’s Brave Little State highlights podcast: [Black Comfort](#), Or Lack Thereof, In Vermont

We get comfortable — or uncomfortable — and talk about living in Vermont with, or as, a Black kid.

Teacher Webinars and Resources (For all)

- Virtual Professional Development Series for Teachers: [Deepening Your Understanding of Race and Racism](#)
- PBSLM: Examining Identity – A Creative Media Extension for the Classroom [From the Ken Burns in the Classroom Ali Collection](#)