PBS Video Collection Available for California K-12 Public Schools

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[Sacramento, Calif.] – Starting with the new school year in August, California public school students and educators will have access to over 1,200 streaming PBS videos covering topics in science, history, current events, music and drama.

The PBS Video Collection (Fourth Edition) from ProQuest, part of the Clarivate company, is the latest addition to the online resources the State Library makes available at no charge to California’s six million public school students.

“With topics ranging from science and history to art and Shakespeare, including early learning content, this partnership is a huge asset to our California students and educators,” said State Librarian Greg Lucas. “The collection also includes some well-known programs that originally aired on PBS, which are not only super educational but a delight to watch.”

California’s K-12 Online Content Project provides research and homework help for the state’s 6.1 million public school students at no cost to the local district or school. By laptop, tablet or phone, students have conducted millions of investigations and searches. By using information and media in a way that is self-directed and student-focused, students develop both digital literacy and critical thinking skills. The project has over a dozen platforms that include online encyclopedias, research databases, science resources, English language arts supports – and now educational videos from PBS.

The PBS Video Collection adds to the variety of school-library content being made available for California’s kids through the K-12 Online Content Project, a joint project of the State Library and the Riverside County Office of Education. Because this fourth edition of the PBS Video Collection is available by perpetual license, teachers are able to develop lesson plans spanning multiple years.

More information about the PBS Video Collection, including highlights and a full list of video titles, is available online.

ProQuest will provide training in how to use this video collection for school districts in August. School staff are encouraged to sign up to view live training or receive links to recorded sessions.

- **Overview and Setup Training** – for technology leads to learn about the new platform and ask questions regarding setup and integration into existing technology systems.
  - Tuesday, August 9, 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. PT [SIGN UP]
  - Tuesday, August 9, 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. PT [SIGN UP]

- **Content and Platform Training** – for teachers, school librarians, curriculum instruction and subject area leads, and administrators to learn more about the types of content contained within the collection and the tools provided in the educational streaming video platform.
  - Thursday, August 11, 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. PT [SIGN UP]
  - Thursday, August 11, 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. PT [SIGN UP]

More information about the K-12 Online Content Project is available [on the State Library website](#). Administrative staff seeking technical assistance may contact program manager Mary Beth Barber at marybeth.barber@library.ca.gov.

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