IPTV’s commitment to early childhood education continues with the expansion of our Ready for School initiative. Educational specialists work with educators, parents, and community partners in several Iowa communities to implement activities for children ages 2–8 years old.

Ready for School focuses on giving children opportunities to succeed, and provide access to high-quality educational media resources including online games, instructional materials and educational activities that help children increase their school readiness and success. The content and related activities are based upon the work of educational children’s programming from PBS programs, such as Daniel Tiger’s Neighborhood, The Cat in the Hat Knows a Lot About That, Odd Squad, Martha Speaks, and Peg + Cat.

This initiative has been validated by research funded through the U.S. Department of Education. Ready for School started in the fall of 2013 and has been present in over 100 Iowa communities.

Some of the activities that have been implemented through Ready for School can also be implemented statewide. Find more information at https://bit.ly/35MlZlk.

Calling all junior producers

The Film Lounge: Student Challenge encourages Iowa students in grades 7-12 to hone their creativity for the big screen. Selected films and filmmakers will receive statewide recognition and inclusion into The Film Lounge Academy complete with a red-carpet premiere screening and workshops with industry professionals this spring. The program blends art and technology to provide creative workforce training to students in Iowa schools. Learn more at https://bit.ly/2AgSuKm.
**Multimedia**

**STEM Resources**

**Dead Sea Scroll Detectives**

Since the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered in 1947, these fragile parchment relics have intrigued many. The 2,000-year-old scrolls hold vital clues about the birth of Christianity. While certain scrolls have survived intact, others have been ravaged by time—burnt, decayed, or torn to pieces—and remain an enigma. Now, scientists are using new technologies to read the unreadable, solve mysteries that have endured for millennia, and even discover million-dollar fakes. Find this program at [https://to.pbs.org/33DG1fF](https://to.pbs.org/33DG1fF).

**IPTV Local**

**Early childhood Edcamp**

Iowa Public Television will be hosting a special Edcamp for early childhood educators, childcare center employees, daycare providers and homeschool parents on November 16 from 8:30 a.m. - noon. Edcamps are free unconferences that allow attendees to determine their own topics and discuss issues they find meaningful. This exciting opportunity will include a light breakfast and fun goody bags for participants. Three hours of credit will be given to attendees for DHS hours as well as NAC credential. You must register on the DHS Registry to receive credit and a certificate. Register today at [iptv.org](http://iptv.org).

**Origin of Everything**

Every aspect of your daily reality, whether it’s the words you use, the pop culture you love, the technology that gets you through the day, or even the identities you give yourself, emerge from thousands of intersecting histories. And on this show, you are going to explore them ALL! Okay, maybe not ALL but you get the idea. Find these engaging, short segments at [https://to.pbs.org/2VPLQUE](https://to.pbs.org/2VPLQUE).
**PBS LearningMedia**

**PBS LearningMedia** is your destination for direct access to thousands of classroom-ready, curriculum-targeted digital resources. It builds on the strength of public media and is designed to improve teacher effectiveness and student achievement.

All Grades

**Do you want to use PBS LearningMedia in your classroom?**

If you are interested in learning about **PBS LearningMedia** for your classroom, contact us! We travel to schools across the state to showcase more than 100,000 resources that are waiting for you online! We can customize a session to meet your needs and even help your students create accounts. IPTV is finding great success in providing teacher trainings first, allowing teachers to become familiar with our resources, then returning to train your students and help them to create accounts. We can also return to assist in a parent or community night to show families how to use our resources to further learning at home. To learn more, contact Angela Hiatt at [angela.hiatt@iptv.org](mailto:angela.hiatt@iptv.org).

Grades Prek–5

**Arthur: All About Community**

Arthur has been a household staple for years, often cited for teaching social emotional lessons. Use these activities to help children understand themselves and those around them. Topics include self-esteem, understanding others and cultural diversity. Learn about community at [https://bit.ly/35P865E](https://bit.ly/35P865E).

Grades 2–12

**The Warrior Tradition**

Native Americans enlist and serve in the U.S. military at rates that proportionally far exceed every other ethnic group. **The Warrior Tradition** explores the many and varied reasons why Native Americans have chosen to fight on behalf of the U.S. throughout history. These curriculum materials include lesson plans for grades 2 through 12, a discussion guide, and a classroom poster that will help students learn about Native American culture, traditions, and history. The lesson plans are aligned to the National Curriculum Standards for Social Studies. Thematic Strands cover a variety of topics, such as examining culture, defining the word “warrior,” Navajo Code Talkers, honoring soldiers, and warrior women. Browse **The Warrior Tradition** at [https://bit.ly/2JcUhUO](https://bit.ly/2JcUhUO).

Grades 5–12

**Intergenerational Art and Culture Traditions**

Looking at artistic practices like Sami-inspired bracelet making, Dakota quill working, Norwegian knife making and Dakota beadworking, these videos provide a look at how artistic and cultural practices are being used to preserve culture and identity in modern Scandinavian and Native communities in America, specifically in southwest and western Minnesota. Many of these videos portray how master artists and craftspeople are purposefully teaching these practices to younger generations. Learn more about these traditions at [https://bit.ly/2Jcztgp](https://bit.ly/2Jcztgp).

**IPTV Pop-Up Film Series showcases Iowa Land and Sky**

Join Iowa Public Television as we host four screening events celebrating **Iowa Land and Sky**. Through the use of mesmerizing aerial videography and stunning on-the-ground camera work, **Iowa Land and Sky** delights, entrances and transports viewers across the state’s breathtaking landscapes. Leveraging the latest advancements in aerial drone cinematography, this program brings viewers a unique bird’s-eye perspective of the state’s landforms, waterways and towns.


Encouraging children to become helpers

In a 2014 study published in the Journal of Child Development, researchers asked children between the ages of three and six to perform a variety of tasks. Children who were asked to be “helpers” were significantly more responsive to requests than those who simply asked to “help.” This phenomenon is not limited to childhood. Learn more about getting children to be willing helpers at https://to.pbs.org/2qi6xwM.

Strategies to create a community in your classroom

The Arthur theme song says it all: “You can learn to work and play and get along with each other.” Building a classroom community is a process with huge benefits for students and teachers. Most teachers have a goal of building a community of learners and want to create a place where students feel safe to make a mistake and share ideas. Find successful strategies for building classroom community at https://to.pbs.org/2HO0Jl0.

Cultural Appropriation: What’s an educator's role?

Looking around the world, we notice ways that imagery, style and language are borrowed from other cultures and peoples. Some of these examples are thoughtful and respectful towards the cultures they pay tribute to, and others are much more problematic. With the bombardment of media imagery to which students are subjected, how do we encourage students to understand that this ‘borrowing’ can in fact be harmful to already oppressed and underrepresented groups? Learn about the educator’s role at https://to.pbs.org/2Bjb9VF.

Upcoming with IPTV

Visit Us Here

Each month IPTV Educational Services attends conferences, contributes to events and even offers customized webinars. Our list of upcoming events is below. Contact us if you’d like to schedule a training or invite us to one of your events.

November 7
Family Literacy Night
Des Moines, IA

November 8
Guthrie Center STEAM Day
Guthrie Center, IA

November 16
IPTV Education Edcamp
Johnston, Iowa

December 12
Coffee Connections
Des Moines, Iowa

Find ongoing information on iptv.org/education or email Angela Hiatt at angela.hiatt@iptv.org to request IPTV Education to be a part of your event.