

WTVP-TV
PROGRAM EFFORTS RELATED TO CHILDREN'S NEEDS
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PBSKIDS ARE READY TO LEARN

Recognizing the importance of quality television for its younger viewers, WTVP continues to be part of the PBSKIDS service and to provide educational opportunities through its First Books program.

Designed for children ages 2–12, PBSKIDS features a full line-up of PBS children's series—the quality, educational, nonviolent, noncommercial programming that parents and educators have trusted for two generations—and specially-produced “program breaks” that urge children to be creative, curious, cooperative, and responsible learners.

The on-air component of the Service is available Monday-Friday from 5:30-11:30 a.m. & 2:30-5:30 p.m. WTVP viewers also receive additional weekend children's programming. Program details follow:

BETWEEN THE LIONS

This series is a multi-media educational initiative created to help children aged four to seven acquire beginning skills and a love of reading. The series is built around a curriculum that incorporates the most recent advances in literacy skill instruction. Monday-Friday 5:30 a.m. July-Dec., 2009 30 minutes PBS

ARTHUR

This animated series—featuring the world's most famous aardvark—uses imagination, kindness and humor to help young people meet the challenges of childhood. Monday-Friday, 6 AM & 3 PM; 8:30 or 9 AM Sundays July-Dec., 2009 30 minutes PBS

MARTHA SPEAKS

Based on the acclaimed books by Susan Meddaugh and designed for 4- to 7-year-olds, MARTHA SPEAKS celebrates the power of words, and features the humorous adventures of a loveable family dog who acquires the ability to speak when she eats alphabet soup – and the letters travel to her brain. Monday-Friday 6:30 AM & 2:30 PM, Sundays 8 or 8:30 AM July-Dec., 2009 30 minutes PBS

CURIOUS GEORGE

Based on the best-selling books by Margret and H.A. Rey, the daily series expands George's world to include a host of colorful characters and original locales. The series aims to inspire kids to explore science, math and engineering in the world around them. Monday-Friday 7 AM; Sundays 6 AM July-Dec.; Saturdays 6 AM in Sept.-Dec., 2009 30 minutes PBS

SID THE SCIENCE KID

Designed for 3- to 6-year olds, SID uses comedy and music to encourage young people to explore the foundations of science in their everyday world. Sid explores a new topic each

day and finds the answers to his questions in familiar places – at home, at school and in the car.

Monday-Friday, 7:30 AM, Sundays 6:30AM July-Dec.; Saturdays 6:30AM Sept.-Dec., 2009 30 minutes PBS

SUPER WHY

This series aimed at preschoolers helps young viewers learn key reading skills and find answers to everyday challenges by transporting them into Storybook Village, a tiny world that exists behind the books in a library.

Monday-Friday 8 a.m.; Sundays 7 a.m. July-Dec.; Saturdays 7 a.m. Sept.-Dec., 2009 30 minutes PBS

CLIFFORD THE BIG RED DOG

The programs emphasize good citizenship and the importance of community. Through the character of Clifford, whose heart is as big as he is, children absorb gentle lessons about acceptance and inclusion.

Monday-Friday 8:30 or 10AM; Sundays 7:30 or 8AM July-Dec., 2009 30 minutes PBS

DINOSAUR TRAIN

Dinosaur Train embraces and celebrates the fascination that preschoolers have with both dinosaurs and trains while encouraging basic scientific thinking and skills as the young audience learns about natural science, natural history and paleontology.

Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m.; Saturdays & Sundays 7:30 a.m. Sept.-Dec., 2009 30 minutes PBS

SESAME STREET

Award-winning preschool program prepares children for formalized learning in school and tackles the issue of race relations, presenting the idea that there are all kinds of people whose differences are delightful, but whose humanity is the same.

Monday-Friday 9AM; Saturdays 5AM July-Aug.; Sundays 5AM Sept.-Dec., 2009 60 minutes PBS

DRAGON TALES

This series chronicles the adventures of six-year-old Emmy and her four-year-old brother Max, who discover a magic dragon scale in the playroom of their house. The series encourages children to pursue challenging experiences and teaches that trying and not fully succeeding are natural and valuable parts of growing up.

Monday-Friday 10 a.m, Saturdays 7 a.m., July-Aug., 2009 30 minutes PBS

WORDWORLD

A series aimed at preschoolers, WordWorld unfolds in a wonderful place where letters become words and words become WordFriends – wacky characters that look like and spell exactly what they are.

Monday-Friday 10:30 a.m. July-Dec., 2009 30 minutes PBS

CAILLOU

Based on the series of best-selling children's books, the stories address real problems and conflicts typical to a young child's development. Through it all, Caillou is just an irresistible little boy in a big world with whom every young child and parent can identify. Monday-Friday 11 a.m. July-Dec., 2009 30 minutes PBS

WORDGIRL

WORDGIRL chronicles the adventures of a mild-mannered fifth grader who, at the call of duty, transforms into WordGirl. When there is trouble in the big city, this super heroine-in-disguise uses vocabulary to defeat outlaws bent on "WORD" domination. Monday-Friday 3:30 p.m; Sundays 9 or 9:30 a.m. July-Dec., 2009 30 minutes PBS

FETCH! WITH RUFF RUFFMAN

Part game show, part reality series, part spoof, FETCH! explores the untapped potential of the hugely popular reality television genre and proves it can be a great way for kids to learn problem-solving skills and teamwork, while exposing them to different cultures and experiences.

Monday-Friday, 4 or 4:30 PM; Sunday 10 or 10:30 a.m. July-Dec., 2009 30 minutes PBS

CYBERCHASE

CYBERCHASE, an animated adventure series, takes kids on a wild ride through cyberspace—and challenges them to use the power of math to solve problems. The program sends the message that math is fun—math is about problem solving and, boy, does it come in handy.

Monday-Friday 4:30 or 5 p.m. July-Dec.; Sundays 11 a.m. Sept.-Dec., 2009 30 minutes PBS

READING RAINBOW

Host LeVar Burton takes young viewers on reading adventures that help motivate an interest in reading for pleasure and entertainment.

Monday-Friday 5 PM July-Aug., 2009 30 minutes PBS

THOMAS AND FRIENDS

These half-hour programs, based on the much-loved books by Reverend W. Awdry, follow the lives of Thomas and his friends as they work hard, overcome "cracks in the tracks," and in the end, strive to be "Really Useful Engines."

Saturdays, 6 or 8 AM July-Dec., 2009 30 minutes PBS

BOB THE BUILDER

In each episode, Bob, Wendy and their crew of machines work together as a team, demonstrating the value of a "can-do" spirit, problem-solving and personal achievement, while reminding viewers that "the fun is in getting it done!"

Saturdays 6:30 or 8:30 a.m. July-Dec., 2009 30 minutes PBS PLUS

MAMA MIRABELLE'S HOME MOVIES

This warm-hearted, high spirited show for preschoolers centers around a sassy elephant host named Mama Mirabelle and the young animal characters she cares for and plays with every day on the African savanna. It combines a uniquely animated world for little

kids to explore, with exceptional live-action footage from National Geographic and BBC's award-winning archives that illuminates the real world for them.
Saturdays 7:30 a.m., July-Aug., 2009 30 minutes PBS PLUS

ANGELINA BALLERINA

ANGELINA BALLERINA is a little mouse who yearns to become a prima ballerina, and through her quest to learn dance, she meets many friends and has many adventures. British actress Finty Williams brings Angelina to life, and Finty's mother, Academy Award-winning actress Judi Dench, voices Miss Lilly, Angelina's mentor and dance instructor.

Saturdays 5:30 or 8 a.m., July-Dec., 2009 30 minutes PBS PLUS

FRANNY'S FEET

In every episode, while helping her grandpa in his shoe repair shop, Franny slips on a pair of shoes and says, "Where will my feet take me today?" From there, she is transported to places around the globe, including the African Savannah, a Mexican fiesta, a wild trip to the frozen arctic or a tea ceremony in Japan. During her magical adventures, she meets new friends and tries to help them solve problems, sharing her feelings, fears and advice with the audience along the way.

Saturdays 8:30 a.m., July-Aug., 2009 30 minutes PBS PLUS

MISTER ROGERS NEIGHBORHOOD

Mister Rogers helps children feel good about themselves.

Saturdays 5 AM; Sundays 5AM July-Dec., 2009 30 minutes PBS

BARNEY & FRIENDS

A fuzzy purple stuffed dinosaur, comes to life—giant size—through the fantasies of six children, who invite preschoolers to interact with the characters, sing along and learn while having fun.

Sundays 5:30 a.m. July-Aug., 2009 30 min. PBS

WISHBONE

This award-winning series about a little dog with a big imagination leaps into exciting adventures with his human friends to introduce children to the classics – and to a parallel contemporary tale.

Sundays 11 a.m. July-Aug., 2009 30 minutes PBS

THE ELECTRIC COMPANY

Like the original "The Electric Company," the new "The Electric Company" draws from pop culture --- music, comedy, technology and celebrities --- to create a playful, hip, multi-media experience. The series includes many modular elements -- sketches, animations and songs -- that will serve a scaffolded phonics curriculum that extends beyond decoding and connected text to reflect new insights into how best to help struggling readers.

Monday-Friday 4 p.m.; Sundays 9:30 or 10 a.m. July-Dec., 2009 30 minutes PBS

ANIMALIA

Alex and Zoe visit the extraordinary land of Animalia, a spectacular place inhabited by talking animals from the pages of Graeme Base's classic book of the same name. Mysterious events have undermined the very fabric of Animalian civilization, and Alex, Zoe and their new best friends, G'Bubu and Iggy (a huge green gorilla and a small but heroic iguana), will do everything they can to restore peace and order to Animalia.
Sundays 10:30 a.m. July-Aug., 2009 30 minutes PBS

Biz Kid\$

A fast-paced new series that teaches kids about money and entrepreneurship. Topics explored include "What Is a Biz Kid?"—a look at how anybody can be a Biz Kid with effort and the right attitude.
Sundays, July 5 – Dec. 27, 2009 5:30 p.m. 30 minutes each PBS

P.O.V.

Hold Me Tight, Let Me Go

In this program, one of Britain's leading documentary filmmakers takes a verite look at Oxford's Mulberry Bush School for emotionally disturbed children. Mulberry's heroically forbearing staff greets extreme, sometimes violent behavior with only consolation and gentle restraint.
Tuesday, July 28, 2009 9 p.m. 90 minutes PBS

Values Go to School

A visit to four schools to look at how teachers are helping their students make positive ethical choices within a supportive classroom setting.
Sunday, Aug. 30, 2009 10:30 p.m. 30 minutes APT

Wide Angle

Time for School

In this two-part unprecedented, award-winning 12-year documentary project, WIDE ANGLE returns to seven classrooms in seven countries to offer a glimpse into the lives of seven extraordinary children who are struggling to get what nearly all American kids take for granted: a basic education.
Wednesdays, Sept. 2 & 9, 2009 9 p.m. 120 minutes PBS

Families Stand Together: Feeling Secure in Tough Times

This program aims to give families the tools they need for positive outcomes for their children's physical and emotional well being during these tough economic times.
Wednesday, Sept. 9, 2009 7 p.m. 60 minutes PBS

Your Life, Your Money

This groundbreaking program gives young adults information on personal finance and money management and empowers them to get their financial lives on track.
Wednesday, Sept. 9, 2009 8 p.m. 60 minutes PBS

The Principal Story

The Principal Story follows two principals over the course of a school year, discovering each one's unique styles yet similar passions, and takes the viewer along for an emotional ride that reveals what effective educational leadership looks like in the 21st century.

Tuesday, Sept. 15, 2009 9:30 p.m. 60 minutes PBS

At Issue – Prescription Drug Abuse

At Issue host H. Wayne Wilson looks at the impact of and treatment programs for over-the-counter and prescription drug abuse in children. (Repeated Sunday at 4:30 p.m.)

Thursday, Oct. 15, 2009 8:30 p.m. 30 minutes WTVP

At Issue – Ken Hinton

District 150 Superintendent Ken Hinton, who will be retiring his post on Dec. 1 after four decades of service, will join At Issue host H. Wayne Wilson for a personal look back and professional look forward at the district's future. (Repeated Sunday at 4:30 p.m.)

Thursday, Nov. 19, 2009 8:30 p.m. 30 minutes WTVP

Ballet Shoes

This historical drama about family and fame set in 1930s London tells the enchanting tale of three orphan girls who set out to fulfill their dreams.

Thursday, Nov. 26, 2009 8 p.m. 90 minutes APT

When Learning Comes Naturally

This program documents innovative outdoor-education programs around the country created to help children understand and experience the wonders and joys of nature.

Thursday, Nov. 26, 2009 9:30 p.m. 30 minutes APT

Daring Kids with Miriam Peskowitz

Daring Kids sets out to capture the eight year old girl and boy in all of us. The program offers at-home, do-it-yourself crafts and games of yesteryear and useful lifetime lessons to be cherished by the entire family.

Sunday, Dec. 6, 2009 1:30 p.m. 60 minutes PBS

Curious George: A Very Monkey Christmas

George and The Man with The Yellow Hat are having a very merry time counting down the days until Christmas. There's only one puzzle: neither of them can figure out what to give the other for a present. The Man is having trouble reading George's wish list and George doesn't have a clue about what to get for The Man who has everything.

Sunday, Dec. 6, 2009 2:30 p.m. 60 minutes PBS

At Issue – Charter Schools

This episode of At Issue focuses on an effort by citizens to form a math, science and technology charter school in the Peoria 150 school district. (Repeated Sunday at 4:30 p.m.)

Thursday, Dec. 17, 2009 8:30 p.m. 30 minutes WTVP

Cricket on the Hearth

This digitally remastered holiday special, which originally aired in 1967 on The Danny Thomas Show, tells the heartwarming story of a cricket who befriends a kind toy maker and his blind daughter.

Sunday, Dec. 27, 2009 4 p.m. 60 minutes APT

Interesting People

Interesting People host Ed Sutkowski talks with “Dr. Andy” Morgan, noted developmental pediatrician and founder of *The Penguin Project*, which gives children with disabilities an opportunity to participate in the performing arts.

Monday, Dec. 28, 2009 9:30 p.m. 30 minutes WTVP

NON BROADCAST ACTIVITIES July-December 2009

WTVP’S READY TO LEAD IN LITERACY PROJECT

WTVP’s was able to continue to participate in the “First Book” program — a literacy initiative designed to provide free new paperback books to children who otherwise might not own them — through a partnership with the Peoria Barnes & Noble Holiday Book Drive. In November and December of 2009, WTVP received 1,257 books with a retail value of \$6,347.69 from the generous holiday shoppers. Thus far, these books have been distributed to area children through:

- Common Place
- Skip-A-Long Child Development Services
- Boys and Girls Club program
- Dream Catchers/Teen Parenting Program at Manual High School and Taft Homes