

Hello from the Distance Learning Lab,

Below you will find information on upcoming Distance Learning opportunities for November and December as well as spotlighted program providers. If you are interested in these or any other programs please fill out a [Distance Learning Request Form](#) located through the Online Documents system. If there is a topic that you are interested in and would like me to research, please send me an e-mail or stop down in at room 508 and let me know.

Please register as [General User](#) with the [Center for Interactive Learning and Collaboration](#). The web address is: <http://www.cilc.org/index.aspx>  
Just Click on the [FREE MEMBERSHIP](#) button on the bottom of the home page. By registering you will receive notifications of new videoconference programs and special events that match your profile.

*Don't forget to visit the Distance Learning Web Pages!!!*

You can find lists of available videoconference programs as well as search tools by going to the district Distance Learning Web Pages at <http://www.gehrhsd.net/technology/distancelearning.htm>

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Thank you, Eric Ganter  
Distance Learning Coordinator

## **PROGRAM PROVIDERS TO CHECK OUT**

### **Mote Marine Laboratory**

Mote Marine Laboratory is an international center for the study of marine and environmental sciences. It's also home to the world's largest shark lab, the Jane and David Allen Manatee Exhibit, the Roy and Susan Palmer Sea Turtle Exhibit and much more. Public outreach is accomplished through the Mote Aquarium, an educational museum providing marine programs for all levels from elementary-school children through adult.  
<http://www.seatrek.org>

### **Museum of Science and Industry**

The Museum of Science and Industry, one of the most beloved and visited museums in the world, has origins tied to two great World Fairs and to the imagination of Chicago businessman Julius Rosenwald. The Museum boasts exhibits on wide-ranging topics: genetics, flight, manufacturing, AIDS, space exploration, and more.  
<http://www.msichicago.org>

### **Museum of Television and Radio**

Videoconferencing with the Museum of Television & Radio's Education Department allows you, and your students, access to the Museum's archive of over 120,000 television and radio programs. These programs span the history of television and radio, and are available to the public at the Museum's locations in New York and Los Angeles and to classrooms throughout the country and the world via our videoconferencing program. Through original footage, reporting and dramatization, television programs can give us access material unavailable through other

sources. These television and radio programs act as a window to the past and present, illuminating significant events in our nation's history and culture.

<http://www.mtr.org>

### **NASA's Digital Learning Network**

The Digital Learning Network opens virtual doors for remote instruction and interaction between NASA experts and students. Primarily a video teleconference-based project, the DLN provides national standards-based educational modules relating to space exploration.

<http://nasadln.nmsu.edu/dln>

### **The Holocaust Memorial and Educational Center of Nassau County**

The Holocaust Memorial and Educational Center of Nassau County has as its primary purpose to provide an educational focus to teach about tolerance and prejudice reduction using the Holocaust as the primary vehicle. The Center serves approximately 35,000 people per year the majority of whom are students in junior and senior high school in Nassau, Suffolk, Brooklyn and Queens Counties. Now through videoconferencing we reach throughout the United States.

Additionally, many adult groups visit the Center. Special programs are scheduled during the year which includes authors speaking about their work, films, and art and special exhibits. Most significant is the fact that students visit the Center to tour the exhibits, learn the chronology of the Holocaust and hear the personal testimony of a survivor and/or liberator. Each presentation stresses the importance of the students understanding this event so they will practice tolerance and help reduce prejudice.

<http://www.holocaust-nassau.org>

## **LOOKING FORWARD**

**Here are some ideas for November and December. Most of the programs listed below have specific running dates and times. If you are interested in a program please let me know and I will schedule it for you.**

### **Program Provider: Carnegie Museum of Natural History**

Carnegie Museum of Natural History conducts scientific inquiry that creates knowledge and promotes stewardship of Earth and its life; builds strategic collections to preserve evidence of that knowledge; and engages the public in the excitement of scientific discovery about the evolutionary, environmental, and cultural processes that shape the diversity of our world and its inhabitants.

<http://www.CarnegieMNH.org>

### **Program Title: Evolution: Evidence in Bird Skeletons**

Beak changes among Darwin's finches are the classic example of evolution in birds, but trained observers can site plenty of evidence in other skeletal features. In this session Dr. Brad Livezey will share some of his observations about the skeletal features of birds.

Program Date  
11/16/2006

Program Time  
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

### **Program Provider: Cooperating School Districts New Links to New Learning**

Cooperating School Districts is a non-profit consortium of 61 public school districts in the greater St. Louis, MO metropolitan area. New Links to New Learning is our videoconferencing program that provides distance learning services to our members.

<http://csd.org/newlinks/newlinks.htm>

### **Program Title: Adventures in Medicine & Science (AIMS): Organ Transplants**

Description: Presented in conjunction with Mid-America Transplant Services, this AIMS program introduces students to the topic of organ and tissue donation. The program focuses on the definition of brain death, misconceptions about transplantation, and the organs and tissues that can be transplanted. Donor family members and recipients discuss their experiences and answer questions.

Program Date	Program Time
12/14/2006	10:00 AM - 10:45 AM
12/14/2006	11:15 AM - 12:00 PM

### **Program Title: Adventures in Medicine & Science (AIMS): The Straight Story on Methamphetamines**

Description: One of the nation's most dangerous drugs is methamphetamine. Use of this drug is escalating, especially in rural areas. Its use is increasing among populations not previously known to use illegal drugs. The production of methamphetamine can be found anywhere - apartments, suburban settings, garages, hotels, rented storage spaces, and warehouses. Methamphetamine is highly toxic and addicting. Statistics are alarming. Educate your students will this hour long videoconference, facilitated by a Saint Louis University medical professional.

Program Date	Program Time
11/30/2006	10:00 AM - 11:00 AM
11/30/2006	11:15 AM - 12:15 PM

### **Program Provider: Indianapolis Zoo**

Distance Learning at the Indianapolis Zoo takes you everywhere--from the heart of our Amazon rainforest exhibit to table-side in the Zoo's vet hospital operating room. Bring the excitement of the natural world into your classroom.

<http://www.indyzoo.com/content.aspx?cid=267>

### **Program Title: Endangered Species**

Description: It's sad, but true: entire species of plants and animals vanish from our planet everyday. In this program, we'll explore some of the causes of extinction, talk about some success stories of survival, and learn how you can do your part to help save our endangered species.

Program Date	Program Time
11/15/2006	9:00 AM - 9:45 AM
11/15/2006	10:00 AM - 10:45 AM
11/15/2006	11:00 AM - 11:45 AM
11/15/2006	1:00 PM - 1:45 PM

### **Program Provider: Performing Arts Fort Worth/Bass Performance Hall**

Here at Performing Arts Fort Worth, we offer the children of Fort Worth and surrounding communities, in grades 1st through 12th, the opportunity to embrace the joy of live performance in the celebrated Nancy Lee and Perry R. Bass Performance Hall.

Performing Arts Fort Worth's commitment is based on the belief that a broad range of classical performing arts are critical to education and that we are planting the seeds to cultivate our audiences and artists of tomorrow. Our goal is "every child, every grade, every year" for students

from the Fort Worth community to attend programs at Bass Performance Hall. Students outside of Fort Worth are invited to attend via videoconferencing..."the next best thing" to actually being there!

<http://www.basshall.com>

**Program Title: Daphnis & Chloe**

Description: Maestro Miguel Harth-Bedoya, music director of the Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra, has exceptional rapport with young audiences as he introduces the music of great composers. The Daphnis and Chloe myth has been captured by the glorious music of Maurice Ravel and stunning artwork of Marc Chagall; this will be a spectacular multimedia event that should inspire students of all ages.

Program Date	Program Time
11/16/2006	11:15 AM - 12:15 PM
11/16/2006	1:15 PM - 2:15 PM