May ICN E-News Update

ICN Receives Honor from State Association

ICN has been honored for its contributions to education in Iowa. The state agency was presented the 2008 Innovators Award from the Iowa Distance Learning Association (IDLA) at the organization's annual conference in April.

The honor is given to individuals or organizations for contributions to distance learning through outstanding teaching, program design and development, innovations in methods, technique, technology, and advocacy.

ICN Executive Director John Gillispie said, "The ICN is proud to play such an integral part in education for all Iowans. Especially during these times of high fuel costs, we can assist in transporting knowledge, instead of students, and increase the globalization of Iowa education."

The ICN recently carried the largest session in its 15-year history, comprised of 250 video classrooms (40 interactive) and over 2,000 participants.

The Big Read

A wonderful opportunity for high school English, reading, and literature students to join in The Big Read - a nationwide initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts. The Big Read is designed to restore reading to the center of American culture. Teachers can register their classes for the session by clicking on the link.

The Call of the Wild - *Presented by Iowa high school students*

http://www.iptv.org/iowa_database/event-detail.cfm?ID=8738

Grades 7-12

May 14, 12:30 PM - 2:00 AM

Registration Deadline: 05/07/08

As part of The Des Moines Scavo High School Readers' Theater with Ellen Robinson and Suzet Nelson-Larson presents 'The Call of the Wild.' This classic,

action-packed novel is about survival and making it through new experiences. Readers will relate to Buck as he adapts to his new life and learns from humans and other dogs.
Participants can receive:

- Reader's guide booklets about the book for each student
- Bookmarks from The Big Read, The State Historical Society, The Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs
- Teacher's guide booklet for each teacher and aide
- The Big Read handouts
- Certificates of Participation

If the class registers by May 7, they will have the materials mailed to them before the presentation. Following their ICN session, registrants receive a complimentary CD audio guide: 'An Introduction to The Call of the Wild' narrated by Dana Gioia with readings by Robert Redford. From 1:30-2:00, Maureen Korte of the State Historical Museum Theater Program and Susan Jellinger, The Big Read Project Coordinator and Iowa Historical Librarian, will facilitate a discussion about the book and Jack London after the Readers' Theater presentation. Students can also ask the student actors for their thoughts about the book and on preparing for a Readers' Theater production. **Staying for this additional 30 minutes is optional.**

What Does DTV Mean to Me?

http://www.iptv.org/iowa_database/event-detail.cfm?ID=8751

Educators/Technology Specialists/Administrators/Other School Staff
May 22, 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM
Registration Deadline: 05/16/08

Television as we know it is about to change. By law, full-power television stations nationwide must switch from the old method of transmitting TV signals known as analog to new digital broadcasts on February 17, 2009. Digital television (DTV) is an innovative type of broadcasting technology that will give you crystal-clear pictures and sound, and more programming choices than ever before.
While the benefits of DTV are remarkable, millions of households risk losing television reception unless they take the easy steps to receive a digital signal. We're here to help you make a smooth transition. Join this ICN session to learn how you can make this transition smooth both at school and in your home.
Bill Hayes, IPTV's Engineering Director, will address how to continue to use existing analog televisions to acquire and display educational content for use in classrooms and at home. He will also explain what role the cable system may have in your environment. Bryan Bauer, IPTV educational consultant, will explain implications of DTV for educators, including how you can use a personal computer and freely available software to receive and manage educational programs.
Who should attend? Administrators, technology coordinators, educators, and

anyone watching television at home

Mirror, Mirror: Building a Better Body Image

http://www.iptv.org/iowa_database/event-detail.cfm?ID=8578

7-12 Students; K-12 Educators/Administrators

May 22, 9:00 AM - 9:50 AM &
May 22, 10:00 AM - 10:50 AM &
May 22, 12:30 PM - 1:20 PM

Registration Deadline: 05/15/08

This session is presented by Connie Rainey, Broadlawns Medical Center Education Director.

Almost everyone has something they want to change about their body and about themselves. Does that 'voice inside your head' spend more time reminding you of everything that is wrong with you and less time reminding you about your positive attributes? If you answered 'yes' to this question, you will not want to miss this educational offering. Participants will learn about the following items in this session:

- Learn and identify your body type
- Set realistic goals based on your body type
- Identify the root causes for poor body image
- Understand the impact the media has on your body image and what measures are taken to get them so perfect
- Learn helpful tips that will increase your body image and more importantly your self-esteem

For questions regarding the content of this session please contact:

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Integrating Instruction and Technology for the 21st Century Learner **– a conference hosted by Prairie Lakes AEA**

June 16-18, 2008, at the new King's Pointe Waterpark Resort in Storm Lake!

Who should attend?

Middle-level educators who are interested in learning how to:

• Build knowledge of technology tools that are available
• Embed technology into instructional practices
• Provide access to technology tools

- Practice ethical and legal aspects of technology integration
- Develop a network of resources and support
- Build and use technology that will increase student learning
- Prepare students for the future

Districts are encouraged to send teams that include the superintendent, principal, curriculum specialist, teacher-librarian, technology coordinator, general and special education teachers.
Visit the conference website at www.aea8.k12.ia.us/conference to check out session details, registration, etc.