

A Message for Teachers

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How are new videos selected for the DCMP library?

Fact:

Educational media most used in the public schools is identified, and teachers are asked to help determine the highest priorities. Become a member and get involved!

Do hearing and sighted students in my class benefit from description and captioning?

Fact:

They may need a little initial practice reading captions and listening to description. But research has proven that videos with these accessibility features are a literacy and learning benefit to everyone.

Which DCMP titles should you select for your students to watch independently?

Fact:

DCMP videos are great for reinforcing or supplementing skills learned in school. Browse or search the DCMP library for biographies, careers, social studies, literature, math, and science media.

Teachers and other school personnel have an exciting array of described and captioned videos available to them. And these are provided at no cost from the federally funded Described and Captioned Media Program (DCMP)! The DCMP also offers a wealth of free information related to education, accessibility, deafness, blindness, and other related topics. It is important to remember that the DCMP:

- » has a library of over 6,000 free-loan described and captioned media titles available to registered members (and we frequently add new titles).
- » grants membership to teachers and school personnel who have at least one student (early learners through Grade 12) who is deaf, blind, or deaf-blind.
- » enables teachers to create student accounts for use directly by students, who have access only to those videos for which the teacher has granted permission.
- » allows members unlimited use of accessible media on the computer, mobile devices, any TV with a set-top box, or DVDs shipped from the DCMP.
- » provides guidelines for adding accessibility to media, research regarding the effective use of this media, videos for professional development, and more.



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