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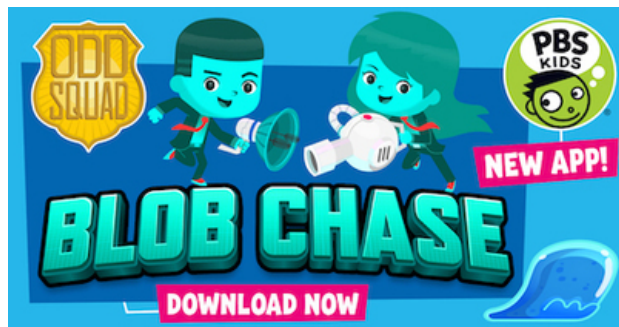
Celebrate Black History Month with PBS programs

In honor of Black History Month in February, PBS has released its programming lineup and online content offerings to enrich viewers' understanding of African-American history and culture.

PBS will offer special new episodes from popular titles, along with encore programming – all of which will stream online after broadcast on the **PBS Black Culture Connection** resource/guide site at pbs.org/bcc.

Check out new episodes from **Independent Lens** and **American Masters**, along with surprising family secrets uncovered on **Genealogy Roadshow**.

[Click here for the full Black History Month programming lineup.](#)



What about Blob? First app from new PBS series ODD SQUAD designed to develop math skills.

[PBS KIDS](#) has released "Blob Chase," the first mobile app from its newest media property [ODD SQUAD](#).

Available for iPad, Android tablets and Fire tablet, [ODD SQUAD Blob Chase](#) extends the adventures of the live-action series, as the kids chase and recover blobs that have escaped their containers and are on the loose in Odd Squad headquarters.

The new app encourages kids to use math skills to investigate and solve problems.

[ODD SQUAD](#) airs weekdays at 4:30 pm CT on PBS KIDS. You'll find related games, videos, and more at pbskids.org/oddsquad.



Young learners will find 'Tree Problem,' new PEG + CAT app, is fun + challenging!

Help young learners sharpen foundational math skills by using "The Tree Problem," a new app based on its series for preschoolers [Peg + Cat](#), now available for iPad.

[Peg + Cat](#) follows Peg and her sidekick Cat as they embark on adventures, solve problems, and learn foundational math concepts like spatial reasoning and measurement.

Designed for kids ages 3-6, "The Tree Problem" extends the series' preschool math curriculum through a new series of games in which players help Peg get Cat out of a tree from various locations.

Find the "Tree Problem" app at www.AppStore.com/PBSKIDS.



New one-hour special THE COOKIE THIEF coming soon.

[PBS Kids](#) and Sesame Street will premiere "[The Cookie Thief](#)," an all-new one-hour special, Feb. 16 on our primary channel.

Cookie Monster's first special builds on SESAME STREET's 45-year history of helping children grow smarter, stronger and kinder.

In "The Cookie Thief," a cookie art museum has just opened on Sesame Street. But when cookie paintings suddenly start to disappear, Cookie Monster quickly becomes a suspect. Can Cookie Monster clear his name?

The special premieres Feb. 16 at 9 am and 1 pm CT.



PBS kicks off new series, 'EARTH A NEW WILD.'

EARTH A New Wild takes a fresh look at humankind's relationship to the planet's wildest places and most fascinating species. The series will premiere Wednesday, Feb. 4 on PBS with back-to-back episodes –"Home," followed by "Plains,"– beginning at 8 pm CT.

With 45 shoots to 29 different countries, **EARTH** features spectacular natural history footage from the most striking places on our planet, filming encounters between wild animals and the people who live with them.



How well do you know our Presidents?

Got a minute?

That's just enough time to explore the "60-Second Presidents" video series and lesson plans on PBS Learning Media.

The collection uses one-minute videos to tell us the Presidential story – from Washington through Obama.

The videos are humorous, lively and brief, but packed with good information. They will help students understand the duties and powers of the President and the First Lady, gather important background information with our presidential biographies, and engage with videos and primary sources that place you back in time at some of the most pivotal turning points in American history.

[Check out the resources here.](#)



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Join 'Big Bird's Adventure' and meet Daniel Tiger at the MSUM Planetarium!

Join us on Feb. 22 from 1 to 5 pm CT at the MSUM Planetarium for the *Stars of PBS* show.

Come and meet Daniel Tiger from *Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood*.

We'll offer fun activities and free resources for families and the planetarium will alternate showings of *One World, One Sky: Big Bird's Adventure*, featuring your favorites from Sesame Street, and *The Sky Above Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood*.



Meet Arthur at B&N

Meet America's favorite aardvark at a special event at [Barnes and Noble, Fargo](#), featuring the PBS Kids character on Feb. 8 at 1 pm.

There will be a storytime, [Arthur](#) (naturally!) and lots of free resources for kids and parents.



Training motivates tween girls to study STEM.

Join us for a comprehensive, all-day [SciGirls](#) training seminar from 9 am to 5 pm CT Saturday, March 7.

SciGirls is an educational program/curriculum that boldly aims to change how millions of girls think about STEM.

SciGirls educational materials provide gender-equitable teaching strategies and hands-on inquiries based on the concepts modeled in SciGirls' videos.

We will pay transportation costs for out-of-town teachers.

To learn more about this teaching opportunity, contact Lynette Burgan at lbargan@prairiepublic.org



Encourage young storytellers with our Writers' Contest.

The PBS Kids GO! Writers Contest encourages children in grades K-3 to write and illustrate their own stories.

Each child who enters receives a certificate of participation and personalized, positive feedback. Twelve prizes are awarded at the local level, and four stories will go on to the national contest.

Teachers in our broadcast area who submit their classrooms' stories will be automatically entered to win a literacy kit from Prairie Public.

Download the entry form [here](#).



AMERICAN MASTERS “August Wilson: The Ground on Which I Stand”

Explore the life and legacy of playwright August Wilson, the man some call America's Shakespeare, from his roots as an activist and poet to his indelible mark on Broadway. Premieres Feb. 20 at 8:30 pm CT.



ON OUR BLOCKFEED:

Prairie Public schedules programs for use in the classroom on our block feed (a segment of educational programming that runs every weekday from 5 to 6:30 am CT on our primary broadcast channel throughout the school year) and on our Lifelong Learning channel.

Colonial Williamsburg – When Freedom Came.

Discover how enslaved Americans made everyday choices during the Civil War that helped bring about their freedom. Airs Feb. 12 at 9 am and Feb. 13 at 5 am CT.

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