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PBS Videos Now Online

North Carolina State University faculty, staff, and students can now view some of the best and most popular PBS educational and documentary programming online. Nearly 250 PBS programs—including the Emmy Award-winning series *American Experience* and *Frontline*, as well as ground-breaking programs such as Ken Burns's *The Civil War*, *Baseball*, and *Jazz*—are now conveniently available as online streaming videos through NC LIVE, North Carolina's virtual library cooperative.

Viewers can access the collection in two ways. Both methods require a high-speed Internet connection and Flash Media Player 9.0 or higher.

1. Go to the NCSU Libraries' catalog (<http://www.lib.ncsu.edu/catalog>). Access this collection by entering the following search: "pbs nc live." Alternatively, users can search for a topic in the catalog and use the refinement "Streaming Video" available under either "Online" or "Videos & DVDs" in the "Format" category/facet.
2. Go to the NC LIVE Web (www.nclive.org) and click on "Video," where the collection is organized by title, series, and subjects.

For additional information on a specific title, consult the PBS Video Web site at http://videoindex.pbs.org/program/list_of_programs.asp.

Remote access to this collection through the library catalog requires a Unity ID and password. Any North Carolina resident lacking a Unity ID and password can access the videos through their local public library or from the Web site of any other NC LIVE member library. A list of all the 197 current members is available at <http://www.nclive.org/members.phtml>.

A second group of videos will be available later in January 2008 that will include children's programming from the highly acclaimed *Cyberchase* and *Liberty Kids* series.

NC LIVE is the first virtual library cooperative in the country to offer statewide access to the PBS programs. The state's leading purveyor of online library content and services, NC LIVE provides all of the University of North Carolina campuses, the North Carolina Community College System, the North Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities, and the North Carolina public libraries with articles and indexing from more than 25,000 newspapers, journals, magazines, and encyclopedias and access to over 25,000 e-book and e-audiobook titles. NC LIVE operates from its offices located at the NCSU Libraries and UNC-Chapel Hill Libraries. ♦

Gadgets & Gizmos Available for Loan at the Libraries

The NCSU Libraries offers a variety of gadgets and gizmos to the university community that may be checked out for a variety of projects. Laptops, cameras, MP3 players, calculators, and more are available, free of charge for those with valid All-Campus Cards. Please review the following list of devices or consult the library's Web page at <http://www.lib.ncsu.edu/learningcommons/devices.html>.

LAPTOP LENDING SERVICE

The NCSU Libraries provides laptop computers (Macintosh and PC platforms) for building use by students, faculty, and staff of NC State University.

Users must present a valid All-Campus Card to borrow laptops at the Learning Commons Service Desk, from the Express Desk, and from the circulation desks of the branch libraries. **Wireless networking** is available throughout the D. H. Hill Library and in the four branch libraries.

Laptops are loaned for a four-hour period, on a first-come, first-served basis, and they may be renewed once. Renewals must be completed in person at the Learning Commons Service Desk, not with online renewal. Overdue laptops will accrue fines at the rate of \$10 per hour.

Please treat the laptops as you would personal valuables and never leave them unattended in the

library. Library laptops are intended for university-related use, in accordance with NC State's [Computer and Network Use Policy](#).

DIGITAL CAMERA & CAMCORDER LENDING SERVICE

The D. H. Hill Library offers digital cameras and camcorders for check out to NCSU students, faculty, and staff. The loan period is one week with no renewals. The digital cameras and camcorders cannot be reserved in advance and are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Overdue charges accrue at the rate of \$10.00 per day.

DIGITAL CAMERAS

- 5.1 megapixel recording
- 1-13/1" color LCD 3x optical Zoom-Nikkor lens
- USB capable

DIGITAL CAMCORDERS

- MiniDV recording
- Still captures
- Touch screen interface
- Firewire capable

iPOD AND MP3 AUDIO PLAYER LENDING SERVICES

The Libraries lends [iPods](#) (for seven days) and [Mp3 Zen Micro](#) audio players (for thirty days) to provide a means for NCSU faculty, students, and staff to make use of audio content including podcasts, free online content, TV audio in the Hill of Beans Coffee Bar, and audiobooks (Zen Micro audio players only) in the Libraries' collection. Zen Micro and iPod players can be checked out at the Learning Commons Service Desk, and Zen Micro players may also be checked out at the four branch library circulation desks.

GPS DEVICE LENDING SERVICE

The Libraries has ten Garmin GPSMAP 60CSx Global Positioning System (GPS) units available for students, faculty, and staff to check out for a two-week period. The GPS units are also available for loan at each of the branch libraries. It is highly recommended that users read the documentation that comes with each unit or the PDFs found on the Web at <http://www.lib.ncsu.edu/gps/>. Additionally, an [Instructional DVD](#) is available for viewing in the Learning Commons.

Potential uses for the GPS units include collecting field data, geocaching, route navigation, orienteering, and more. Users can determine elevation, a specified location, direction, and speed.

To work, the units must be able to connect to at least three satellites. The units work best outdoors with a clear view of the sky. They also reportedly work fine in heavy forest canopy and inside vehicles. However, they will not work inside buildings or locations heavily surrounded by tall buildings or mountain cliffs, inside caves, and such.

CALCULATOR LENDING SERVICE

The NCSU Libraries lends TI 83 Plus graphing calculators. These calculators can help visualize concepts related to math and science courses.

Calculators can be checked out at the Learning Commons Service Desk. Loans for graphing calculators are made to NCSU faculty, students, and staff for four hours, for use inside the building only. Guidebooks are available and may be checked out separately. ♦