

VALLEY HOME EDUCATORS AUGUST 2007 NEWSLETTER – UPDATE 1

Educational Service District Sign-up

NCESD stands for North Central Educational Service District. The Media Services Cooperative is a cooperative operated for the public and private schools in the North Central ESD service area. The Coop serves as a regional library of media materials that are available for use by cooperative members only.

There is a once a year sign up period.

Valley Home Educators sign up as a group just like other schools.

That means you can not sign up in Nov., or March, only this one time. If you are interested, call or email me to sign-up. An Orientation date is being worked out with Louise Schmutzler, Media Services Coordinator for ESD. We usually have them during the day and they last around 2 hours. We need a head count so ESD can provide computers to show us their various services and materials.

It is \$20.00 per student per year (it will be good through next summer). If you've looked into video/DVD rentals for educational material, you know even with a large family, this is still a bargain. It's important that interested families send in their money. New families can not be signed up until the registration period is closed. To accommodate new families, registration does close until around the end of Sept., beginning of October. Those families who are continuing with this media service may still use the service under their old agreement.

The North Central Educational Service District location is now at 430 Old Station Road. They are in a four story, white building which is located near the entrance to Confluence Park. The Pick-up area will still be in the basement.

Checks should be made out to NCESD and mailed to;

Emilie Fogle 630-9225 or gardenfev@flymail.net
1413 Easthills Ter.
East Wenatchee 98802

I need your;
NAME
EMAIL (this is how we communicate)
ADDRESS
PHONE NUMBER
of children

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Media Services Online Catalog

Over 10,000 curriculum-based instructional titles are available for circulation. In an average year, approximately 10,000 DVDs, videos, CD-ROMs, laser videodiscs, software, kits and equipment are used for staff development and classroom instruction. Equipment includes: LCD projectors, camcorders, public address systems, slide projectors, and DVD players.

Titles can be scheduled from home on a Saturday or Sunday for use in the classroom on Tuesday or Wednesday. Titles are checked-out an average of seventeen days.

New Digitized Titles

The media collection now includes streamed titles from Discover Education. 4,000 streaming titles are available to Coop members via UnitedStreaming. Coop members now have the ability to stream or download over 40,000 video content clips and 4,000 full video titles. This resource allows educators to capture the teachable moment in the classroom and incorporate clips into multimedia presentations.

The cooperative pays for all its members to have access through ProQuest, eLibrary, CultureGrams, and Opposing Viewpoints (new as of last year).

ProQuest Information and Learning provides access to information from periodicals, newspapers, multimedia and image collections, out-of-print books, dissertations, and scholarly collections in various formats. Its archive includes more than 5.5 billion pages of information, spanning 500 years of scholarship, in formats that range from print to microform to digital.

Opposing Viewpoints draws on the acclaimed social series published by Greenhaven Press, as well as core reference content from other Thomson Gale and Macmillan Reference USA sources including selections from Bioethics for Students. The result is a dynamic online library of current event topics-the facts, as well as the arguments, of each topic's proponents and detractors. Unique features include Topic Overviews - frameworks that allow students to explore each topic's many facets - and exclusive electronic access to Thomson Gale's Information Plus reference series of statistics, government data, information on legislation and more.

Other services include: video duplicating, and laminating materials (in 12 and 24 inch widths).

Catalog now includes Special Education, Assessment and Literacy, Safe and Civil Schools, and STEPS to a Healthier Washington titles. Check out their website at:

<http://www.ncesd.org/media/default.htm>