

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

Check out the following services provided by Mountain Lake PBS to your school district. **Call or email today to schedule a VITAL workshop.**

**VITAL** - Video in Teaching and Learning (Grades K-12) - New service offered statewide that provides short video segments aligned to state testing benchmarks.

[www.teachersdomain.org](http://www.teachersdomain.org)

**Digital Literacy** - online literacy games and curriculum aligned to programming.

**Kids Island and Word Quest** - free online literacy games aligned to National Reading Panel goals.

[www.pbskids.org/read](http://www.pbskids.org/read)



**Homework Hotline** - This is where kids get help with their homework-on air and online. This half-hour, live program helps students with homework questions in math, science, social studies, English and language arts. Visit [homework-hotline.org](http://homework-hotline.org) for on-demand video and activities.

**Assignment the World** - Is a fast-paced, interactive program that covers the top news stories of the week from around the world and teaches kids about global issues. (All NY State Public Television stations provide ATW for streaming and download free to their districts at [atwonline.org](http://atwonline.org)).

**TeacherLine** - Online professional development for teachers. [www.thinkbright.org/teacherline](http://www.thinkbright.org/teacherline)

**PBS Teachers** - General online resource with lesson plans, resources and blogs on educational issues [www.pbsteachers.org](http://www.pbsteachers.org)

**Regents Review Live** - On-line and on-air <http://www.regentsreviewlive.net/>

**Dead Reckoning: Champlain in America**  
[www.champlaininamerica.org](http://www.champlaininamerica.org)

**Forgotten War**

[www.forgottenwaronline.org](http://www.forgottenwaronline.org)



For the 16<sup>th</sup> year, Mountain Lake PBS is sponsoring a writing contest for students in grades K-3. Students can submit their stories in words and pictures till Friday, March 11, 2011.

Go to [www.mountainlake.org](http://www.mountainlake.org) for information, rules and entry forms.

### Professional Development on Mountain Lake Website

#### Cutting Edge Open Source Technologies

On Jan 21, Mountain Lake PBS's education department sponsored a workshop entitled, *Cutting Edge Open Source Technologies*.

Some of the questions that were addressed:

- How to be productive on a no-string budget?
- Who in education is currently using FOSS?
- How do you stay on the cutting edge between those who "have" and those who "have not"?

To view this workshop click on the following link:

<http://video.mountainlake.org/video/1785345716>

Check our website for future education related topics.



Mission US are a new multimedia project designed to help middle school students learn about American History. It features free online interactive games covering pivotal events in US history and related web resources to support gameplay and classroom teaching.

Join the revolution at [www.mission-us.org](http://www.mission-us.org)! This groundbreaking initiative is funded by the Corporation for Public Broadcasting with additional support from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

