



Nassau TRACT

Teacher Center



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NEW EQUIPMENT FOR LOAN

The Nassau TRACT Teacher Center has acquired new equipment for loan by individual teachers and satellite centers. The equipment can be used for special projects and everyday activities. Equipment is available on a first come first served basis and the loan period can be tailored to your individual needs and based on demand. The following equipment will be available May 1:

- Multi-media Projector. Connect to a VCR and turn your classroom into a wide screen movie theater. Borrow a laptop, at the same time, and use this combination to show presentations and demonstrations to your class or colleagues.
- Mini DV Camcorder. Make a video of your classroom activities, plays, student presentations, student poetry readings and more. The camera also has still photo capabilities so you only need to carry one camera on class field trips. Show the class the videos by attaching the camera to a TV or borrow a laptop and make a video CD for everyone in the class. A video CD plays in most DVD players.
- Five Megapixel Camera. This camera records to a mini CD. You can take both video and still images and save to a mini CD. Put the CD in any computer with a CD-Player and watch the slide show.
- DVD Camcorder. Record your video directly to a DVD disc. Minor editing can be done directly on the camera or show the DVD with all the out takes. Your class will love it! You can connect the camera to TV or watch the video on most DVD players.
- Superscope PSD300. Mini recording studio. Record your class live and burn it to a CD. Any audio can be recorded in stereo. Music lessons, band, orchestra or chorus rehearsals, classroom songs, readings etc. can be immediately burned to a CD. The ultimate Karaoke machine. Sing along with your favorite CD and record the results to a new CD. Slow down the tempo, raise or lower the octave of your favorite song. Turntable and tape deck are also available.
- External Hard Drive – Buying a new computer? Save all your files to this hard drive and transfer to your new computer painlessly. Borrow this drive to temporarily work with files too large for your computer.
- DVD/CD Burner – Save your files to a DVD or CD.
- Pyro A/V Link – Converts analog video to digital video. Save to a computer and make a video CD or DVD.

Not familiar with this technology? Not to worry. Instruction is available on all of the above equipment and supplies. Call ahead to reserve your equipment and set up a time for a demonstration and lesson at the Nassau TRACT Teacher Center office at Adelphi University. Call 877.4353 or email les@nassautract.org. A variety of software is available for preview. Please visit www.nassautract.org for a complete list of titles. Follow the links from Equipment for Loan. Email les@nassautract.org or call the office to confirm that the title is available for preview.

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WEB SITES

www.enc.org/focus/nasa - Build an inflatable planetarium for your school's "science night." Click on engage families.

www.teachersdiscoveringhistoryashistorians.com - Great resource for teachers of American History.

www.teachersmind.com - Nice collection of interesting resources for teachers.

thinkport.org - A collection of lessons plans, projects and student activities, video clips and online field trips. It also contains links to educational resources.

www.microsoft.com/security - Make sure your computer is safe and secure.

www.webtechgeek.com - Need help with a technical computer glitch?

www.firewallguide.com - Want information on a home firewall for broadband users?

www.physicscentral.com - Information on Physics and Physicists.

www.nps.gov/gewa - Take a virtual tour of George Washington's Birthplace.

CORRECTION

We apologize for the omission in the January newsletter listing the mini-grant winners.

For Carle Place:

Virginia Vessa and Maryann Torrani received a grant for See It, Save It, Share It - Photographs captured on the new digital camera will be used to enhance writing workshops. Virginia Vessa's name was inadvertently left out.

For BOCES:

Phyllis Stashin and Suzanne Taffet - A Picture is Worth a Thousand Words - The talking photo album will be made by autistic and cognitively challenged children. The album will contain digital photos and voice overs. Suzanne Taffet's name was inadvertently left out.

LISTSERVE

Join the TRACT email list for the latest info and updates. Send an email to list@nassautract.org to join.

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WORKSHOPS

Call the office at 877.4353 to sign up for three exciting workshops. The first will be an Introduction to Adobe Photoshop to be held on April 20. The next will be Photo Retouching using Adobe Photoshop scheduled for May 11. The third will be an Introduction to Adobe Premiere which is used for video editing to be held on June 8. Each workshop will be held at the Nassau TRACT Teacher Center office at Adelphi University from 4:30 to 6:00. Enrollment is limited so call to reserve your seat.

- **Adobe Photoshop - April 20**
- **Photo Retouching - May 11**
- **Video Editing - June 8**

TECHNOLOGY CONFERENCE

Patricia Iannacone, Director of Distance Learning for Nassau BOCES spoke to 120 participants at the annual Technology Conference on January 20, 2004. Ms. Iannacone introduced the group to the New York State Virtual Learning Space Project. The project is made up of the following seven web sites:

"NY Learns" - curriculum and instructional content - www.nylearns.org

"School Tools" - curriculum development and learning management tools and resources for educators - www.schooltools.us

Nassau BOCES - facilitated and self-paced online professional development - www.nassauboces.org/cit/vls

"Study Zone" - NY State test preparation resources for state assessments - www.studyzone.org

"Data Mentor" - a web-based tool that allows teachers to analyze individual district assessment data - www.accelerateu.org

"New York Net" - staff development and online resources - www.nynetresources.org

Syracuse City School District - local history, communication tools for teachers - lsb.syr.edu/NYSVLS

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