

Online Learning Tool Saves Time, Powers Students' Home Study

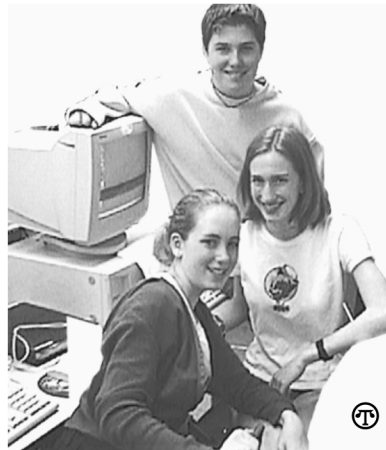
(NAPS)—There's encouraging news for parents who wish to help their children achieve greater success in their academic careers. Parents now can subscribe to a series of award-winning, Internet-delivered educational programs, originally introduced for classroom use.

This powerful online educational tool expands on and deepens current curricula in the nation's schools. The programs, which have been piloted in more than 2,500 schools throughout the United States, provide supplemental resources to both traditional and home-schooled students at middle and high school grade levels.

The Beyond Books programs (www.beyondbooks.com)—created by New Forum Publishers, Inc., a leading Internet-based provider of proprietary interactive educational content—offer parents, teachers and students a variety of benefits, including:

- Time saved via streamlined access to course-relevant information on the Internet;
- Original digital content that closely parallels state and national standards to meet curriculum requirements. The programs pull together virtually all of the information a home-schooled student would need to pass year-end proficiency tests; and
- Lively, engaging programs that contain no advertising.

"The Internet now puts more information within reach of students than ever before," says Dr. John McCardell, president of Middlebury College, Middlebury,



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Vt. "Beyond Books truly harnesses the power of the Internet, delivering educational content conveniently and comprehensively, sparing students the tedious task of reviewing irrelevant information and enabling them to devote their full efforts to addressing the central issues in their studies."

James Cassano, President and Chief Executive Officer of New Forum Publishers, describes another benefit the programs provide. "Beyond Books has allowed students in the classroom to use the Internet as an educational tool without the distraction of advertisements," Cassano says. "Now, in response to consumer demand, we are offering our curriculum-based, highly interactive programs for individuals to use at home, as well."

Cassano asserts that a primary factor inhibiting students' (and teachers') ability to effectively use the Internet is the lack of engaging digital content organized to parallel school curricula. New Forum Publishers works with experienced teachers to create original educational content providing a foundation for inquiry, discovery, discussion and further exploration.

"We provide the missing piece of the educational technology puzzle," he says. "Beyond Books is an innovative tool that will enable our nation's educational communities, including the home-schooling community, to increase productivity, expand student opportunities and improve the quality of education."

The company currently offers 15 programs in such subjects as American and European History, Government, World Cultures, American and English Literature, Language Arts, Earth Science and Physical Science. Plans are under way to expand the curriculum to more than 40 Internet-delivered educational programs by year-end.

In addition, Beyond Books periodically offers live online chats with academic experts who help make subjects come alive. New additions to the company's Web site will enable students to create their own multimedia presentations on the Web.

To learn more about program subscriptions, visit the Web site at www.beyondbooks.com or call toll free 877-946-4622.