

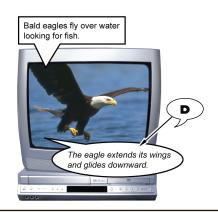
# **Described and Captioned Media Program**

The Described and Captioned Media Program (DCMP) provides services to benefit students who are blind, visually impaired, deaf, hard of hearing, or deaf-blind. Available to schools and families are a free-loan library of described and captioned educational media and information related to accessible media.

## Description + Captioning = Access

## **Description**

- Provides additional narration to make media accessible for students who are blind or visually impaired.
- Adds new narration during natural pauses in the spoken dialogue or existing narration.
- Describes visuals (pictures, charts, graphs, etc.), actions, and settings not explained in the dialogue or existing narration.



## **Captioning**

- Provides a text version (captions) of the audio to make media accessible for students who are deaf or hard of hearing.
- Displays captions at approximately the same time narration or dialogue is spoken.
- Identifies the speaker and captions the narration, dialogue, music, and important sound effects.



### Access

#### **DCMP SERVICES TO EVERYONE:**

- ► Clearinghouse of information and research about accessible media
- ► Gateway to accessibility information from the Web sites of DCMP collaborators
- Lesson plans and teaching materials

#### **DCMP SERVICES TO MEMBERS:**

Free-loan educational media that is described, captioned, and available on the Internet and through the U.S. mail (Become a member at www.dcmp.org.)

### **DCMP SERVICES TO AGENCIES, BUSINESSES, AND SCHOOLS:**

- ► Guidelines for describing and captioning educational media
- Evaluation of video description and captioning agencies upon request



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