



Streaming Media Feature is Added to Web Site

Internet users can now see and hear talks given at Monticello through the addition of “Speakers Forum,” a streaming media feature, to Monticello’s Web site—www.monticello.org.

This feature, which made its debut April 24, can be accessed by clicking on the “Speakers Forum” link on Monticello’s home page. The streaming video format is accessible with Windows Media Player.

David McCullough’s speech at the April 13 dedication of the Jefferson Library was the first video to be posted on the Web site. McCullough’s talk is viewable in its entirety (approximately 11-1/2 minutes) and in four shorter segments.














The library of video offerings has since been expanded to include excerpts of talks by other speakers at Monticello, including historian and author Joanne Freeman and ABC News Nightline anchor Ted Koppel.

“The Foundation has so many resources that have been hidden away even from those who visit Monticello,” said Monticello Webmaster Chad Wollerton. “This new feature marks the first visible step in a larger effort to use the Internet to share these treasures worldwide, be they videos, research reports, or objects not regularly or easily seen on tour.”

Through the end of September, Monticello’s Web site had recorded more than 23 million hits in 2002, a number that included more than 353,000 unique visitors.

Visitors to www.monticello.org can find easy-to-access information on Jefferson, his times, the

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house, the grounds, the plantation community, and other related topics. The site also offers event and program listings, visit-planning information, and online shopping.

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