

Importing Digital Video to *iMovie '09*

STEP-BY-STEP

A *Library Survival Sheet*
from the Hopkinton High School & Hopkinton Middle School Library

This handout assumes that you have used one of the school's digital video cameras to record your footage. If you have used your own camera, check with a Librarian to be sure that it is compatible with *iMovie '09*.

1. Find a Librarian and sign out a **digital video camera** and a **FireWire cable**.
2. Set up at an iMac with your camera and FireWire cable.
3. Log in as **movie** for username, and **imovie09** for password. This saves the movie to the local machine instead of the server, which is really important.
4. Plug in the video camera's A/C power adapter. This is preferable to using battery power.
5. Attach the small end of the **FireWire cable** to the camera, and the larger end of the FireWire to the port on the back of the iMac.
6. Turn the camera's power switch to **PLAY/EDIT** and load your tape. Rewind the tape to the beginning of your footage.
7. Open **iMovie** and create a new project to hold your movie:
 - Choose NEW PROJECT from the **File** menu
 - Type the name of your movie after the words PROJECT NAME
 - Click **CREATE**.
8. You should see a blue screen. If not, click on the camera icon on the right side of the screen, in the middle.
9. Use the on-screen controls to *cue up your tape* (if needed), and then click the **IMPORT** button to start bringing in your movie clips.
10. When you are finished, **save** your project, **quit** iMovie, and **log out**. Then remove your tape from the camera, turn off and pack up everything, and **return** the camera and FireWire cable to the circulation desk.

