Youth Media Opportunity

The Rochester Teen Film Festival is offered annually by WXXI Public Media and the Little Theatre as a collaborative, juried media competition for youth (13-18 years old) in the Greater Rochester region and beyond to participate in a real film festival.

**Deadline to Submit: June 28, 2024: Rules, Inspiration, and Entry Form:** [https://wxxi.org/rtff](https://wxxi.org/rtff)

**SAVE THE DATE:** Teem Film Festival Screening is on August 1st at 5:30 PM at the Little Theatre

**Film Submissions Guidelines:**

- Films and videos no longer than 10 minutes are created by school age teens from 13-18 years old.
- All genres are welcome Videos must be appropriate for school-based audiences

**Finalists:** All submissions are judged and finalists are selected to have their films showcased at the Festival. There is a chance to earn one of four cash prizes.

- The Philip Seymour Hoffman Award: Best of Fest
- The Alex Ketchek Award for Best Animated Film
- The Jack Garner Award for Best Director
- The Marilyn O’Connor Award for Film Addressing A Social Issue

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[https://www.wxxi.org/newsletter-signup/](https://www.wxxi.org/newsletter-signup/)

- WXXI Parents: Fun learning ideas, local events, PBS KIDS, and family resources (Monthly)
- WXXI Education: Learning resources from public media (Monthly During the School Year)
- WXXI Daily News Update: Regional & State News Stories
- WXXI TV Previews: Must watch WXXI/PBS programming (Weekly)
- WXXI Classical Music: Program & Performance Highlights & Specials (2X a Month)
- The Little Theatre: Upcoming Films, Festivals & Little Events (Weekly)
- The Route: Updates, Playlists & More from WRUR 88.5/WHIT 90.1 (Monthly)
- CITY Magazine’s e-newsletters

**Rochester Juneteenth Festival:**

The Greater Rochester Martin Luther King Jr. Commission presents the annual Juneteenth Festival on June 15, 2024, at the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Park, 353 Court Street, Rochester, NY. It will mark a decade of celebrating freedom and liberty for the African American community in our city. Last year, the festival drew over 4,000 attendees, and this year's theme, “From 1964 to 2024: 60 Years in the Fight for Justice in Rochester,” underscores our ongoing commitment to justice and equality.

The festivities kick off with a parade at 10:00 a.m. at Chestnut and Broad Streets, followed by the Elders Circle at 11:00 a.m. at The Strong National Museum of Play. The festival runs from 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., offering a day packed with free activities and events for all.

[https://www.rochesterjuneteenth.com/](https://www.rochesterjuneteenth.com/)
The goal of the Rochester Teen Film Festival is to honor the work of urban, suburban, and rural teen filmmakers and give young people an authentic opportunity to participate in a real film festival.

**CALL FOR ENTRIES!**
**HEY, TEENS!**
**SUBMIT YOUR FILMS BY JUNE 28**

**ROCHESTER TEEN FILM FESTIVAL**

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 1 AT THE LITTLE THEATRE**

**BE OUR NEXT GREAT FILMMAKER!**

**Awards and Judging**
All submissions are judged by a jury and finalists will have their films shown at the Little Theatre. Filmmakers selected as part of this year’s festival will also have a chance to earn one of the following four awards, each of which comes with a cash prize:

**The Philip Seymour Hoffman Award**
This award honors the life and legacy of the late Academy Award-winning actor and Fairport native. It is given to the teen whose film is chosen by the judges as “Best of Fest.”

**Alex Ketchek Award for Best Animated Film**
Presented in memory of Alex Ketchek, a 2010 Rochester Teen Film Festival finalist who tragically passed away in 2013. Presented by the Ketchek family and Animatus Studio.

**The Jack Garner Award for Best Director**
This award is presented in the memory of long time Rochester Teen Film Festival jury member and beloved national film critic, Jack Garner.

**The Marilyn O’Connor Award**
Marilyn O’Connor has been fighting for equity and justice throughout her life – and this award goes to the film that best addresses a social issue through the lens of compassion.

**ENTRIES DUE JUNE 28**

SUBMIT YOUR FILM WITH ENTRY FORM AT: WXXI.ORG/RTFF
OPEN TO 13-18 YEAR OLDS IN THE GREATER ROCHESTER AREA

**SUBMISSIONS - GUIDELINES -**
- Films to be created by high school teens (ages 13-18)
- All genres are welcome
- Videos must be appropriate for school-based audiences
- Videos cannot exceed 10 minutes
PBS LearningMedia™ includes thousands of PreK-12 classroom-ready, curriculum-targeted digital resources aligned to national and state standards. Resources are available based on some of your favorite PBS programs and locally produced content from around the state. Best of all, PBS LearningMedia is free for PreK-12 educators and students to use.

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### Juneteenth | Blackademics LEARNING

Twin sisters Jordan and Mia Smith discuss the history of Juneteenth and its significance in present day America. Juneteenth celebrates the emancipation of slaves on June 19, 1865 in Galveston, Texas. The sisters explore the historical context of the holiday and offer insight into their own lives.

https://ny.pbslearningmedia.org/resource/juneteenth-blackademics/blackademics-video/

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### Learn About and Celebrate Juneteenth

Juneteenth celebrations have widely expanded across the country since the day became a national holiday in 2021, when the Juneteenth National Independence Day Act was signed into law. Many more people than before know a little bit about the holiday, its history, and ongoing significance.

https://www.pbs.org/articles/learn-about-and-celebrate-juneteenth

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### The Power of We | Sesame Street

Join Elmo, Abby Cadabby, Gabrielle, and Tamir to learn what you can say and do when you see someone being treated unfairly because of the color of their skin or fur.

The Power of We | Sesame Street | PBS LearningMedia

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### The History and Impact of Juneteenth | Juneteenth: Faith & Freedom

Learn about the dangerous and dehumanizing experiences of those who were enslaved on sugar plantations in Texas in the 1860s. At the Varner-Hogg sugar plantation, we examine artifacts and consider who benefited from this work.


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### Juneteenth | All About the Holiday (K-5)

Each June we celebrate the end of slavery in the United States in 1865. Across the country, family and friends gather to celebrate and learn more about the history and experience of African Americans before and after slavery.

https://ny.pbslearningmedia.org/resource/1cc3b3d6-6c27-442d-ba9d-c7a5f01ceb/juneteenth-all-about-the-holidays/

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This collection of resources for children ages 3-7 is drawn from the public television series *Let's Learn*.

Let’s Learn aims to provide our young learners with knowledge and skills to learn and succeed in school and beyond. While the series is aimed at a wide range of ages, segments might serve as introduction, reinforcement, or enrichment to material depending on students’ needs. To paraphrase Catherine Snow, expert on language and literacy development in children, the teaching that is taking place “…is helpful for all children, harmful for none, and crucial for some.”

https://www.wxxi.org/highlights/lets-learn/
Tiny Time Travel

TINY TIME TRAVEL 12-part series follows 11-year-old inventor, Tyler, and his outgoing best friend, Tony, as they use a time machine to go back in time a tiny bit (sometimes just a few minutes or hours), helping friends and neighbors solve problems along the way. These short, funny, fast-paced live-action videos aim to help kids ages 5-8 learn social language skills, like resolving miscommunication, taking account of others’ perspectives, and understanding nonverbal communication.

wxxi.org/highlights/tiny-time-travel-series/

For Grades K-3

I Can Be What?! is an career exploration series for kids (3rd-6th) Hosted by science communicator and electrical engineer Jennifer Indovina, each episode explores a job, what makes it fun, the responsibilities, skills, and education needed.

https://www.wxxi.org/projects/i-can-be-what-pbsim/

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- Assessing Student Media Projects
- Evaluating Online Sources: Checking Facts and Identifying Misinformation
- Evaluating Online Tools for the Classroom
- Implementing Student Media Projects
- Making Audio to Inspire Learning
- Making Infographics to Inspire Learning
- Making Photo Essays to Inspire Learning
- Making Video to Inspire Learning
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Climate and Our Planet (5th-12th)

- The Science of Climate
- Measuring and Modeling Climate
- Climate Solutions


NEW CYBERCHASE GAMES, EPISODES & 3 PBS LEARNINGMEDIA COLLECTIONS

Cyberchase: Explore episodes, STEM activities and online games that explore math, science and the environment.

Cyber Sound Quest/Sonido-Aventura is the NEWEST GAME in English and Spanish with accessible features. Players join Inez to use math skills to lower the noise levels in an exciting adventure across Cyberspace. For games and new resources: https://wxxi.org/highlights/cyberchase-videos-games-activities/

Reading Rainbow Stories:

PBS LearningMedia Collection Grades K-5

pbslearningmedia.org/collection/reading-rainbow-stories/
On digital PBS KIDS platforms check out the new MILO series co-produced by Fourth Wall and DeAPlaneta Entertainment that follows an adventurous cat who loves to use role-play to explore the amazing world of jobs and vocations with his best friends, Lofty and Lark. Milo loves meeting all of the different people who come into his parents’ dry-cleaning shop to get their outfits cleaned. Milo is curious about what it would be like to be a fireman, or a detective, or an astronaut, and many other kinds of jobs when he grows up.

https://wxxi.org/highlights/milo-pbs-kids-digital/

**New Molly of Denali** episodes feature Molly and friends finding a mammoth tusk, reuniting a beluga whale family, planning Qyah’s first Juneteenth celebration, and more!

- Mon Jun 17: #410 A Qyah Juneteenth / The Mystery of the Missing Meat
- Tue Jun 18: #405 What’s Good for Goose / Whistle Work
- Wed Jun 19: #406 A Fin Romance / Follow that Hat!
- Thu Jun 20: #404 Tusk, Tusk, and More Tusk / The Jökulhlaup Is On Us


Observe Juneteenth as a family or with young children. Juneteenth celebrates the freedom of the last group of enslaved people in the United States. It was announced to the people in Galveston, Texas on June 19, 1865 – more than two years after the Emancipation Proclamation.

On “Sesame Street,” Juneteenth is a celebration of freedom, kindness and love. In this spirit, my family enjoys making crafts, attending local celebrations, and supporting small Black-owned businesses to honor this celebration of liberation.

Looking for ways to honor this holiday with your children? Here are five ways to celebrate Juneteenth together as a family.

1. Read about Juneteenth
2. Have an outdoor cookout
3. Create kid-friendly crafts
4. Attend a local celebration
5. Support Black owned businesses

https://pbs.org/parents/thrive/5-ways-to-celebrate-juneteenth

PBS KIDS for Parents is a website that provides valuable information and resources to help raise happy, healthy, smart and kind kids. In an effort to provide inclusive, relatable, and valuable content to families of all backgrounds, PBS KIDS recently launched a Spanish version of the site. Check it out at https://www.wxxi.org/highlights/pbs-kids-for-parents-in-english-spanish-pbs-kids-para-padres-en-ingles-y-espanol/

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**NEW—WXXI KIDS 24/7 LINE UP PROGRAMMING STREAMING & ON-AIR**

On TV & Cable: WXXI-TV 21.4: Cable 1277
Live Stream & Schedule at: [https://wxxi.org/stations/wxxi-kids-24-7/](https://wxxi.org/stations/wxxi-kids-24-7/)
RELATED GAMES, ACTIVITIES & ON-DEMAND VIDEOS: [https://wxxi.org/education/#PBSKIDSResources](https://wxxi.org/education/#PBSKIDSResources)

Beginning at 10 p.m.—Programs repeat from 2 p.m.—9:30 p.m.
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On TV & Cable: WXXI-TV 21.1: Cable 11/1221

CHECK LISTINGS AT: [https://wxxi.org/tv-schedule/](https://wxxi.org/tv-schedule/)

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American Graduate: Getting to Work is a national multimedia initiative to show students, parents & educators the kinds of hands-on, well-paying jobs available in the region’s high-demand sectors. Short video segments and career exploration resources show career pathways including high school career training, paid on the job training, apprenticeships, and certificate or associates degrees.

Sectors include:
- Optics, Photonics and Imaging Sector
- Agriculture and Food Production Sector
- Next Generation Manufacturing and Technology
- Healthcare Industries
- Trades and More.

Career Profile Videos & Resources [http://wxxi.org/grad](http://wxxi.org/grad)
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WXXI American Graduate: Getting to Work
For on-demand episodes: http://wxxi.org/grad

WXXI’s American Graduate Initiative: http://wxxi.org/grad

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WXXI is dedicated to building awareness of the national and local issues that lead to student success cradle to career.

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• Connect with Community Resources

Learn about WXXI’s Education Resources for Teachers & Students
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http://X.com/edoutreach21

http://wxxi.org/grad

ROADTRIP NATION
WXXI ON-DEMAND CAREER EXPLORATION RESOURCES

Watch All Shows: https://video.wxxi.org/show/roadtrip-nation/

EMPOWERED STATE (4/30 minute programs) Electric planes. Towns powered by waterfalls. Offshore wind farms. This isn’t the far-off future of clean energy—it’s what’s happening right now in New York State. Join three New Yorkers as they explore the clean energy revolution taking place in their backyard: https://wxxi.org/highlights/empowered-state-on-demand/

Chip In—(2/30 minute programs) Semiconductor chips may be tiny, but they have a giant impact on the world around us. They power how we communicate, travel, entertain ourselves, and live our daily lives. Follow three young people as they explore the huge, future-focused, and exciting world of microelectronics: https://wxxi.org/highlights/empowered-state-on-demand/

Changemakers—(1/60 minute program) Follow along as roadtrippers Genevieve, Jake, and Rahael take a journey across the United States to discover how they can get as much as possible out of their future careers while still giving back to their communities: https://roadtripnation.com/roadtrip/changemakers-documentary

Being Free—(1/60 minute program) -Your past doesn’t have to determine your future—a comeback is possible. Follow three system-impacted people as they gain insight from others who’ve left the carceral system and found fulfilling career paths: https://roadtripnation.com/roadtrip/formerly-incarcerated-documentary

Serving Change (3/30 minute programs) – How to change the world for the better—but is it possible to turn that desire to serve the common good into a stable and fulfilling career? Follow three young people as they explore careers in the public service sector: https://wxxi.org/highlights/serving-change-on-demand/
“Journeys Through The Finger Lakes” airs 6/3 at 8 p.m.—In this film produced and presented by WXXI Public Media, we explore each season in the Finger Lakes region visiting each lake with stunning aerial videography. These lakes form a broader region rich in meaningful history and unique culture. We journey through lush topography, singular institutions and meet the visionary icons that make up the rich tapestry of this extraordinary place. On-demand: https://www.wxxi.org/projects/fingerlakes/

Fantastic New York #101 “Boldt Castle” airs 6/3 at 9:30 p.m.—Fresh off of producing the award-winning documentary, Journeys Through the Finger Lakes, WXXI Public Media producers and hosts Jason Milton and Katie Epner dig deeper to divulge the enduring stories that embody the strange and unique personality of our state. Discover the Fantastic New York you never knew and experience the crazy history lesson you always wished you had. On-demand: https://www.wxxi.org/highlights/fantastic-ny/

Nature #4208 “Patrick and the Whale” airs 6/5 at 8 p.m.—Follow Patrick Dykstra in his quest to connect with and understand the hidden nature of the sperm whale, shining a light on their intelligence and complexity, as well as their relationship with humankind. https://www.pbs.org/video/patrick-and-the-whale-flypo6/

America’s Home Cooking: Easy Recipes for Thrifty Cooking airs 6/7 at 3 p.m.—Host Chris Fennimore welcomes guest cooks who present recipes that are easy on the cook and the pocketbook. Used by thrifty gourmets for years, the recipes incorporate simple ingredients to make nourishing family meals. The cooking segments include: “Legumes - Beans and Greens,” “Crockpot Magic - Onion/ Cranberry Brisket,” and “Classic Casseroles - Baked Macaroni.” https://www.pbs.org/show/americas-home-cooking-easy-recipes-for-thrifty-cooking/

Armenia, My Home airs 6/8 at 1 p.m.—Experience spectacular aerial and ground views and cultural revelations of a country like no other in a virtual tour of Mount Ararat, Khor Virap, Yerevan, the Genocide memorial, and more. Narrated by Andrea Martin, the documentary features prominent voices from the Armenian diaspora including Eric Bogosian, Chris Bohjalian, Peter Balakian, Michael Aram, and others. https://www.pbs.org/show/armenia-my-home/

YNDI Yoga (Season 3) airs Sundays 5:30 a.m. beginning 6/9—Travel through atmospheric environments and custom soundscapes with Yndi Yoga. The series helps viewers bring their bodies and minds to optimal health, while also nourishing the soul. The series features 13 half-hour episodes designed to improve one’s mental and physical wellbeing. https://www.pbs.org/show/yndi-yoga/

Independent Lens #2406 “No Straight Lines” airs 6/9 at 11:30 p.m.—Five queer comic book artists journey from the underground comix scene to mainstream acceptance. https://www.pbs.org/independentlens/documentaries/no-straight-lines/

Out In Rural America airs 6/10 at 5 p.m.—explores the struggles and joys of being lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and gender queer in rural America. Following five stories from the LGBTQ+ community over a six-year period, the film explores the issues of self-doubt, discrimination, acceptance, and small-town and Midwestern LGBTQ+ life from a cultural, social, familial, and religious perspective. https://www.wxxi.org/projects/out-in-rural-america/

Frontline #4302 “Crisis on Campus” airs 6/11 at 10 p.m.—The inside story of the protests dividing college campuses over Israel and the war in Gaza. https://www.pbs.org/show/frontline/

Go Figure: The Randy Gardner Story airs 6/12 at 5 p.m.—intimately documents the life and career of two-time Olympian Randy Gardner. Together with his Olympic partner Tai Babilonia, they formed the iconic figure skating pairs team known as "Tai and Randy." The film shares one man’s quest to finally come to terms with his true identity so that he can be a light to others. https://www.pbs.org/show/go-figure-randy-gardner-story/

Dear Ike: Lost Letters to a Teen Idol airs 6/14 at 5 p.m.—In the animated documentary Dear Ike: Lost Letters to a Teen Idol, filmmaker Dion Labriola recounts his childhood quest to contact his teen idol, Ike Eisenmann. The goal: ask Ike to star in an animated science-fiction epic he was developing. After an exhaustive string of failed attempts, a magical turn of events points Ike directly toward his goal in the most unexpected of ways - 40 years later. https://www.pbs.org/show/dear-ike-lost-letters-teen-idol/

Ringside Stories: The Heart and Hustle of Pro Wrestling airs 6/15 at 11:30 p.m.—delves into the lives of local wrestlers in Rochester, NY. Through heartfelt interviews, this documentary reveals the passion and dedication these athletes have for their craft. Wrestling gives them a sense of purpose and community, helping them overcome personal struggles and adversity.
**Rick Steves: Why We Travel airs 6/16 at 1 p.m.** — In times of crisis, we ask ourselves: What is the true value of travel? Is it just hedonism, or something more powerful? After a lifetime of exploring Europe, Rick Steves shares his reasons why. This special is a sonnet to travel — an introspective love story, set in Europe and beyond, that vividly celebrates the rewards of exploring our world and the joy that awaits those who travel. [https://www.pbs.org/video/why-we-travel-CGtBd/](https://www.pbs.org/video/why-we-travel-CGtBd/)

**Great Scenic Railway Journeys 30th Anniversary Special airs 6/16 at 2 p.m.** — In this 30th anniversary special, viewers gain access to some of America’s best railway adventures, from the Rocky Mountaineer to the Skyrail. More than just a tour, these stories offer a glimpse into our nation’s railroad history and explore how railroads defined the spirit of North America, creating a new industry and rewriting the history of transportation. [https://www.pbs.org/show/great-scenic-railway-journeys-30th-anniversary-special/](https://www.pbs.org/show/great-scenic-railway-journeys-30th-anniversary-special/)

**Opportunity Knock$ airs 6/16 at 5 p.m.** — Jean Chatzky, Patrice Washington and Louis Barajas star as Opportunity Coaches guiding families to build better lives. Along the way viewers inspired by the journey learn how they too can overcome financial challenges. Opportunity Knock$ when families living paycheck to paycheck see it is possible to achieve the American dream. [https://www.pbs.org/show/opportunity-knocks/](https://www.pbs.org/show/opportunity-knocks/)

**Table for All With Buki Elegbede airs 6/16 at 5:30 p.m.** — a cinematic docuseries focusing on culture, diversity & inclusion through the lens of food - all in the state of New Jersey. Host and Jersey native, Buki Elegbede, takes you on the ultimate food tour around the Garden State. He’ll take you into restaurants and home kitchens to meet the people and hear the incredible stories behind your favorite eats. [https://www.pbs.org/show/table-all/](https://www.pbs.org/show/table-all/)

**POV Shorts #405 “Becoming Myself” airs 6/17 at 12:30 a.m.** — Two conversations on identity and connection. [https://www.pbs.org/video/pov-shorts-becoming-myself-ugfnfd/](https://www.pbs.org/video/pov-shorts-becoming-myself-ugfnfd/)

**For The Love of Friends airs 6/17 at 10 p.m.** — In 1986, to awaken America to the AIDS crisis and to honor the friends he lost, actor/playwright Brent Nicholson Earle runs the perimeter of the United States. In The American Run for the End of AIDS, Brent runs a marathon a day for 20 months, with his mother and a Winnebago driving behind him. In 2020, he stars in a play about his life. Though the run finishes, Brent’s fight never stops. [https://www.pbs.org/show/love-friends/](https://www.pbs.org/show/love-friends/)

**Planet California airs 6/20 at 3 p.m.** — A celebration of California’s wildlife and wild places, and their coexistence with the 40 million people who call it home. Famous for its beaches and Hollywood, California is also a wellspring of biodiversity. Bounded by mountains, deserts and the Pacific Ocean, here are iconic wild places like Yosemite National Park and Death Valley, as well as Baja California’s lesser-known wild beauty. [https://www.pbs.org/show/planet-california/](https://www.pbs.org/show/planet-california/)

**Eastman at 100: A Centennial Celebration airs 6/21 at 9 p.m.** — Filmed over the course of three years, Eastman at 100 follows individual students throughout their academic year, offering a firsthand look at their transformational experiences. Eastman’s story is told through intimate interviews with professors, administrators, staff, community partners, and high-profile alumni. [Watch On-Demand:](https://www.pbs.org/show/highlights/eastman-at-100-a-centennial-celebration/)

**Spatchcock Funk airs Saturdays at 11:30 p.m. beginning 6/22** — The show Spatchcock Funk helps the audience celebrate their life, their friends, and their family. With easy-to-follow recipes for great food and killer cocktails, we bring it all together over our love of food, people, and fun. Every episode tells some tall tales, drops some dope dishes, and makes some delicious drinks, but never loses sight of the most important person: the viewer. [https://www.pbs.org/show/spatchcock-funk/](https://www.pbs.org/show/spatchcock-funk/)

**Across the Pacific airs 6/28 at 3 p.m.** — This three-part documentary series tells the story of a great milestone in aviation history: the 1935 crossing of the Pacific Ocean by a Pan American. [https://www.pbs.org/video/across-the-pacific-airborne-8ms7qa/](https://www.pbs.org/video/across-the-pacific-airborne-8ms7qa/)

**Stonewall Uprising: American Experience airs 6/30 at 2:30 p.m.** — When police raided the Stonewall Inn, a popular gay bar in the Greenwich Village section of New York City on June 28, 1969, the street erupted into violent protests that lasted for the next six days. The Stonewall riots, as they came to be known, marked a major turning point in the modern gay civil rights movement in the United States and around the world. [Watch On-Demand:](https://wxxi.org/highlights/watch-on-demand-stonewall-uprising/)
America ReFramed brings life compelling stories, personal voices and experiences that illuminate the contours of our ever-changing country. Since 2012, the series has premiered 170 films - more than half helmed by female makers and a third credited to BIPOC makers - centering stories of the LGBTQ community, people with disabilities, the formerly incarcerated, veterans, immigrants and more. 

https://worldchannel.org/show/america-reframed/

DOC WORLD brings international documentaries from around the globe to a US audience. The films explore social concerns, cultural touchstones, political hot topics and environmental issues, revealing the commonalities and differences that peoples and cultures experience. Told with authentic voices, the series offers a unique and contemporary window into stories that surprise, inform and delight.

https://worldchannel.org/show/doc-world/

Culled from public television stations and independent producers from across the country, LOCAL, USA is a half-hour series featuring fascinating stories of diverse people, curated around a single theme.

https://worldchannel.org/show/local-usa/

Stories have the power to astonish us, make us laugh and cry, and open our hearts to the world. Hosted by Wes Hazard and Theresa Okokon, STORIES FROM THE STAGE invites storytellers from around the world to share extraordinary tales of what it means to be human. Each episode features both on-stage performances and interviews about their inspirations and craft, and the meaning behind their stories.

https://worldchannel.org/show/stories-stage/

Powerful stories can bring people together despite impossible differences and tumultuous times. From Liz Cheng and Patricia Alvarado Núñez, the executive producers & co-creators of WORLD Channel's STORIES FROM THE STAGE, welcome to THE PODCAST. This audio series features the most memorable stories and in some cases, the ‘next chapter’ - what happened after storytellers exited the stage. Listen On-Demand:

https://worldchannel.org/show/stories-stage-podcast/
WXXI Topic Collections of films and resources by & about individuals amplifying and affirming voices across the country and around the globe. Watch on-air, stream online and share the voices, the stories from our partners in public media.

- Asian and Pacific Islander Heritage: https://wxxi.org/topics/asian-and-pacific-islander-heritage/
- Black Heritage and Culture: https://www.wxxi.org/topics/black-heritage-and-culture/
- Move to Include: Inclusion of Those with Disabilities: https://www.wxxi.org/projects/move-to-include/
- Women’s History and Issues Today: https://www.wxxi.org/topics/womens-history/
- Hispanic/Latinx Heritage & Culture: https://www.wxxi.org/topics/hispanic-heritage/
- Native American Culture & Heritage: https://www.wxxi.org/topics/native-american/
- LGBTQIA+ Culture, Heritage & Pride: https://www.wxxi.org/topics/lgbtqia-culture-heritage-and-pride/
- Mental Health: https://www.wxxi.org/topics/teen-mental-health/
- Veterans Connection: https://www.wxxi.org/projects/veterans-connections/

Education Topics;
- WXXI & PBS Education Resources (preK-12): https://wxxi.org/education/
- American Graduate: Exploring Career Pathways: https://wxxi.org/projects/american-graduate-project-page/
- Career Exploration for Young Children: https://www.wxxi.org/education/#CareerExploration
- Young Children’s Games & Activities: https://wxxi.org/education/#PBSKIDSResources
- Early Learning Resources: https://wxxi.org/education/#EarlyLearning
- Rochester Teen Film Festival: https://wxxi.org/projects/rochester-teen-film-festival/
**WXXI and public media organizations across New York State have come together to raise awareness about specific issues that impact our communities throughout the state. You can access hours of content through broadcast or on-demand content that provides resources and information about the opioid and overdose epidemic, aging and senior isolation, and student mental health.**

**Student Mental Health Matters**: This multi-platform project shines a light on the importance of student mental health and well-being. [https://wxxi.org/topics/teen-mental-health/](https://wxxi.org/topics/teen-mental-health/)


**The Overdose Epidemic**: This initiative examines New York State’s addiction and overdose crisis. [https://wxxi.org/topics/overdose/](https://wxxi.org/topics/overdose/)

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**The Lodge airs 6/25 at 2 a.m.**—Fountaingrove Lodge in Santa Rosa, California, is the nation’s first state-licensed continuing care retirement community (CCRC) that’s specifically for LGBTQ+ seniors and their allies. The Lodge looks inside this unique experiment in gay/straight living to show us the daily lives, hopes, and fears of people in their 70’s, 80’s, and 90’s. What you discover will surprise you. [https://www.pbs.org/show/lodge/](https://www.pbs.org/show/lodge/)

**Hiding in Plain Sight**: Youth Mental Illness features first-person accounts from more than 20 young people, ranging in age from 11 to 27, who live with mental health conditions, as well as parents, teachers, friends, healthcare providers in their lives, and independent mental health experts. The film presents an unvarnished window into daily life with mental health challenges, from seemingly insurmountable obstacles to stories of hope and resilience. Through the experiences of these young people, the film confronts the issues of stigma, discrimination, awareness, and silence, and, in doing so, help advance a shift in the public perception of mental health issues today. The film includes the following individuals with lived experience of mental health challenges: [https://wxxi.org/highlights/watch-on-demand-hiding-in-plain-sight/](https://wxxi.org/highlights/watch-on-demand-hiding-in-plain-sight/)

**The Overdose Epidemic**

**Student Mental Health Matters: A Toolkit for Educators** is designed to equip educators, school staff, and school mental health professionals with critical knowledge and strategies needed to support the mental well-being of their students. Video-based resources — produced by mental health organizations and public media producers — cover suicide prevention, stress and anxiety, self-harm, adverse childhood experiences, and social media.

And offer:

- **Expert perspectives** from mental health professionals, school administrators and educators aimed at helping teachers better understand a topic;
- **Student perspectives** that reveal the lived experience of elementary, middle, and high school students;
- **Strategies** that provide real-world applications for teachers’ practices.

[https://www.wxxi.org/highlights/education-resources-student-mental-health-matters-toolkit/](https://www.wxxi.org/highlights/education-resources-student-mental-health-matters-toolkit/)

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**OUR TURN TO TALK**

Conversations about youth mental health are on the rise around the world. In this digital-first documentary, we explore the lives of teens across the U.S., their mental health journeys, and their creative efforts to end stigma around mental health challenges. Allow Anastasia to walk you through the experiences of her podcast guests, as she inspires teens everywhere to stand up for their right to seek empathy and understanding. [https://wxxi.org/highlights/watch-on-demand-our-turn-to-talk/](https://wxxi.org/highlights/watch-on-demand-our-turn-to-talk/)

**BROTHER**: A filmmaker’s intimate phone calls with her brother explore his fragile recovery from opioid addiction. Using imaginative animation, they journey both into the cosmos—a place her brother has encyclopedic knowledge about—and an all-too-real world where shame and pain take their toll. From Independent Lens (14 minute short film) [https://wxxi.org/highlights/watch-on-demand-brother/](https://wxxi.org/highlights/watch-on-demand-brother/)

Go to wxxi.org/overdose for more resources
**Move to Include™** is a partnership between WXXI and the Golisano Foundation designed to promote inclusion for people with intellectual and physical disabilities. Through programming and special events, WXXI and the Golisano Foundation look to build a more inclusive community by inspiring and motivating people to embrace different abilities and include all people in every aspect of community life.

https://www.wxxi.org/projects/move-to-include/

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**4 Wheel Bob airs 6/13 at 5 p.m.**—The story of Bob Coomer, an intrepid adventurer who sets out to become the first wheelchair hiker to cross the 11,845 foot Kearsarge Pass in the Sierra Nevada of California. The documentary follows the inspirational journey of Bob while encouraging us to look at our own self-imposed limitations and perhaps reach beyond what we think is possible.

https://www.pbs.org/show/4-wheel-bob/

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**Understanding Autism airs 6/11 at 5 p.m.**—Understanding Autism follows filmmaker Scott Steindorf as he aims to discover more about his own autism. Speaking to autistic people all across the spectrum, he seeks to reframe the perception of autism by focusing on the identification, diagnosis, and treatment by highlighting the amazing talents and love of neurodiversity.

https://www.pbs.org/show/understanding-autism/

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**Transitioning to Adulthood**

Explore the stories of youth with disabilities transitioning to adulthood.

WXXI News' **Exited** podcast

wxxinews.org/show/exited

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**WXXI's Move to Include™ Collection in PBS LearningMedia** provides videos targeted for grades 5-12 to inspire and motivate people to embrace different abilities and include all people in every aspect of community life. Move to Include also seeks to elevate the voices of people with different abilities in telling their own stories. Go to:

https://ny.pbslearningmedia.org/collection/move-to-include/

**Self-Paced Professional Development Collection:**

- Understanding and Supporting Youth with Challenging Behaviors
- How to Support Students Through the Best Buddies Model to produce Digital Stories

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**COMING, FALL OF 2024**

PBS KIDS announced **CARL THE COLLECTOR**, an animated series for children ages 4-8 and its first show featuring a lead character on the autism spectrum. The new series was created by New York Times best-selling illustrator and author Zachariah OHora ("My Cousin Momo!") and is produced by Fuzzytown Productions and Spiffy Pictures. Through its stories, the series celebrates the diverse ways kids think and express themselves, while helping them develop a strong sense of self and community. **CARL THE COLLECTOR** is slated to premiere in Fall 2024 on PBS KIDS.

**CARL THE COLLECTOR** follows the everyday adventures of Carl, a warm-hearted autistic raccoon who loves collecting things. His talents – a laser-focus pursuit of his goals, attention to detail, and a distinctive way of looking at and experiencing the world around him – have helped him amass a collection for just about every occasion.
**WXXI CLASSICAL**

**Specials:**
Met Opera 2024 Laffont Grand Finals Concert, 6/29 at 3-5:40 p.m. Hosted by mezzo-soprano Denyce Graves, 10 finalists performed with the Met Orchestra, conducted by Evan Rogister. Each singer performed two arias, and from the finalists, five winners were selected, who each receive a $20,000 prize.

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Our Goal: Helping bridge military and veteran needs with community support and awareness.

- Create a community platform that shares veterans perspectives and programs
- Raise awareness of issues and educate the community about what veterans and their families face.

Use WXXI/Little programming and outreach to connect veterans and their families with area resources. https://www.wxxi.org/veterans

On-Demand Veterans Connections Programming

LATINO AMERICANS "War and Peace" On-Demand World War II is a watershed event for Latino Americans with hundreds of thousands of men and women serving in the armed forces — but still face discrimination and a fight for civil rights back in the United States. Watch On-Demand (In English & Spanish) https://www.wxxi.org/veterans/latino-americans-war-and-peace-demand


Women Serving in War Three generations of Minnesota's military women share their stories of service from WWII to Vietnam to Afghanistan. Hear the stories of three female veterans as they highlight their journey from the frontlines to life back at home. https://www.wxxi.org/veterans/women-serving-war-demand

ADDITIONAL ON-DEMAND VIDEOS & RESOURCES https://www.wxxi.org/veterans

ADULT LITERACY NEWS

Adult Literacy - Video On-Demand

The topics found in this collection include instructional resources designed specifically for the adult education field. Resources include videos, printable handouts, and self-paced lessons. Learners can study math, reading, and critical thinking skills, and find materials to help them prepare for their high school equivalency tests. https://ny.pbslearningmedia.org/collection/ketae_instr

Dropping Back In On-Demand A program series designed to get young dropouts back on course. https://wxxi.org/highlights/dropping-back-in-ondemand/

TV 411 Series Description: The series provides practical literacy and life skills focusing on parenting, money matters and health. Watch here: http://www.tv411.org/

Adult Education Collections on PBS LearningMedia https://ny.pbslearningmedia.org/search/?q=adult%20education&page=1

Veteran Videos & Classroom Resources

Go to: https://wxxi.org/highlights/education-resources-veterans-connections-pbs-learningmedia-collection/
On-Demand Stories & Videos https://wxxi.org/veterans/

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