

**JANUARY 2026**

## EDUCATION NEWS

### JANUARY 13TH Webinar

#### Educator Webinar: Revolutionary Voices: Student Media-Making and The American Revolution



Bring *The American Revolution* Youth Media Challenge to your classroom. Discover how your students can connect the foundational principles of the American Revolution to their lives today by amplifying their knowledge through media-making.

In this interactive workshop for middle and high school teachers, we'll explore the extensive, curriculum-aligned, multimedia resources from [The American Revolution classroom collection on PBS LearningMedia](#), created with educators and drawing on content from the film by Ken Burns, Sarah Botstein, and David Schmidt. Workshop participants will learn how to use the resources in the collection to inspire students to create a media project for [The American Revolution Youth Media Challenge](#), focusing specifically on audio production, a media format that can be made accessible to all learners. Participants will learn how to create a podcast in the classroom setting — no special studio or equipment required — and they will leave with a pathway to empower and share student voice beyond the classroom.

**When: Tuesday, January 13, 2026 7:00-9:00 PM ET**  
Virtual Training for Teachers via Webinar

[Learn More & Register](#) (Free)

#### Don't Miss It!

[The American Revolution](#)—re-airs Fridays at 9 p.m. beginning 1/9 on WXXI TV & [Livestream](#)

### Indie Lens Pop Up returns February 2026

For more than 20 years, the award-winning Indie Lens Pop-Up program has partnered with local organizations across the country to bring people together for film screenings and community-driven conversations.

Inspired by the documentaries featured on PBS' *Independent Lens*, Indie Lens Pop-Up events strengthen community connections and provide free, public spaces for everyone to meet, talk, and take action.

Every season, partners host live, local events across cities and towns, suburbs, and rural areas, in nearly all 50 states. Since 2005, nearly half a million participants have come together to discuss issues that impact local communities.

Indie Lens Pop-Up events are free, community-based film screenings followed by discussions held at local venues like The Little Theatre. Films include:

- **The Librarians**—Librarians across the U.S. examine how book review policies are shaping their communities (Scheduled In April at Central Library during National Library Week— Not at the Little Theatre)
- **The Inquisitor 2/16 6:30pm** Meet Barbara Jordan: a civil rights icon whose powerful voice masked a complex private life.
- **Dwarf 3/30 6:30pm** A filmmaker seeks belonging in the Little People community and explores dwarfism within her family.
- **The Grocery List Show May 19, 6:30pm** Top Chef contender Chrissy Camba takes us to five bustling international grocery store in America

**Watch for registration at [WXXI.org/events](https://www.wxxi.org/events) soon!**

# WXXI THE LITTLE



PBS LearningMedia™ includes tens of 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.

[ny.pbslearningmedia.org/](http://ny.pbslearningmedia.org/)

Watch [Lafayette: A Hero's Return](#) on-demand. This educational initiative seeks to 'inspire students through the enduring story of Lafayette's patriotism, diplomacy, and commitment to democratic values'.

The 27-minute film is available on-demand and includes a [discussion activity one-sheet](#) to promote post-viewing discussion in the classroom.

This project is part of New York State's 250th commemoration, aligning with Lafayette's trek across New York State in 1825 on his way to Boston.

These are the exact dates and locations where he made stops in 1825.

Buffalo: June 4

Niagara Falls: June 5

Rochester: June 7

Syracuse: June 9

Schenectady: June 11

Albany: June 12



## [Revolution and Independence, 1754–1800](#)

As Great Britain increased regulation of its empire following the Seven Years' War, some colonists questioned overseas rule and called for revolution. By 1783, having gained independence, the leaders of the new United States created a national government that avoided both monarchy and direct democracy. Recognizing the flaws of the initial Articles of Confederation, Constitutional Convention delegates—a group of 55 white men—then crafted the first representative democracy, but ultimately left most Americans out of the political system.

### [Causes of the American Revolution | Interactive Timeline](#)

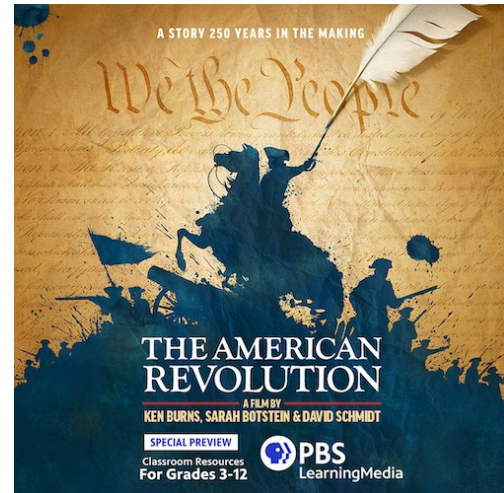
Investigate how a series of policy changes made by the British government caused American colonists to declare their independence. Examine the causes and effects of several major events such as the initial settling of the 13 British colonies to the signing of the Declaration of Independence and how they led to the American Revolution.

PBS LearningMedia Resources to support educators and families while discussing the following topics: race, racism, protesting, civil rights, Black history and historical individuals, bias, past and current events, and more. This is a list of curated educational resources for educators and families to use with their students and children. These resources are not to be used alone, but instead to integrate with other educational materials (conversations, lessons, speeches, video clips, books, etc.) to provide students with the most context and meaningful knowledge.

[PBS LearningMedia Resources: Race, Racism, Protests, Civil Rights, Current Events, and more.](#)

[Resources for Young Children on Race, Racism and Diversity](#)

## **NEW! American Revolution PBS LearningMedia Collection (Grades 6-12)**

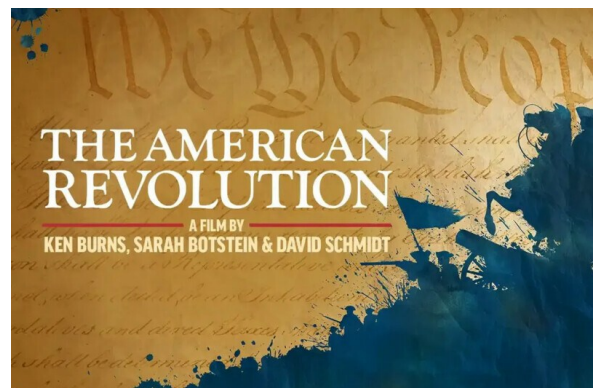


Introduce students to curriculum-aligned resources covering topics from the upcoming series, such as the [Coercive Acts](#), [Thomas Paine's Common Sense](#), and the impacts of military leaders [Nathanael Greene](#) and [Joseph Brant](#), also known as Thayendanegea. Resources include video clips, discussion questions, and suggested activities, and are designed to deepen students' understanding of the American Revolution and its legacies using the power of visual media.

The full collection will feature more than 35 media-rich classroom resources and topics will include life in the British colonies, causes of the Revolution, key events, key figures, and the consequences and legacies of the American Revolution.

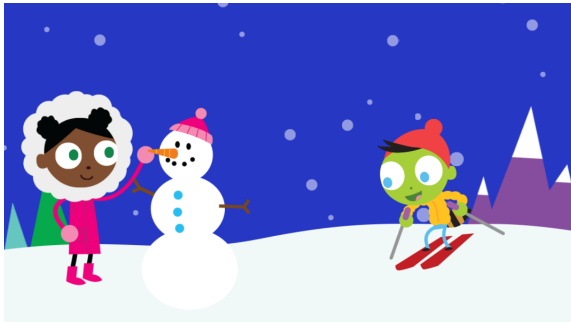
### [The American Revolution—airs Fridays at 9 p.m. beginning 1/9 on WXXI TV & Livestream](#)

Thirteen American colonies unite in rebellion, win an eight-year war to secure their independence, and establish a new form of government that would inspire democratic movements at home and around the globe. What begins as a political clash between colonists and the British government grows into a bloody struggle that will engage more than two dozen nations and forever change the world.





### 10 Resources For Your Classroom in the New Year



Educators deserve great support, fresh ideas, and new resources. PBS LearningMedia shares new selections to help inspire and motivate your early learners. All available in the one easy-to-navigate platform, you can find an array of exciting resources to teach STEAM, integrate digital tools, incorporate music and dance into the classroom, and explore professional learning resources. [Check out 10 new ideas for your preK-2 class](#)



**Many Ways to Show You Care** is a multi-platform content initiative for children ages 2-6, their families, and caregivers. The collection explores the many ways children show they care for members of their families, while offering supportive resources for educators, families and caregivers through storytelling, hands-on activities, and short-form media. The initiative includes:

- A series of short, joy-filled documentaries that feature children showing the many ways that they care for members of their family.
- A collection of clips from *Alma's Way*, *Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood*, *Donkey Hodie*, and *Mister Rogers' Neighborhood* with caregiving themes and discussion questions.
- Lesson plans and resources for teaching about caregiving.
- Activities for families at home that center on caring for one another.
- A music video featuring the Mister Rogers song, "There Are Many Ways To Say I Love You."
- Many Ways to Show You Care revolves around five themes:
- Compassion and Empathy: Learning how to think about others
- Family Support: Being part of a helping team
- Open Communication: Talking about what is happening
- Emotional Support: Everyone's feelings are important
- Self-Care: Caring for yourself while caring for others.

<https://ny.pbslearningmedia.org/collection/caregiving-kids/>

Wrangle in 2026 with [all-new \*Alma's Way\*](#), premiering January 19! Ride along in the newest episode, "Cowboy Howard," as Alma and Howard learn about the history of Black cowboys in the U.S. and are on the lookout for a cowboy in the Bronx, which may be easier than they think... Junior and Alma also put on their entrepreneurial hats and open their own salon for the day in "Junior's Hair Salon." After some styling doesn't go according to plan, Junior learns that no hair is exactly alike.

The adventures in Cyberspace continue! Season 16 of **CYBERCHASE** returns this spring with a winning formula featuring 7 full-length episodes, an all-new shorts series, and a brand-new digital game. Our innovative outreach efforts to families, communities and educators will continue long after the series premieres.

#### WHAT'S NEW?

Math takes center stage in new action-packed, problem-solving adventures.

New episodes about math and nature premiere just in time for Earth Day celebrations! The CyberSquad jumps into action, uniting the community to fix items and reduce waste. They also travel back in time with Hacker to explore the wonders of a messy park.

The series will also introduce civics and math through specially designed stories. When the penguins of Pengua must choose a new team captain for the annual Belly Bowl, the CyberSquad suggests a fair method — voting!

A fresh, new digital shorts format will release with six hilarious 7-minute stories highlighting key math concepts, including subtraction and weight. These will be compiled into full broadcast episodes for back-to-school.

**DAILY SCHEDULES!** Click [HERE](#) for February and March daily schedules.

#### Explore (preK-2) Teach Your Way

Daily Activities  
Graphic Organizations  
Learning Activities  
Observation Activities  
And More:

**Monthly [Activity Calendars](#)**



#### Get the latest Education News



Education policies, individual experiences,

***Big Ideas for Little Kids: Teaching Philosophy Through Picture Books* airs Sunday, January 11 at 11 a.m. on WXXI-HD**

A diverse group of second graders at an urban charter school in Springfield, Massachusetts, learn to love books and reading as they argue about some of life's headiest issues using picture books as a starting point for their discussions. Philosophy is not usually part of a second-grade curriculum, yet this documentary accompanies a group of college students who lead a series of philosophy classes for six-and seven-year-olds. The second graders learn some of the basic rules for having philosophical discussion, from what it means to be a respectful listener who respects differences in opinion, to how to build a good argument when making a point. This film documents classes conducted at the Martin Luther King Charter School by Mount Holyoke College students under the guidance of Philosophy Professor Thomas Wartenberg and President Lynn Pasquerella. The goal of Wartenberg and Pasquerella's unique class is to give children an opportunity to pursue their natural curiosity and inclination for philosophy. In their curriculum, picture books become catalysts for philosophical discussion and an effective way to foster critical thinking skills as well as lifelong love of reading.



***Coming in 2026***

PBS KIDS announced the launch of two new animated series, **PHOEBE & JAY** designed to foster literacy skills for young viewers.

**PHOEBE & JAY** is a fun, new series for children ages 3-5 from Phoebe & Jay Productions and Mainframe Studios.

The show, which follows the adventures of the curiously charismatic 6-year-old fraternal twins, Phoebe and Jay Yarber, highlights a variety of texts that preschoolers encounter in their daily lives—from labels and signs to posters and more—to foster their early literacy skills and help them navigate the world around them.

In addition to new episodes, Phoebe and Jay's Dance Party game will debut on [pbskids.org](https://pbskids.org) and the [PBS KIDS Games app](#) in tandem with the series launch. Created by Genie Deez and Thy Than, **PHOEBE & JAY** debuts on PBS KIDS February 2, 2026.



[Learn More About the Series](#)



**SUPER WHY'S COMIC BOOK ADVENTURES** is an animated series that builds on the legacy and success of Emmy-nominated series **SUPER WHY!** and the **SUPER WHY'S COMIC BOOK ADVENTURES** shorts.

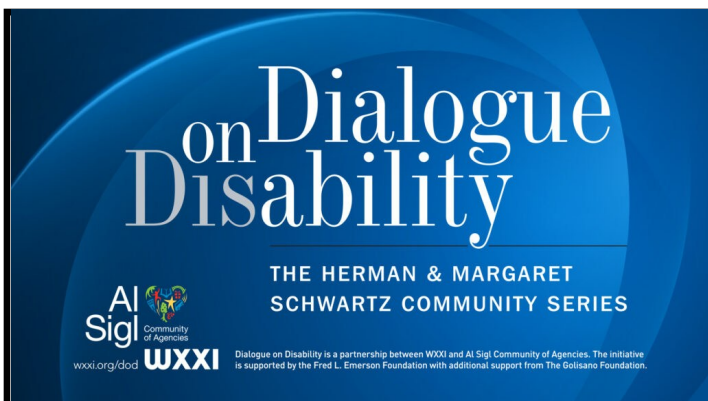
The series supports early literacy for preschoolers and kindergarteners through 7-minute action-packed stories that follow the adventures of the beloved Super Readers in the epic comic book world of Reader Valley. **SUPER WHY'S COMIC BOOK ADVENTURES** is produced by 9 Story Media Group and animated by the award-winning studio, Brown Bag Films

PBS KIDS points out that recent research has found a significant drop in U.S. children's reading scores and has shown that a large percentage of children are reading below grade level. *Super Why's Comic Book Adventures* features an early literacy curriculum that focuses on mastery to provide kids with the skills, knowledge and empowerment they need to become successful readers. On-demand here: <https://pbskids.org/videos/super-whys-comic-book-adventures>





**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://wxxi.org/include>



Catch more programs from Dialogue on Disability week at <https://wxxi.org/dod> this January

### WXXI TV

#### Independent Lens: "Life After"

Saturday, January 17<sup>th</sup> at 4pm A filmmaker investigates assisted dying through the lens of disabled voices missing from the debate. **On-demand through 2/1/26**  
<https://video.wxxi.org/video/life-after-waj9ai/>

**How to Use:** Discuss policy issues in Participation in Government or Health Class!

### WXXI CLASSICAL

**Dialogue on Disability Week – Jan 12-18, 2026** the Stories of the abilities of musicians with disabilities on our web page <https://wxxiclassical.org/dialogue-on-disability-celebrating-abilities>. On-air & online & new vignettes to highlight musicians with disabilities This year's features include composer & pianist **Joaquín Rodrigo**, pianist **Norman Malone**, and violinist **Itzhak Perlman**.

### WXXI NEWS: Inclusion Desk

Find weekly stories on-demand [wxxinews.org/inclusion-desk](http://wxxinews.org/inclusion-desk)

### WXXI/PBS KIDS Dialogue on Disability



On WXXI-TV & WXXI PBS KIDS [Schedule](#)

**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. <https://pbslearningmedia.org/collection/move-to-include/>



### How to Talk to Young Children About Disabilities



These are important to conversations and experiences which help kids to accept their own differences and be more accepting of others' differences. They begin to appreciate what makes them and their friends unique, promoting self-esteem, kindness and inclusion. WXXI & PBS KIDS have programs and resources to introduce these topics through characters and activities that help friends to work and play together. <https://wxxi.org/friends>

## A podcast about navigating life with a disability.

Self-advocacy is more than individual empowerment. It's about civil rights, dignity, and equality.



Hosted by **Noelle E.C. Evans**

Six-episode series launching January 6!  
 Visit: [MoveToInclude.org](http://MoveToInclude.org)

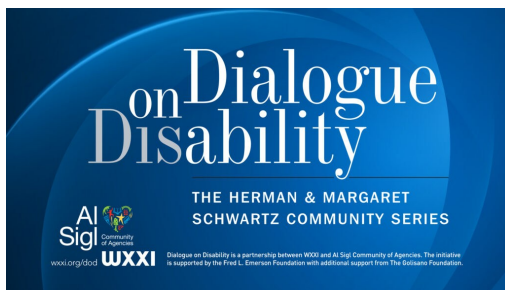


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This podcast is produced by **WXXI** in partnership with the Golisano Foundation



Since 2003 WXXI and the AI Sigi Community of Agencies have worked together to help break the ingrained stereotypes about individuals with intellectual, developmental, and physical disabilities with its week-long initiative, *Dialogue on Disability*. Held every January, the initiative is designed to stimulate community dialogue about the perspectives and abilities of people with physical, developmental, and intellectual disabilities.

In an effort to continue its commitment to motivate individuals to take action and to include more people with disabilities in the workplace, in schools, neighborhoods,

## ***SPECIAL PROGRAMMING*** ***JANUARY 12—18***

**I AM disabled**—airs Monday, January 12<sup>th</sup> at 3pm—This heartwarming documentary highlights the challenges and triumphs of students with disabilities and their families, focusing on their abilities and similarities with their typically developing peers rather than their disability.

**In a Different Key**—airs Monday, January 12<sup>th</sup> at 4pm—A mother tracks down the first person ever diagnosed with autism, now an elderly man living in rural Mississippi, to learn if his life story holds promise for her own autistic son.

**Media Access Awards with Easter Seals #2025**—airs Monday, January 12<sup>th</sup> at 9pm and Tuesday, January 13<sup>th</sup> at 5pm—A celebration of disability in media with Ali Stroker, Marlee Matlin, and Henry Winkler.

**VOCES: American Sons**—Produced by Latino Public Broadcasting, the acclaimed PBS documentary series VOCES features the best of Latino arts, culture and history and shines a light on current issues that impact Latino Americans. Monday, January 12<sup>th</sup> at 10pm

**Jeffrey's Journey**—Tuesday, January 13<sup>th</sup> at 3pm—Ten days. 461 miles. One disabled cyclist. Jeffrey McElfresh suffers from Charcot-Marie-Tooth disease, a debilitating and progressive neuropathy. It's rare and there is no cure. But he's still living his dream of being an adventure cyclist. Follow him as he rides along the Ohio River from Pittsburgh to Cincinnati.

**American Experience #3702 "Change, Not Charity: The Americans with Disabilities Act"** - Wednesday, January 14<sup>th</sup> at 3pm and Saturday, January 17<sup>th</sup> at 3pm—The dramatic story of the passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) in 1990.

**ASD Band: The Movie**—Thursday, January 15<sup>th</sup> at 3pm—Follow the members of ASD Band as they embark on the journey to record their first studio album and proudly own their unique perspectives as individuals on the autism spectrum. Audiences will also experience heartfelt accounts from friends and family members, focused on fostering a community that understands, accepts and values their children.

**American Masters #3803 "Marlee Matlin: Not Alone Anymore"** - Thursday, January 15<sup>th</sup> at 8:30pm and Sunday, January 18<sup>th</sup> at 1pm—Learn about Marlee Matlin, Oscar-winning actress and champion of the Deaf community.

**Frontline #4312 "Breakdown in Maine"** - Thursday, January 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:30pm—Investigating the deadliest mass shooting in Maine history and missed opportunities to prevent it.

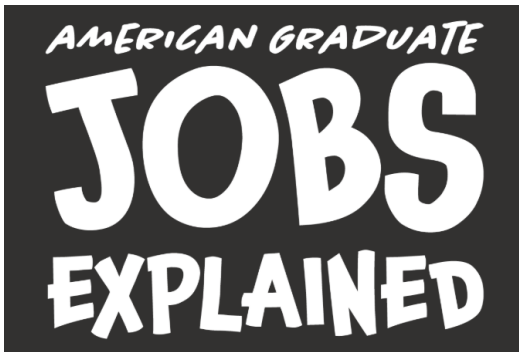
**RIT Shorts #104**—Thursday, January 15<sup>th</sup> at 8pm—Saturday, January 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm—Sunday, January 18<sup>th</sup> at 3pm from the RIT School of Film and Animation

**A Good Life**—Friday, January 16<sup>th</sup> at 3pm—Life is full of joys and challenges for us all but the experiences of individuals living with Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities is something that not everyone understands or appreciates. A Good Life takes an intimate look into the lives adults living with I/DD and their families. The film shares the challenges and opportunities they face, while leading experts in the field offer insight

**Caregiving**—Friday, January 16<sup>th</sup> 4pm—A documentary revealing America's caregiving crisis through intimate stories and expert insight.



# Introducing Jobs Explained – A Career Video Series for Youth



WXXI's Jobs Explained is a digital content initiative locally offered to educate and inspire young adults (ages 15 – 26) about in-demand career paths in **green jobs, manufacturing, and construction**. Through engaging short-form videos on platforms like Instagram and TikTok, we're giving a behind-the-scenes look at what these careers are really like—from the people doing the work every day.

This project is part of American Graduate: Jobs Explained, a national public media initiative led by The WNET Group and funded by the Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB). WXXI is one of 10 public media stations across the country participating in this effort to help young people better understand today's workforce opportunities and career pathways.

## What We Do:

- **150 Short-Form Videos** - Featuring real professionals, day-in-the-life stories, and skill-building tips tailored for youth (15-26 )
- **Digital Outreach** - Targeted campaigns on TikTok, Instagram, and YouTube to maximize reach and engagement.
- **Community Partnerships** - Collaborations with career technical education (CTE) programs, community colleges and higher education, workforce development boards, youth and professional organizations, and employers to advise, support and participate in events and outreach.
- **Youth Voice** - Surveys, focus groups, and advisory roles conducted by professional evaluators ensure content stays relevant, authentic, and youth-driven.

Jobs Explained blends storytelling, social media, and community support to empower young people with real, local career insights.

## **Key Objectives / Impact**

This initiative aims to inspire youth to explore in-demand, high-growth career sectors by breaking down stereotypes and raising awareness of often-overlooked career path options. Through accessible, relatable content, young people connect directly to training programs, apprenticeships, certifications, and job opportunities. By building sustainable partnerships between media, industry, and workforce development sectors, the project not only empowers youth with clear pathways to stable employment and upward mobility but also supports industries in meeting workforce demands with motivated, well-informed talent.

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- [WXXI Jobs Explained Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/wxxijobsexplained)
- [Jobs Explained National Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/jobs-explained-national)
- [WXXI Career Website](https://www.wxxi.com/career)

**WXXI's American Graduate Initiative:**

<http://wxxi.org/grad>

**Cradle to Career**

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

- Check out Local Getting to Work career videos
- **Access On-Demand Programming**  
<http://wxxi.org/grad/>
- Connect with Community Resources

**Learn about WXXI's Education Resources for Teachers & Students**

- [wxxi.org/education/](http://wxxi.org/education/)
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- [facebook.com/wxxieducation](https://facebook.com/wxxieducation)
- <http://X.com/edoutreach21>

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**Ideas for All: Building A Better Future**



[Episode 2: Equal Access from All Sides](#)



[Episode 1: Reclaiming Our Roots | Ideas for All](#)

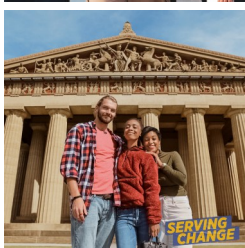
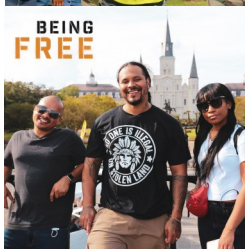


**ROADTRIP NATION**

**Tech & Clean Energy Careers**

**Watch All Shows:**

<https://video.wxxi.org/show/roadtrip-nation/>



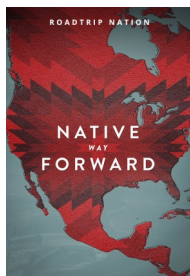
**EMPOWERED STATE (4/30 minute programs)** Electric planes. Towns powered by waterfalls. Offshore wind farms. This isn't the far-off future of clean energy—it's what's happening right now in New York State. Join three New Yorkers as they explore the clean energy revolution taking place in their backyard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

**Changemakers—(1/60 minute program)**—As the world keeps evolving, so do the tools we can use to bring about positive change—and that change starts with everyday people just like you. Follow three young adults eager to find innovative work with a social impact, and explore how inspiring professionals help change the world every time they punch the clock.  
<https://wxxi.org/highlights/changemakers-roadtrip-nation-on-demand/>

**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://wxxi.org/highlights/being-free-roadtrip-nation-on-demand/>

**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/>



[wxxi.org/highlights/native-forward-roadtrip-nation-on-demand/](http://wxxi.org/highlights/native-forward-roadtrip-nation-on-demand/)



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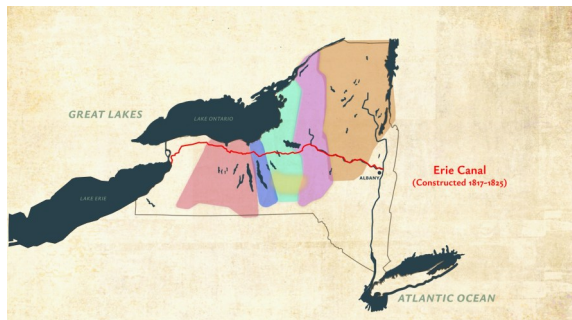
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## The Erie Canal's 200th Anniversary



[Explore the Erie Canal History Using PBS LearningMedia videos and lessons](#)

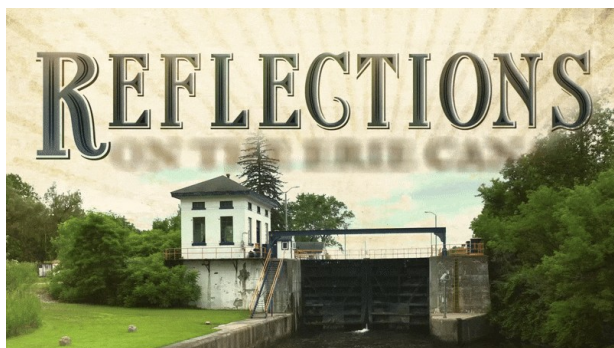
## Special Programming Celebrating the Bicentennial of The Erie Canal

### On-Demand

Completed in 1825, the Erie Canal was a marvel of engineering—the longest man-made waterway in the world and the most ambitious public works project North America had ever seen. It put New York on the map as a powerhouse, fueling explosive growth in population, industry, and economic dominance. It transformed Rochester from a remote town into a booming city by providing transportation and trade to the Midwest and the East Coast markets. To commemorate the 200th anniversary of the completion of the Erie Canal, WXXI is proud to bring you the following specials.

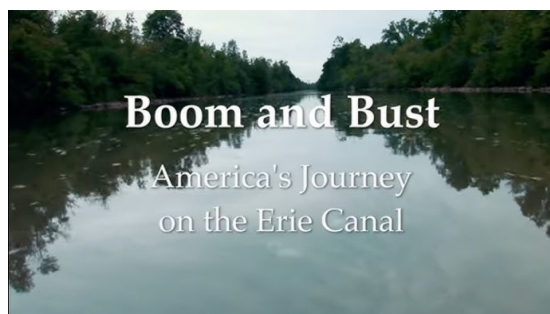
**Reflections on the Erie Canal** airs on-demand here:

<https://video.wxxi.org/show/reflections-on-the-erie-canal/>  
This film explores the past, present, and future of the canal. In 1825, the state of New York inaugurated a monumental economic engine - the Erie Canal. Born from an audacious ambition to secure financial power and seal New York's status as the Empire State, the canal was a triumph of engineering and determination. Two hundred years later, the human-made thread crossing the state of New York from West to East has a much broader legacy that deserves definition and exploration.



## Special Programming Celebrating the Bicentennial of The Erie Canal (continued)

**Boom and Bust: America's Journey on the Erie Canal** airs Saturday, October 25 at 5:30pm on WXXI-TV. The film tells the story of industrial expansion and decline along the Erie Canal, and examines its impact on the lives of workers in steel, grain, textiles, and shipping. [Watch here.](#)



Teaching the Erie Canal: [Lesson Plans](#)

Explore the engineering and technology of the Erie Canal System: [Videos & Virtual Tours](#)



## PBS **NEWSHOUR** CLASSROOM

Classroom features [daily news lessons](#) based on [PBS NewsHour](#), full-length video-based lesson plans. Within each daily news lesson plans are opportunities for teachers and students to be published on [Classroom Voices](#)

## HIGHLIGHTS

WXXI-TV Live Streaming: <https://wxxi.org/stations/wxxi-tv/>

On TV & Cable: WXXI-TV 21.1: Cable 11/1221

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Many programs available at [video.wxxi.org](https://video.wxxi.org) for on-demand following air dates or on Passport

**Patience**—airs Thursdays at 9 p.m. beginning 1/22 - Patience Evans works in the Criminal Records Office in the city of York. She views the world in a unique way because she has a special gift – she is autistic. DI Bea Metcalf recognizes her talents and takes her under her wing. Patience helps the police tackle a series of challenging cases by bringing her unique insight to crimefighting.

**Bare Feet with Mickela Mallozzi** airs Sundays at 11 a.m. beginning 1/25. —Join Emmy® Award-winning travel host, producer and dancer **Mickela Mallozzi on her adventures as she experiences the world, one dance at a time!** From re-discovering her family's roots in Southern Italy to exploring the diverse regions of Central Asia in the hills of Turkey, Mickela's travels explore the traditional dances of every culture while connecting with the local community. **(Free on-demand)**

**Southern Storytellers** airs Sunday 1/25 from 1—4 p.m. - Celebrate Southern identity through the eyes of contemporary creators of literature, music, film and TV, among them authors Angie Thomas, Jesmyn Ward and David Joy; poet Jericho Brown; songwriters Lyle Lovett, Tarriona "Tank" Ball, Jason Isbell and Justin Moore; songwriter/actor Mary Steenburgen; songwriter/screenwriter/actor Billy Bob Thornton; and screenwriters Qui Nguyen and Michael Waldron.

**Marked Man: Martin Luther King and The FBI** airs 1/26 at 12 a.m.—For years before Martin Luther King Jr.'s death, he was subjected to a campaign of intimidation by J. Edgar Hoover's FBI. Hoover believed King was a puppet of the Communists, intent on destroying America, and he was determined to neutralize the threat. **MARKED MAN: MARTIN LUTHER KING AND THE FBI** reveals the depth of Hoover's vendetta against King and examines how and why he targeted the civil rights leader.

**The Kennedys - The Story of an American Dynasty**—airs 1/26 at 9 p.m. and 1/30 at 3 p.m. - Featuring interviews with relatives, historians, and experts, this documentary provides a unique perspective on one of America's most famous families. The program explores the complex dynamics among family members and delves into the lives of the nine siblings, including five sisters, highlighting both their triumphs and challenges.

**Independent Lens #2705 "Vivien's Wild Ride"** - airs 1/26 at 10 p.m. and 1/30 at 4:30 p.m.—When legendary film editor Vivien Hillgrove begins losing her sight, she confronts memories of loss and resilience while reinventing herself as an artist with a disability. From her groundbreaking career in cinema to her life on a small farm with her partner, Karen, Vivien's story reveals how creativity, care, and connection can reshape what it means to see and belong.

**American Masters #3706 "Elie Wiesel: Soul on Fire"** - airs 1/27 at 9 p.m.—Learn about Elie Wiesel, Holocaust survivor and Nobel Peace Prize-winning author of *Night*. After his internment at the Auschwitz Concentration Camp and liberation from Buchenwald, Wiesel became a journalist in France before immigrating to America. Over the course of his life, Wiesel fought the "sin of indifference" by writing, teaching, speaking truth to power and championing for human rights.

**Simon Schama: The Holocaust 80 Years On**—airs 1/27 at 10:30 p.m. - Amid rising antisemitism around the world and 80 years after the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau, Simon Schama traces the historical road of horror that culminated in the death camps. From Lithuania to Poland, the Netherlands and, finally, Auschwitz, Schama confronts the enormity of the Holocaust as both historian and 80-year-old Jew, to understand how it happened and in the hopes of never again.



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# WXXI veterans connections

Helping bridge military and veteran needs  
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WXXI's *Veterans Connections* initiative is designed to help bridge military and veteran needs with community support and awareness. Through special TV, radio and online programming, documentary films, news features, and web features, *Veterans Connections* works to create a community platform to raise awareness and connect veterans with valuable resources.

Use WXXI/Little programming and outreach to connect veterans and their families with area resources.

<https://www.wxxi.org/veterans>

## Watch On-Demand VETERANS COMING HOME:

CAREERS showcases veterans finding new career paths and adapting to the civilian work world. From Local USA. Many discover that the skills they learned in the military can help them. Stories include the successes and stumbling blocks of a post-military career, and how a former Rear Admiral is using her leadership skills to save her community from rising waters.

Moving away from the idea that grief is a problem that needs to be "fixed," *Speaking Grief* validates the experience of griever and guides those wishing to support them. See the on-demand film and extensive resources for exploring the topic of grief. *Speaking Grief* explores why the pain of losing a loved one can be so difficult to understand and discuss. The film interviews grieving families from across the U.S., whose losses range from stillbirth to suicide, to address common misconceptions about grief. Through candid personal stories and conversations with experts in the grief field, the film also presents ideas for how family and friends can better support each other through loss. There is no "right" way to grieve. By sharing diverse representations of bereavement, *Speaking Grief* illustrates that grief is a universal, yet individual experience. **Watch the documentary on-demand:** <https://www.speakinggrief.org/documentary>

## Veteran Videos & Classroom Resources



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

These videos, images, and media-rich lesson plans are from [PBS LearningMedia New York](#), a service of WXXI Public Broadcasting in partnership with the NY State Public Media stations and PBS. This collection of resources will allow educators to bring stories from the battlefield into American history, world history, and health classrooms. They will also help students to better understand veterans and their contributions.

**Note: Please preview all media for age appropriateness before using it with students. See grade level recommendations on media listings and cautionary notes.**

## ADULT LITERACY NEWS

### Adult Literacy - Video On-Demand

## Classroom Resources



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/](https://ny.pbslearningmedia.org/collection/ketae_instr/)

***Dropping Back In On-Demand*** A program series designed to get young dropouts back on course. <https://www.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**  
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# FAMILY NIGHT—WXXI KIDS 24/7 PROGRAMMING STREAMING & ON-AIR

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Live Stream & Schedule at: <https://wxxi.org/stations/wxxi-kids-24-7/>  
 RELATED GAMES, ACTIVITIES & ON-DEMAND VIDEOS: <https://wxxi.org/education/#PBSKIDSResources>

Saturday, January 3, 2026		Saturday, January 10, 2026		Saturday, January 17, 2026		Saturday, January 24, 2026		Saturday, January 31, 2026	
Time Travel		Cozy Movie Marathon		MLK Day Weekend - Black Excellence		Curious George Movie Marathon		Daniel Tiger Movie Marathon	
7:00 PM	D.W.'s Time Trouble/ Buster's Amish Mismatch	7:00 PM	Rocket Saves The Day	7:00 PM	The Rhythm and Roots of Arthur	7:00 PM	Curious George 2: Follow That Monkey!	7:00 PM	Daniel Tiger Movie: Won't You Be Our Neighbor?
7:30 PM	Buster's Second Chance/ Arthur and the Whole Truth	7:30 PM		7:30 PM		7:30 PM		7:30 PM	
8:00 PM	Odd Squad - 6:00 to 6:05	8:00 PM	Curious George 4: Royal Monkey	8:00 PM	I am Alvin Ailey / I am Lucy Maud Montgomery	8:00 PM	Curious George 3: Back to the Jungle	8:00 PM	Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood : Daniel Visits a New Neighborhood
8:30 PM	Back to the Past/Odd Squad Needs You	8:30 PM		8:30 PM	I am Madam C.J. Walker / I am Edwin Binney	8:30 PM		8:30 PM	
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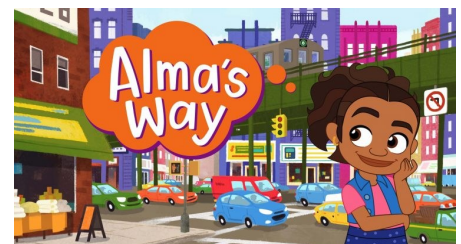
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### LINE-UP FOR WXXI-TV

WXXI TV	
Arthur	6:00 AM
Odd Squad	6:30 AM
Wild Kratts	7:00 AM
Weather Hunters	7:30 AM
Lyla In The Loop	8:00 AM
Carl The Collector	8:30 AM
Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood	9:00 AM
Rosie's Rules	9:30 AM
Sesame Street	10:00 AM
Work It Out Wombats!	10:30 AM
Donkey Hodie	11:00 AM
Pinkalicious & Peterrific	11:30 AM
Eleanor Wonder's Why	12:00 PM
Alma's Way	12:30 PM
Molly of Denali	1:00 PM
Xavier Riddle and the Secret Museum	1:30 PM



### WXXI-TV on Saturday

Mr. Rogers Neighborhood	6:00 AM
Arthur	6:30 AM
Wild Kratts	7:00 AM
Weather Hunters	7:30 AM
Lyla in the Loop	8:00 AM
Carl The Collector	8:30 AM
Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood	9 AM

### WXXI-TV on Sunday

Mr. Rogers Neighborhood	6:00 AM
Arthur	6:30 AM
Wild Kratts	7:00 AM
Weather Hunters	7:30 AM
Lyla in the Loop	8:00 AM
Carl The Collector	8:30 AM
Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood	9 :00 AM
Rosie's Rules	9:30 AM
Sesame Street	10 AM
Work It Out Wombats!	10:30 AM



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	WXXI PBS KIDS 24/7	
	Monday to Friday	Saturday and Sunday
6:00 AM	Clifford The Big Red Dog	The Cat In the Hat Knows A lot About That
6:30 AM	Sesame Street	Dinosaur Train
7:00 AM	Pinkalicious and Peterrific	Pinkalicious and Peterrific
7:30 AM	Curious George	Peg + Cat
8:00 AM	Sesame Street	Sesame Street
8:30 AM	<b>(new) PHOEBE &amp; JAY (starting 2/2/26)</b>	<b>(new) PHOEBE &amp; JAY (starting 2/2/26)</b>
9:00 AM	Work It Out Wombats!	Work It Out Wombats!
9:30 AM	Work It Out Wombats!	Work It Out Wombats!
10:00 AM	Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood	Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood
10:30 AM	Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood	Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood
11:00 AM	Carl The Collector	Carl The Collector
11:30 AM	Carl The Collector	Curious George
12:00 PM	Donkey Hodie	Donkey Hodie
12:30 PM	Donkey Hodie	Milo
1:00 PM	Elinor Wonders Why	Elinor Wonders Why
1:30 PM	Rosie's Rules	Rosie's Rules
2:00 PM	<b>(new) PHOEBE &amp; JAY (starting 2/2/26)</b>	SUPER WHY!
2:30 PM	Xavier Riddle and the Secret Museum	Xavier Riddle and the Secret Museum
3:00 PM	Molly of Denali	Molly of Denali
3:30 PM	Alma's Way	Alma's Way
4:00 PM	Lyla in the Loop	Lyla In the Loop
4:30 PM	Weather Hunters	Arthur
5:00 PM	Odd Squad	Odd Squad
5:30 PM	Wild Kratts	Wild Kratts
6:00 PM	Wild Kratts	Wild Kratts
6:30 PM	Weather Hunters	Weather Hunters
7:00 PM	Lyla in the Loop	<b>WXXI/PBS KIDS FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT</b> <b>SATURDAY and SUNDAY AT 7-9P.M.</b>
7:30 PM	Arthur	
8:00 PM	Nature Cat	
8:30 PM	Hero Elementary	
9:00 PM	Cyberchase	Cyberchase
9:30 PM	Let's Go Luna!	Ready Jet Go!