EDUCATION NEWS

WXXI is proud to host a neighborhood screening series that brings people together for community-driven conversations around films from the award-winning PBS series. Held at the Little Theatre (240 East Avenue, Rochester, NY), these free screenings will be followed by lively panel discussions to encourage dialogue on social issues. Seats are first come, first served. Screenings start at 7 p.m.

- TELL THEM WE ARE RISING: THE STORY OF BLACK COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES
  By Stanley Nelson & Marco Williams
  Monday, January 29, 2018

- DOLORES
  By Peter Bratt
  Monday, March 26, 2018

- LOOK & SEE: WENDELL BERRY’S KENTUCKY
  By Laura Dunn
  Monday April 16, 2018


In November—WXXI news department launched a new podcast called Exited, which introduces listeners to a group of teens with disabilities who are transitioning into adulthood. The podcast is led by reporter Karen Shakerdge from WXXI News’ Inclusion Desk, which is a multi-platform reporting effort to inform and transform attitudes and behavior about inclusion. The podcast launched Monday, November 13 and you can listen to it online at exitedpodcast.org or where ever you subscribe to your podcasts.

The podcast is part of our Move to Include, an initiative that started more than 15 years ago when we partnered with the Al Sigl Community of Agencies for Dialogue on Disability. Al Sigl and WXXI envisioned a project with even bigger community impact and together we worked with the Golisano Foundation to create Move to Include.

Through programming and special events, the initiative works to promote inclusion for people with intellectual and physical disabilities. To learn more about the initiative, visit movetoinclude.org.

Secrets of the Dead
Secrets of Spanish Florida
The story of the first permanent European settlement in the New World, before Jamestown and Plymouth.
Free Preview Screening
December 11 | 6:30pm | LITTLE

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**WXXI’s American Graduate Initiative:** [http://wxxi.org/grad](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.

- Find WXXI Program & Event Highlights
- Access On-Demand Programming [http://wxxi.org/grad/ondemand](http://wxxi.org/grad/ondemand)
- Connect with Community Resources

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

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[http://twitter.com/edoutreach21](http://twitter.com/edoutreach21)

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**AMERICAN GRADUATE PROGRAMMING ON WXXI-HD**

**Locked Out: The Fall of Massive Resistance** - In 1958, the Commonwealth of Virginia led other Southern states in refusing the U.S. Supreme Court's mandate to integrate its public schools in the aftermath of the Brown v. Board of Education decision. Several counties "locked down" or closed their public schools altogether - one for as long as five years - rather than allow black students into all-white schools. LOCKED OUT: THE FALL OF MASSIVE RESISTANCE sheds light on this dark moment in history through interviews, academic commentary and archival footage from the era. 

**Airs 12/4 at 3-4 a.m.**

**The Education of Harvey Gantt** - [http://www.pbs.org/video/carolina-stories-education-harvey-gantt/](http://www.pbs.org/video/carolina-stories-education-harvey-gantt/) - On January 28, 1963, a young black man from Charleston named Harvey Gantt enrolled at Clemson College, making him the first African American accepted to a white school in South Carolina. The absence of drama or violence surrounding Gantt's enrollment - the result of nearly two years of detailed preparation and planning on the part of college administrators, state politicians and business leaders - made headlines at the time, but soon it faded from the public consciousness. Interviews with Gantt, distinguished scholars and civil rights veterans, and archival footage and reenactment illuminate the events leading up to Gantt's enrollment, the unfolding of entrance day and the impact of Clemson's integration on the state and the nation. 

**Airs 12/4 at 4-4:30 a.m.**

**It All Adds Up** - profiles the teachers and students of Wayne State University's "Math Corps," a groundbreaking organization that partners struggling middle and high-school students from Detroit's public schools with collegians, who help teach vital math and life skills the kids need to succeed. 

**Airs 12/4 at 4:30-5 a.m.**

**IQ: SMARTPARENT** – (6/30 minute programs) - [https://wqed.org/smartparent](https://wqed.org/smartparent) equips parents and caregivers with the knowledge and tools they need to successfully guide their children in the use of digital media and technology. 

**Airs Monday at 1 a.m. beginning 12/11.**

**ROADTRIP NATION (1400)** – (4/30 minute programs) - [http://roadtripnation.com](http://roadtripnation.com) - Roadtrippers Ariel, Elicia, and Regina set off in the green RV to meet inspiring women in STEM who've forged their own paths.

**Airs Mondays at 2 a.m. beginning 12/11**

From economically challenged rural areas to crime-ridden urban neighborhoods, **SCHOOLS THAT CHANGE COMMUNITIES** - [http://www.docmakeronline.com/schoolsthatchangecommunities.html](http://www.docmakeronline.com/schoolsthatchangecommunities.html) - profiles a diverse range of K-12 public schools in five states - Massachusetts, Maryland, South Dakota, Oregon and California - that are tackling educational reform at the local level. 

**Airs 12/11 at 3-4 a.m.**

**Job Centered Learning** - [http://www.docmakeronline.com/job_centered_learning.html](http://www.docmakeronline.com/job_centered_learning.html) - a very timely film, takes a critical look at the wide range of career education some high schools are offering as a way of both closing this gap as well as making education more meaningful and relevant for students. 

**Airs 12/11 at 4-5 a.m.**

**Growing Up Gambling** - [http://www.pbs.org/program/growing-gambling/](http://www.pbs.org/program/growing-gambling/) - This program illustrates how technology advancement makes it easy for students to engage in high-stakes gambling. 

**Airs 12/15 at 4:30-5 a.m.**

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**AMERICAN GRADUATE PROGRAMMING ON-DEMAND**

**Schools of the Future:** In a new age of information, rapid innovation and globalization, how can we prepare our children to compete? **School of the Future** is a 2-hour NOVA special that will discover how the new science of learning can help us reimagine the future of education for all children. 


**Class of ’27** - On native lands of the Upper Midwest, in the hollows of Appalachia and in West Coast migrant camps, parents contemplate a compromised future for their children, facing depressed local economies and soaring dropout rates. But a growing body of research on quality child development offers hope for breaking the cycle of intergenerational poverty. Three diverse filmmaking teams set out across rural America, exploring the lives of our youngest citizens and telling the stories of families and communities coming together—against the odds—to guide their children into successful graduates of the Class of ‘27. Class of ‘27 focuses on students, educators, parents and guardians in three locations: Owsley County, KY, the poorest county in the US; along the West Coast with children of farm workers; and in White Earth Nation, the largest and poorest Native American reservation in Minnesota. Shot in observational style, the beauty and poverty of these American settings, and the challenges our youngest citizens, their families and school systems face, into stark relief. 

**MOVE TO INCLUDE ON WXXI and WXXI-HD**

**Arthur #2003 “He Said, He Said/Bunny Trouble”** - [http://pbskids.org/arthur/](http://pbskids.org/arthur/) - A special episode of Bionic Bunny is interrupted, and Arthur, Buster, and George try to remember what comes next. But Carl is the only one who can straighten out the story. D.W. is excited to be taking care of the class bunny, Larry. But when Larry is feeling adventurous and wanders off, it's up to Ladonna the "Bunny Whisperer" to help get him back. **Airs 12/6 at 7:30 a.m., 12/9 at 5:30 a.m.; 12/27 at 5:30 a.m.; 12/29 at 10:30 a.m.**

**Arthur #603 “Prunella’s Special Edition/The Secret Life of Dogs”** - [http://pbskids.org/arthur/](http://pbskids.org/arthur/) - The latest book about everyone's favorite boy wizard-Henry Skreever, of course-is finally in stores! Every kid in town is lining up to get it except Prunella, who’s ordered a monogrammed, limited edition, coming all the way from England. She's in for a surprise, though, when they mix up her order and send a Braille version instead. **Airs 12/18 at 7:30 a.m.**

**Arthur #709 “Prunella Sees The Light/Return of the Snowball”** - [http://pbskids.org/arthur/](http://pbskids.org/arthur/) - Prunella Sees the Light - To make everything perfect for her sleepover with Marina, Prunella happily styles her room to resemble a “Henry Skreever” book. But then she panics - since Marina is blind, will decorations she can't even see offend her... or worse, make her trip? **Airs 12/19 at 7:30 a.m.**

**Daniel Tiger’s Neighborhood #133 “Daniel’s New Friend/ Same and Different”** - [http://pbskids.org/daniel/](http://pbskids.org/daniel/) - Daniel realizes that not everyone has a tail like him. He learns that everyone has differences, but that these are the things that make us unique. **Airs 12/5 at 4:30 p.m. and 12/6 at 12:30 a.m.**

**DBL MOVIE TO INCLUDE ON WXXI-WORLD**

**America Reframed #504 “Enter the Faun”** - [http://www.pbs.org/video/americas-reframe-enter-faun-promo/](http://www.pbs.org/video/americas-reframe-enter-faun-promo/) - Tracing the unlikely collaboration between a veteran choreographer and a young actor with cerebral palsy, this story challenges the boundaries of medicine and art to prove that every body is capable of miraculous transformation. **Airs 12/8 at 8 p.m.; 12/13 at 12 a.m. and 8 a.m.; 12/13 at 2 p.m.; 12/26 at 10 p.m.; 12/17 at 2 a.m. and 9 a.m.**

**America Reframed #514 “Deej”** - [http://www.pbs.org/video/deej-maekjg/](http://www.pbs.org/video/deej-maekjg/) - Deej is the story of DJ Savarese (“Deej”), a gifted, young writer and advocate for nonspeaking autistics. **Airs 12/26 at 8 p.m.; 12/27 at 12 a.m. and 8 a.m. and 2 p.m.; 12/30 at 10 p.m.; 12/31 at 2 a.m., 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.**

**PBS LearningMedia NY Move to Include Collection:**

[https://ny.pbslearningmedia.org/collection/move-to-include/](https://ny.pbslearningmedia.org/collection/move-to-include/)

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- Sports & Recreation
ON WXII-HD

Once Upon A Sesame Christmas - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JiIDSSrGqg - It's Christmas Eve on Sesame Street! After putting out cookies for Santa, Elmo's dad tells him a bedtime story about his great-great-grandmonster Elmo and how Sesame Street was once an unfriendly street. Everyone was grouchy and there was no holiday spirit. With the help of Grandmonster Elmo's new friends, they try to find a way to bring back the holiday spirit in hopes that Santa would come to visit. They learn that all you need is kindness! Airs 12/11 at 11:30 a.m., 12/12 at 12 p.m., 12/13 at 11:30 p.m., 12/14 at 12 p.m., 12/15 at 11:30 a.m., 12/25 at 6 a.m.

" This series is designed to engage preschool children and teach them how to solve math-based problems with Peg, a chatty and tenacious five-year-old, her feline pal, Cat, and her smart, handsome, cool friend Ramone. Airs 12/11 at 1 p.m. and 12/15 at 1 p.m.

Wild Kratts: A Creature Christmas - http://pbskids.org/video/wild-kratts/2365609921 - In this one-hour special, it's Christmas time and the Wild Kratts are taking a break from creature adventuring to celebrate. But when the Wild Kratts receive an alert that their favorite creatures are suddenly disappearing around the globe, their holiday party quickly turns into a rescue mission. Our heroes must race against time to thwart their greedy archrivals' most miserly scheme yet! Will they be able to travel to the ends of the earth and return their baby animal friends to their homes in time for the holidays? Find out on Wild Kratts: A Creature Christmas. Airs 12/11 at 3:30 p.m. and 12/15 at 3:30 p.m., 12/25 at 7 a.m.

Curious George: A Very Merry Christmas - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3niVWavL4Wbo - Curious George and The Man with the Yellow Hat are having a wonderful time getting ready for Christmas. There's only one dilemma - neither of them can figure out what to give the other for a present! In the end, both gift-giving predicaments are simply and beautifully resolved, revealing the true spirit of the holiday season. Airs 12/11 at 8:30 a.m., 12/15 at 8:30 a.m., 12/25 at 8:30 a.m.

The Cat In the Hat Knows A Lot About Christmas - http://pbskids.org/catchristmas/ - This adventure finds the Cat in the Hat, Nick and Sally on a journey around the world to help a lost reindeer find his way home to Freezeyourknees Snowland in time for Christmas. On the way, the Thingamajigger breaks down and they depend on a variety of animals --from African bush elephants to bottlenose dolphins to red crabs --and their remarkable abilities to help them make an amazing journey home. Airs 12/12 at 6:30 a.m., 12/14 at 6 a.m., 12/26 at 6 a.m.

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**WXXI KIDS PROGRAMMING SCHEDULE**

**WXXI-TV 21.1:** Cable 11/1221  
**WXXI Kids 24/7 on 21.4:** Cable 1277  
Streaming online: [http://wxxi.org/kids/video](http://wxxi.org/kids/video)

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**New program Line-up on WXXI-TV 21.1 AND Channel 21.4**  
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**Streaming online:** [http://wxxi.org/kids/video](http://wxxi.org/kids/video)
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ABOUT VETERANS CONNECTION

To draw awareness to and address the needs of local veterans, WXXI and the Little Theatre convened a group of Board members and community leaders to form a Veterans Affairs Task Force. The mission of the Veterans Affairs Task Force is to identify the most pressing needs and issues facing veterans and their families in Greater Rochester and the surrounding area and to make recommendations about ways that WXXI/ Little programming and outreach can help address those needs.

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

- Create a community platform for veterans to share their stories.
- 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.

Classroom Resources

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 battlefront into American history, world history, and health classrooms. They will also help students to better understand veterans and their contributions.

Explore the similarities and differences in veterans’ memories of World War II and Vietnam to uncover how these wars shaped American culture. Analyze artifacts and oral histories that reveal important experiences of a nation during times of conflict. Use recent veterans’ personal stories to engage in a discussion of how the choice to become a soldier and the experience of serving relate to personal values and goals. You will find content in the Experiencing War, World War II, Vietnam War, and Iraq & Afghanistan sub-collections.

Go to: http://wxxi.org/veterans/classroom

Note: Please preview all media for age appropriateness before using it with students. See grade level recommendations on media listings and cautionary notes for guidance.
**The Gray Riders** - [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1Pip58qvYN4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1Pip58qvYN4) - looks at the remarkable 100-year history of the New York State Police. The film features photographs and rare footage from the vast New York State Police archives along with dozens of interviews and comments from the men and women whose extraordinary service and dedication have made the State Police what it is today – one of the finest and most respected law enforcement agencies in the world. **Airs 12/12 at 9 p.m.**

**Calculating Ada: The Countess of Computing** - [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QqUVrzkQgds](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QqUVrzkQgds) - Victorian-era British socialite Ada Lovelace was one of the world’s earliest - and unlikeliest - computer pioneers. The estranged daughter of the infamous eighteenth century British poet Lord Byron, Lovelace was both an imaginative writer and talented mathematician who foresaw the rise of the digital age more than a century before it became a reality. In CALCULATING ADA: THE COUNTESS OF COMPUTING, Dr. Hannah Fry tells the story of Ada’s short yet remarkable life, from her early academic prowess to her famed collaborations with Charles Babbage, the man popularly known as the “father of computers.” **Airs 12/13 at 10 p.m.**

**The Storm of the Century: The Blizzard of ’49** - [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1Plp58qvYN4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1Plp58qvYN4) - follows the devastating effects of one of the most destructive blizzards on the Great Plains. Nebraska, Colorado, South Dakota and Wyoming were hammered by blizzards lasting from January to April. **Airs 12/27 at 10 p.m.**

**Day the Dinosaurs Died** - [http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/nova/search/results/?q=day+dinosaurs+died](http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/nova/search/results/?q=day+dinosaurs+died) - Investigate how an asteroid vanquished the dinosaurs 66 million years ago. Join scientists as they drill into the impact crater and, for the first time, reconstruct the hell on earth that unfolded in the minutes, hours and months after the impact. **Airs 12/27 at 9 p.m.**

**The Sultan and the Saint** - [https://www.sultanandthesaintfilm.com/about](https://www.sultanandthesaintfilm.com/about) - tells one of the great, lost stories from history. Set in a past period of East West conflict, it speaks with urgency to our present. Two men of faith, one an itinerant Christian preacher, the other the ruler of a Muslim Empire, bucked a century of war, distrust, and insidious propaganda in a search for mutual respect and common ground. **Airs 12/26 at 8 p.m.**

**Secrets of Spanish Florida a Secrets of the Dead Special** - [http://www.pbs.org/show/secrets-of-the-dead/](http://www.pbs.org/show/secrets-of-the-dead/) - Join a team of archaeologists, scientists and historians as they reveal the little-known history of America's Spanish colonists who settled in Florida in 1565, long before Jamestown or Plymouth. Actor Jimmy Smits narrates. **Airs 12/26 at 9 p.m.**

**NOVA**

- **Bird Brains** - [http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/nova/nature/bird-brains.html](http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/nova/nature/bird-brains.html) - Long mocked as empty-headed, birds hide surprisingly acute intelligence. But just how smart are they? As scientists test avian aptitude with brainteasers, discover how the genius of birds is leading us to rethink our basic notions of intelligence. **Airs 12/20 at 9 p.m.**

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**Handel's Messiah and the Founding Hospital** - Historian Amanda Vickery reveals the extraordinary story of the much-loved piece Handel's "Messiah." **Airs 12/20 at 10 p.m.**

**Call The Midwife Holiday Special** - [http://www.pbs.org/call-the-midwife/home/](http://www.pbs.org/call-the-midwife/home/) - Join the midwives as they battle snow, ice, power cuts and frozen pipes to provide patient care during the coldest winter in 300 years. Valerie helps a young couple who experience a traumatic birth and Sister Julienne tries to reunite a family. **Airs 12/25 at 9 p.m.**

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**Bob Hope: American Masters** - [http://www.pbs.org/wnet/americanmasters/](http://www.pbs.org/wnet/americanmasters/) - Explore the entertainer's life with unprecedented access to his personal archives including writings voiced by Billy Crystal, clips from his body of work, and interviews with Woody Allen, Margaret Cho, Conan O'Brien, Tom Selleck and Brooke Shields. **Airs 12/29 at 9 p.m.**
Great Florida Cattle Drive 2016 - https://greatfloridacattledrive16.org/ - Florida: the land of beaches, theme parks... and cattle? This film tells the story of the Great Florida Cattle Drive 2016, the history of Florida's heritage cattle breed, how they almost went extinct and what folks are doing to preserve Florida's cow culture for future generations. **Airs 12/5 at 1-2 a.m.**

Of Race and Reconciliation - http://www.pbs.org/video/kbtc-documentaries-race-and-reconciliation/ - chronicles the Chinese experience in America around the year 1885. That was the year the Chinese residents of Tacoma were forcefully expelled from the city against the backdrop of increasingly alarming and even violent tensions between American citizens caught in an economic downturn and Chinese immigrants seeking opportunity in "Gum San," or the Land of the Golden Mountains they had heard about in America. Of Race and Reconciliation producer Forrest Burger traveled through six states to take an unflinching look at this period in time, but also document how the tensions between American citizens and immigrant populations provide relevant lessons in today's political climate, and in Tacoma's case, how far efforts toward reconciliation have come. **Airs 12/5 at 2-3 a.m.**

They Shall Not Perish: The Story of Near East Religion - http://www.theyshallnotperish.com/ - At the outbreak of WWI, a group of selfless Americans rallied the nation to save a generation of orphans during the collapse of the Ottoman Empire and in the aftermath of the humanitarian crisis that came to be known as the Armenian Genocide. Motivated by nothing but a moral sense of duty, these men and women, among them industrialists, ambassadors, missionaries, teachers, nurses, admen and Presidents, helped bring care and comfort to millions of suffering Armenian, Greek and Assyrian refuges in extremely harrowing environments. This is the story of Near East Relief. **Airs 12/5 at 3-4 a.m.**

Echoes from the Ancients - is a tale of 1st Century tragedy and of a 20th Century quest to discover a city lost in time. The program follows explorers to Israel's Galilee where they uncover a mountaintop civil nation destroyed during the First Jewish Revolt. What excavators find in the ruins, is giving new insight into Christianity, Judaism and the history of western culture. "Echoes form the Ancients" is narrated by Academy Award winning actress Anne Bancroft, and produced by WXXI in Rochester, New York. **Airs 12/5 at 4-5 a.m.**

Medicine Woman - http://www.pbs.org/program/medicine-woman/ - interweaves the lives of Native American women healers of today with the story of America's first Native doctor, Susan La Flesche Picotte (1865-1915). The one-hour PBS documentary produced by and about women, features historic and contemporary profiles of female healers, starting with Susan La Flesche Picotte (1865-1915) of the Omaha Tribe of Nebraska. **Airs 12/6 at 3-4 a.m.**

Canfield Songs- Holehole Bushi - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=umFlb9OhwkM - In this new film, Professor of Anthropology Christine Yano explains, "If we want to know something of what some of these women's lives were like...we could do no better than to listen to their own words, as expressed through song." The women that Professor Yano is referring to are Japanese immigrants who worked in Hawaii's sugarcane fields in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Through their canefield songs, or holehole bushi, these women sang about their joys and sorrows of trying to start life in a new world. Hosted and narrated by ukulele virtuoso Jake Shimabukuro, the film tells the story of music teacher Harry Urata, and his efforts to record, preserve and perpetuate these musical oral histories. **Airs 12/8 at 4-4:30 a.m.**

Chateau On The Hill – A stunning look at the 30 year task of constructing our state’s Capitol building. This half-hour documentary goes where the official tour doesn’t. Viewers are taken behind secret door, above carved ceilings, and below staircases. **Airs 12/8 at 4:30-5 a.m. and 12/21 at 4:30-5 a.m.**

Italy's Mysterious Mountains - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HlcBF3dgGhs - Behind Italy's cultural abundance is the diversity and turbulence of its geology; the continuously erupting volcanoes, the violent earthquakes, the clash of mighty tectonic plates, and the rising of the mountains from which Michelangelo quarried his famous Carrara marbles. Shot in Italy's geologic hotspots, from the Dolomites to Vesuvius, Italy's Mystery Mountains ties Italy's incredible geologic story to its rich artistic culture. Filmed from the Alps to Sicily and into Tunisia. Italy's Mystery Mountains follows two international teams of geologists, one working near Bologna and the other in southern Italy, where Sicily's famed volcano, Mt. Etna, erupts in brilliant showers of lava. The geologists are determined to fill in the story of how the Italian peninsula was first created and whether the famed Apennine Mountain range running down Italy's spine is still alive and growing. **Airs 12/12 at 2-3 a.m.**

We are Superman - http://wearsuperman-themovie.com/ - Kansas City has suffered from hyper-segregation for over 60 years. We Are Superman chronicles the story of Troost Avenue, which lies in the heart of KC. Troost draws a geographic line between black and white, rich and poor. A growing movement unites to transform Troost from a dividing line into a gathering place. On the corner of 31st Street and Troost Avenue, a community of people are battling against prejudicial legislation, exploitative corporations, and a stereotype that has stigmatized the urban core since the suburban revolution. This is the story of their work, their vision, and how they are no longer waiting on a Superman to come save them. **Airs 12/13 at 3-4 a.m.**
Badger Creek - [https://www.visionmakermedia.org/films/badger-creek](https://www.visionmakermedia.org/films/badger-creek) - is a portrait of Native resilience as seen through a year in the life of three generations of a Blackfeet family living on the rez in Montana. The Mombers are a loving, sober family who run a successful ranch, live a traditional worldview and are re-learning their language. **Airs 12/15 at 4-4:30 a.m.**

Virginia Lee Burton: A Sense of Place [http://www.virginialeeburtonthefilm.com/film/](http://www.virginialeeburtonthefilm.com/film/) celebrates the career of Virginia Lee Burton (1909-1968), the groundbreaking author-illustrator of the beloved picture books Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel and the Caldecott Award-winning The Little House. **Airs 12/19 at 2-3 a.m.**

Inside Peace - [http://insidepeacemovie.com/](http://insidepeacemovie.com/) - Inmates doing hard time in a Texas jail enroll in a Peace Class and struggle to discover their humanity and beat the odds as they put their lives back together from the inside out. **Airs 12/20 at 3-4 a.m.**

Poustinia: The Art of Gendron Jensen [http://www.bonemanfilm.com/](http://www.bonemanfilm.com/) - Gendron Jensen draws bones. Detailed, precise, wondrous, wakeful images of bones. Called a forest eccentric, a technical virtuoso and a romantic visionary, Jensen conjures art from nature and his meticulously rendered, often monumental drawings compel us to look into nature - beyond the ordinary - to a deeper, more spiritual realm. **Airs 12/21 at 4:43:30 a.m.**

Beth Ames Swartz / Reminders of Invisible Light - [http://www.bethamesswartzfilm.com/](http://www.bethamesswartzfilm.com/) - focuses on a woman artist's resolve to choose love and creativity over fear and pain. **Airs 12/22 at 3:30-4 a.m.**

With 86-year-old twin sisters Peppy Barer and Rosie Groman narrating, THE GEFILTE FISH CHRONICLES - [http://www.gefiltefishchronicles.com/](http://www.gefiltefishchronicles.com/) - tells the story of how a family embraces the Passover holiday: not only to celebrate a religious event, but to stay spiritually and physically connected through traditional meal preparations. **Airs 12/22 at 4:45 a.m.**

Caged Bird: The Life and Music of Florence B. Price - [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=On8dl1Ig1TE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=On8dl1Ig1TE) - In 1933 Florence B Price made music history as the first African-American woman to have her music performed by a major symphony orchestra when the Chicago Symphony premiered her Symphony in E minor at the 1933 World's Fair. **Airs 12/26 at 2-3 a.m.**

Anyone & Everyone - [http://www.anyoneandeveryone.com/about.html](http://www.anyoneandeveryone.com/about.html) - tells the stories of families from Utah to North Carolina and Wyoming to New York, all connected by a common thread - a gay child. **Airs 12/27 at 3-4 a.m.**

Telos: The Fantastic World of Eugene Tssui [http://www.telosmovie.com/](http://www.telosmovie.com/) - chronicles the unorthodox life and revolutionary work of Eugene Tssui, an eccentric visionary and a maverick architect. He questions traditional building standards and put nature and the environment at the forefront of his designs long before "green" and "eco-friendly" became buzzwords. **Airs 12/28 at 4-5 a.m.**

Company Town - tells the story of how residents of Chinatown and the Latino Mission District in San Francisco overcome the odds to save their communities, inside as they take on issues that affect cities across the country. **Airs 12/29 at 4-5 a.m.**

**Featured Series**

Dragon Fly TV (600) (7/30 minute programs) - [http://pbskids.org/dragonflytv/](http://pbskids.org/dragonflytv/) - provides a different approach in science television for kids, it features ordinary children and their own science explorations presented in the style of hip, music videos, with lots of hands-on activities kids can do at home. **Airs Fridays at 3 p.m. beginning 12/1**

RUBY'S STUDIO – (4/30 minute programs) - [https://www.rubystudio.com/](https://www.rubystudio.com/) - is a high-quality, engaging program for young children (ages 2-8) designed to help build and nurture essential social skills and emotional literacy in a new generation. **Airs Thursdays at 4-5 a.m. beginning 12/7.**

Hands on Crafts for Kids (1800) – (13/30 minute programs) - [http://www.craftsforkids.com/](http://www.craftsforkids.com/) - is packed with fun craft projects. We want crafting to become a part of your life every day; surround yourself with things you make, and make being creative a part of who you are. Projects include kids' crafts for ages 7 to 12. **Airs Friday 1-2 a.m. beginning 12/8.**

Reading Way (15/15 minute programs) - Is designed to help early readers develop reading proficiency and learn to read for meaning. A variety of word recognition strategies will be presented, including phonic analysis, configuration clues, sight words and context clues. **Airs Tuesday at 3-4 a.m. beginning 12/12.**

Fins, Feathers & Fur – (15/15 minute programs) - Designed to demonstrate various aspects of the writing process (i.e. pre-writing, drafting, revising, and editing). Each program highlights one such aspect, demonstrating the process and showing both adults and youngsters modeling actual writing. **Airs Tuesday at 3-4 a.m. beginning 12/12.**

Iroquois #1-4 – 4/30 minute programs. This series, much of which was filmed on Iroquois reservations, explores different aspects of Iroquois culture, including the oral storytelling tradition and its historical significance, as well as contemporary Iroquois art, education and political issues. **Airs 12/18 at 3-5 a.m.**

Latino Americans – (6/60 minute programs) - [http://www.pbs.org/latino-americans/en](http://www.pbs.org/latino-americans/en) - Survey the history and people from 1565-1880, as the first Spanish explorers enter North America, the U.S. expands into territories in the Southwest that had been home to Native Americans and English and Spanish colonies, and as the Mexican-American War strips Mexico of half its territories by 1848. **Airs Wednesday 2-3 a.m. beginning 12/20.**

Classical Stretch: By Essentrics – (30/30 minute programs) - [http://classicalstretch.com/](http://classicalstretch.com/) (1100 series) - Your feet are the foundation for your body. Join Miranda Esmonde-White for a full-body relaxation workout that stretches and strengthens your feet and calves, leaving you flexible and pain free. **Airs Thursday 3-4 a.m. beginning 3-4 a.m.**
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Welcome to our New Finger Lakes (RAEN) Director!

Denise Ambrose, Director,
Finger Lakes Regional
Adult Education Network (RAEN)
dambrose@wxxi.org

For staffs of State and federally-funded agencies that provide adult literacy services below the post-secondary level:

- plans and delivers quality professional development and training;
- provides technical assistance focused on NYSED monitoring reports, program performance, NYSED report cards and state and federal data outcomes;
- facilitates communication with the NY State Education Dept.
- provides research-based professional development resources to improve the skills of adult education practitioners.
- Develops a comprehensive network of adult literacy providers.
- Collaborates with community resources such as One Stop Career Centers, Local Workforce Development Boards, postsecondary education, and others.

Brenda Zornow,
RAEN Office Coordinator
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- Assists in coordinating trainings, workshops, and project workflow.
- Maintains databases and records.
- Schedules and facilitates arrangements for trainings and meetings.
- Facilitates communication between Adult Education Network and participating agencies.
- Provides customer service and arrangements with contract trainers.

Adult Literacy Television Schedule on WXXI TV 21.1 (Cable channel 11)
Monday—Friday—5 a.m.—6 a.m.
http://wxxi.org/education/adulted.html

- Monday—Workplace Essential Skills—teaches skills and attitudes necessary to succeed at work
- Tuesday—TV 411—the program celebrates real-life adult learners discussing practical strategies to improve reading, writing and math skills.
- Wednesday—On Common Ground—Helps viewers fully understand the rights, privileges and responsibilities associated with citizenship.
- Thursday—Crossroads Café—Offers a complete program designed to teach English to speakers of other languages, by depicting the lives of six characters—their backgrounds, challenges and their struggles typical of many ESL/ESOL learners.
- Friday
  - Life Lines—Real learners tell their own dramatic stories, showing how they used problem-solving, language, math, and parenting skills to make their lives better.
  - Dropping Back In—Programs outline the huge personal and societal costs of dropping out of school and feature the innovative solutions making a difference in people’s lives.

Beginning 12/15

See American Graduate (Page 2) for related programming

For more information and events registration
Visit http://flraen.org/

Upcoming Event: BEST Plus 2.0 Certification Training - December 15, 2017

Event & Registration Questions Contact: (585) 258-0290
http://flraen.org/

Everyone MUST register for any training INDIVIDUALLY and provide a valid email address. If you do not have
Homework Hotline is a live statewide show designed for children in grades 4 through 12. The program—which is now in its 27th season—provides the tools students need to succeed both in and out of the classroom, and supports academic achievement across a variety of learning standards. Our main goal is to support student learning by making connections between classroom content and real world situations. Homework Hotline also presents daily thematic segments on health, animals, book reviews, history, environment issues, and people and places in New York State. Homework Hotline sends out daily updates and helpful hints on our social media pages.

Statewide funding is provided by New York State United Teachers (NYSUT).

Additional local support is provided by Rochester Teacher Association (RTA).

Share A Student Book Review on Homework Hotline

HOMEWORK HOTLINE airs weeknights Monday through Thursday at 4:30-5 p.m. during the school year. The book review segments air on the Thursday program of HOMEWORK HOTLINE. HOMEWORK HOTLINE is also broadcast LIVE and carried on PBS television stations in New York State.

How does it work?:
A WXXI producer and cameraman will come to your school and set up their taping equipment in your Library. – Set up takes about 15-20 minutes. It should be a time when the library is not conducting classes - It really has to be QUIET—AND – Students participating in the book reviews do better when they don’t have an audience.

Choose 5 to 7 students grades 4th and up (3rd graders are considered if you have students that you think are exceptional and not “shy” to the camera.)

Students should have 1-2 minute prepared book reports – Students CAN read from their notes

- Visual aids prepared by the student are welcome:
- Students can dress up as the character of their book to present their reviews
- In the past, students have brought in drawings or other art projects that are related to their book
- WE ARE FLEXIBLE – CREATIVE IS GOOD!
- If you participated last year—feel free to join in again this year!

Please be sure the student brings the book they are reviewing to the taping – we will need it to take pictures of the book.

Total taping for all students will be a couple of hours – it depends on how smoothly the students do their reviews. Some students might have to do the review twice – depending on their comfort level on camera. We want this experience to be a positive one and have the student present their reviews so that they feel comfortable with their performance.

Before the taping teachers and students are encouraged to tune into a Thursday night segment of HOMEWORK HOTLINE Book Reviews or visit http://homeworkhotline.org/ to see archived book reports to get an idea of what is expected of the student.

After the broadcast—WXXI will provide to your school one DVD copy of the HOMEWORK HOTLINE edited book report segments that features your student book reports.

Scheduling Contact: Lisa Famiglietti at (585) 258-0392 or lfamiglietti@wxxi.org

Go to: http://homeworkhotline.org for a live stream of the show, video on-demand library of segments and learning resources.

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Secrets of Spanish Florida – A Secrets of the Dead Special

WXXI and Friends of Ganondagan host a free screening of Secrets of Spanish Florida – A Secrets of the Dead Special at the Little Theatre on Monday, December 11 at 6:30 p.m. The documentary, which follows a team of archaeologists, scientists and historians as they reveal the little-known history of America’s Spanish colonists who settled in Florida in 1565, long before Jamestown or Plymouth were founded, the native people and others that found refuge in La Florida under the Spanish. The screening will be followed by a panel discussion moderated by Dr. Donald Grinde, Professor of American Studies and History at University at Buffalo.

Panelists will include Dr. Thomas Lappas, Professor of History at Nazareth College & Dr. Pablo Miguel Sierra Silva, assistant professor of History at the University of Rochester.

Funding was provided, in part, by The Lastinger Family Foundation; The Hough Family Foundation; Weaver Family Foundation Fund, through the Community Foundation for Northeast Florida; and The Joy McCann Foundation. Funding for SECRETS OF THE DEAD is provided by the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, and by public television viewers. Also supported by a production of Small Planet Pictures Inc., Investigative Media Group Inc., and 1186 Pictures in association with the University of Florida Historic St. Augustine, Inc. and THIRTEEN Productions LLC for WNET.

SPECIAL Screening
December 12 at noon
December 19 at 6 p.m.

Bolshoi Ballet: The Nutcracker
On Christmas Eve, Marie’s wooden nutcracker doll transforms into a beautiful prince who takes her on a magical journey. Before they leave, they must confront the Mouse King whose army is threatening Marie... Christmas would not be complete without the enchanting tale of young Marie and her Nutcracker prince! Danced by the Bolshoi’s principals, E.T.A Hoffmann’s fairy tale staged by Russian ballet master Yuri Grigorovich will transport children and adults alike to a world of magic and wonder for the holiday season.

CALL FOR ENTRIES!

WXXI and the Little Theatre are proud to announce and invite entries for the 2018 Rochester Teen Film Festival, a collaborative, juried media competition for youth in the Rochester region. Deadline June 11, 2018. Information & rules at: http://wxxi.org/teenfilmfestival

Friday, 12/8/17, Julia Figueras welcomes Publick Musick for a preview of: Rejoice! Italian baroque music for Advent and Christmas. (repeats Sun 12/10 @ 1pm)

SPECIALS:

Live from Hochstein: A Cup of Good Cheer - airs 12/6 at 12:10 (repeats 10 p.m.) - The annual Cup of Good Cheer, featuring Madrigalia under the direction of their new Artistic Director Cary Ratcliff.

Christmas with Madrigalia 2017 - airs 12/14 at noon (repeats 12/25 at 8 a.m.) Artistic Director Cary Ratcliff leads Madrigalia in a concert that celebrates the joy of the season. Recorded at Rochester’s Clover Center for the Arts, the program features music by Paveel Chesnokov, Todd Smith, Erik Esevalds, Robin Pecknold and John Rutter, along with a number of Cary Ratcliff’s own arrangements. The Rochester Bach Children’s Chorus joins Madrigalia for traditional carols.

A Rochester Festival of Lessons and Carols 2017—Airs 12/19 at noon (repeats 12/24 11 p.m.) From Third Presbyterian Church, Organist/choirmaster Peter DuBois, host of With Heart and Voice leads the Chancel choir in traditional readings that were selected by King’s College Dean Eric Milner White in 1918, and music by Herbert Howells, Franz Biebl, Roland Martin, John Taverner and Jonathan Dove.

LIVE LOCALLY HOSTED MUSIC W/ BRENDA TREMBLAY—airs 12/25 at 6-8 a.m.

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RPO Messiah - airs 12/25 at 10 a.m. Christopher Warren Green conducts the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra, soloists and the Rochester Oratorio Society, Eric Townell, dir. In this holiday favorite