

Quarterly Issues Programs List for Station - WIDR 89.1 FM

July-September 2023

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Section I: Topics

The station has identified the following topics during this quarter as significant issues that are both relevant and educational to our community:

- A. The Importance of Disability Awareness
- B. Houselessness, Political Extremism, State Surveillance, and American History
- C. Relevant Social and Political News in Relation to Houselessness, Education, Election Integrity, Immigration, and Right-Wing Extremism
- D. Upcoming Events at Western Michigan University and Student Resources
- E. LGBTQ Artist Feature
- F. A Conversation About Education, Workers Rights, Imperialism, and International Politics
- G. Discussing Radio Evolution and the Local Music Scene in Kalamazoo
- H. American Leftist History with Author Dr. Joshua Morris
- I. Local Music in Kalamazoo and Student Resources at Western Michigan University
- J. How Artists Contemplate Dual Perspective in Music
- K. Relevant Social and Political News in Relation to Michigan and the Midwest
- L. Police Brutality, Student Debt, Labor Organizing, Disaster Capitalism, and Colonialism
- M. Music Highlighting Black and African American Artists
- N. Information on the Professional Instructors Organization
- O. Highlighting Michigan and Indiana Artists Using the Medium of Vinyl Music
- P. Societal Standards of Celebrity Relationships and Standards for Teenage Girls in Modern Society
- Q. Recognition of September 11th, U.S. Imperialism, Police Militarization, LGBTQ+ Issues, and Fascism
- R. One-Hour Special of Sampled Songs in Appreciation of 50 Years of Hip-Hop

Section II: Responsive Programs

The station has broadcasted programs dealing with each of the above-referenced topics. Written below are thorough descriptions of each issue and its programming:

The Importance of Disability Awareness

Air Date: 06/30/23

Air Time: 11:00:00-12:00:00

Length: 60min

Description: Enter The Crypt host Delta of Venus brings to light the importance of disability awareness and accessible content during their show on June 30th.

Houselessness, Political Extremism, State Surveillance, and American History

Air Date: 07/11/23

Air Time: 12:00:00-14:00:00

Length: 120min

Description: Media Cyphers host, Andy Argo, discusses local news concerning anti-homeless ordinances in Kalamazoo, the passing of Boudicca Dearth, an appearance of Kyle Rittenhouse in Michigan. He also informed listeners about the implementation of a universal basic income plan in Ann Arbor, the surveillance of Black Lives Matter, and the Counter Revolution of 1776.

Relevant Social and Political News in Relation to Houselessness, Education, Election Integrity, Immigration, and Right-Wing Extremism

Air Date: 07/25/23

Air Time: 12:00:00-14:00:00

Length: 120min

Description: Media Cyphers host, Andy Argo, returns to the important conversation of houselessness in Kalamazoo, as well as providing other local news such as update on the School Board at Kalamazoo Public Schools and a climate march occurring in the city. Later in their show, Argo speaks on false Trump electors indicted in Michigan, the UPS strike, as well as a story that WWMT aired that framed the UPS strike as “hurting Kalamazoo businesses”. Furthermore, listeners were informed on how Ottawa County, MI has become a “constitutional county” and how Western media has whitewashed Neo Nazi Azov Battalion.

Upcoming Events at Western Michigan University and Student Resources

Air Date: 07/25/23

Air Time: 19:00:00-20:00:00

Length: 60min

Description: Host of The Loud Lounge, Tyler Smith, informs listeners of the upcoming 'Bronco Bash', one of the biggest events of the school year that kicks off the Fall semester and hosts many of the University's Registered Student Organizations. Smith also discusses the opening of the new Student Center on campus.

LGBTQ Artist Feature

Air Date: 07/31/23

Air Time: 22:00:00-00:00:00

Length: 120min

Description: DJ Red Special of The Iron Temple hosts a two-hour special featuring LGBTQ artists within the genre of doom metal.

A Conversation About Education, Workers Rights, Imperialism, and International Politics

Air Date: 08/01/23

Air Time: 12:00:00-14:00:00

Length: 120min

Description: Andy Argo, host of Media Cyphers, conducts an interview with NOWKalamazoo reporter Ben Lando about mental health and Kalamazoo Public Schools. Later in the show, Argo discusses the signing of an anti-conversion therapy law by MI Governor Gretchen Whitmer, UPS employees facing a contract vote, the Nigerian coup, and the surprising win for progressives in Spain. In addition, Argo informs listeners on the term 'Genspect' along with the International anti-trans movement.

Discussing Radio Evolution and the Local Music Scene in Kalamazoo

Air Date: 08/03/23

Air Time: 15:00:00-16:00:00

Length: 60min

Description: Host of The Void, Logen Lastname, offers some thought on the evolution of radio in recent years due to the rise of streaming platforms. In addition, she recaps the GLDN.LOTUS Festival held recently in Kalamazoo's Vine Neighborhood that featured many artists in the area.

American Leftist History with Author Dr. Joshua Morris

Air Date: 08/08/23

Air Time: 12:00:00-14:00:00

Length: 120min

Description: Andy Argo, host of Media Cyphers hosted a full-length interview with Dr. Joshua Morris, author of “The Many Worlds of American Communism”. This interview fostered a conversation about American leftist history and the history of communist organizing in Michigan.

Local Music in Kalamazoo and Student Resources at Western Michigan University

Air Date: 08/08/23

Air Time: 19:00:00-20:00:00

Length: 60min

Description: Host of The Loud Lounge, Tyler Smith, reinforms listeners of the upcoming ‘Bronco Bash’, an event that aims to get students involved on campus and in the community. Smith also discusses the Western Student Association (WSA), which allows students to voice their concerns about the University on a weekly basis.

How Artists Contemplate Dual Perspective in Music

Air Date: 08/10/23

Air Time: 15:30:00-16:00:00

Length: 30min

Description: Host of The Void, Logen Lastname, discusses an interview conducted with Michigan artist Rahill that expands on the way they perceive their own music in two ways; gaining meaning from the song as the artist as well as considering the various meanings that a listener takes from the same song.

Relevant Social and Political News in Relation to Michigan and the Midwest

Air Date: 08/15/23

Air Time: 12:00:00-14:00:00

Length: 120min

Description: Andy Argo, host of Media Cyphers, discusses the response from Michigan’s GOP to the indictments of fake electors, an AI-written article that falsely accused a pregnant woman from Detroit of robbery, and the protection that Ohio voters implemented to retain their ability to do ballor initiatives. In addition, Argo touches on the 50th Anniversary of Hip-Hop music.

Police Brutality, Student Debt, Labor Organizing, Disaster Capitalism, and Colonialism

Air Date: 08/22/23

Air Time: 12:00:00-14:00:00

Length: 120min

Description: Media Cyphers host Andy Argo informs listeners on bus route changes, student loans in Michigan, Union organizing in Michigan, as well as libraries and austerity. They also discussed a local activist who was sentenced for an Ampersee Protest, the disaster capitalism in Hawaii, and the coup in Niger.

Music Highlighting Black and African American Artists

Air Date: 08/25/23

Air Time: 20:00:00-21:00:00

Length: 60min

Description: Messenger Dove, host of Renaissance Alt, focused on music from Black and African Americans artists for her back to school special. Messenger Dove gave credit to songs that are widely recognizable to most people but may not be known by the name of the song or the singer. Examples include 'Move on Up' by Curtis Mayfield and 'Ain't No Stoppin' Us Now' by McFadden and Whitehead.

Information on the Professional Instructors Organization

Air Date: 08/31/23

Air Time: 15:45:00-16:00:00

Length: 15min

Description: Logen Laastname, host of The Void, brings the Professional Instructors Organization to attention using facts and statistics about the wages of instructors compared to the wages of a small group of administrators at Western Michigan University. Lastname expanded on the budget surplus of the university for the eighth year in a row, as well as that WMU instructors deserve living wages.

Highlighting Michigan and Indiana Artists Using the Medium of Vinyl Musid

Air Date: 09/10/23

Air Time: 12:00:00-14:00:00

Length: 120min

Description: DJ Dan Steely, host of The World is a Neighborhood plays and discusses local music from Grand Rapids, Kalamazoo, South Bend, and Detroit.

Societal Standards of Celebrity Relationships and Standards for Teenage Girls in Modern Society

Air Date: 09/10/23

Air Time: 14:00:00-15:00:00

Length: 60min

Description: H The hosts of The Pop Effect analyzed Joe Jonas and Sophie Turner's divorce, Olivia Rodrigo's new album 'Guts', and the relationship between Kylie Jenner and Timothee Chalamet. These topics led to a discussion about the societal standards of celebrity relationships due to paparazzi and social media, as well as the experience of being a teenage girl in today's world.

Recognition of September 11th, U.S. Imperialism, Police Militarization, LGBTQ+ Issues, and Fascism

Air Date: 09/12/23

Air Time: 12:00:00-14:00:00

Length: 120min

Description: Andy Argo, host of Media Cyphers, mentions the anniversary of the September 11th terrorist attacks. He also informs listeners of Cop City protesters who are facing RICO charges, a lawsuit filed against trans students in Vicksburg, Michigan, and a number of Proud Boys who were arrested and sent to jail.

One-Hour Special of Sampled Songs in Appreciation of 50 Years of Hip-Hop

Air Date: 09/21/23

Air Time: 15:00:00-16:00:00

Length: 60min

Description: The Void's Logen Lastname hosted a one-hour special in appreciation of hip-hop music's 50th anniversary. The theme centered around original sample music used in popular hip-hops songs from the 2000s to today. She also touched on how vast the history of hip-hop is and the definition of sampling.