

QUARTERLY PROGRAM TOPIC REPORT

WNEO/WEAO

April – June 2023

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PBS Western Reserve is committed to presenting outstanding programs that teach, illuminate and inspire Northeast Ohio viewers. Following is a review of community issues addressed during the second quarter of 2023. All programs aired on PBS Western Reserve (WNEO 45.1 / WEO 49.1) unless otherwise indicated.

Arts and Culture

Iconic America: Our Symbols and Stories with David Rubenstein **4 hours**

Wednesdays, April 26–May 17, at 10 PM

Examine the history of America through some of its most iconic objects, symbols and artifacts, diving deep into their story and using them as a gateway to the past. From our flags and our statues to our most sacred texts, we live alongside and interact with history every day.

American Masters, Nam June Paik: Moon Is the Oldest TV **1.5 hours**

Saturday, May 20, at 3 PM on Fusion (WNEO 45.2 / WEO 49.2)

See the world through the eyes of Nam June Paik, the father of video art and coiner of the term “electronic superhighway.” Experience the acclaimed artist’s creative evolution, as Academy Award nominee Steven Yeun reads from Paik’s own writings.

Around Akron with Blue Green **.5 hour**

Wednesday, June 14, at 3 PM

Learn about the history of the Akron Art Museum and visit the Keith Haring exhibit “Against All Odds.”

Civic Issues

Around Akron with Blue Green **.5 hour**

Thursday, May 18, at 8 PM

Host Blue Green talks with Shammias Malik, Akron’s next presumptive mayor.

Forum 360, Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank **.5 hour**

Monday, June 5, at 5 PM

Dan Flowers, president and CEO of Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank, talks about the Foodbank’s Emergency Food Assistance Program and other services that address hunger in the region.

Around Akron with Blue Green **.5 hour**

Wednesday, June 14, at 3 PM

Shammias Malik, Akron’s presumptive mayor, talks about his vision for Akron, including improving education and community policing.

Financial Education

Forum 360, Reinvestments for a Recession **.5 hour**

Monday, April 3, at 5:30 PM

Investment advisors Nick Yaw and Bob Heubeck offer insight into the current economy.

Forum 360, BBB Consumer Protection**.5 hour***Monday, June 5, at 5:30 PM*

Shannon Siegfert, CEO of BBB of Akron, explains their efforts to safeguard us from fraud.

Frontline, The Power of the Fed**1 hour***Saturday, June 24, at 4 PM on Fusion (WNEO 45.2 / WEAO 49.2)*

When COVID struck, the Federal Reserve stepped in to try to avert an economic crisis. As the country's central bank continues to pump billions of dollars into the financial system daily, who is benefitting and at what cost?

LGBTQ+ Representation**Prideland****1 hour***Monday, June 19, at 10 PM on Fusion (WNEO 45.2 / WEAO 49.2)*

Follow queer actor Dyllón Burnside on a journey across the South to meet diverse members of the LGBTQ+ community. From a lesbian rodeo champ in Texas to an African American mayoral ally in Alabama, he discovers how LGBTQ+ Americans are finding ways to live authentically and with pride in the modern South.

Ageing Matters: Ageing with Pride**.5 hour***Friday, June 23, at 5:30 PM*

LGBTQ+ elders face unique social, economic and health challenges. Organizations and individuals across the country are working to address issues such as discrimination and loneliness. This documentary sheds light on what many in the Stonewall generation have had to endure and fight for in the hopes of enacting positive change for the community in the ongoing pursuit of equality.

Independent Lens, Mama Bears**1.5 hours***Sunday, June 25, at 11 PM*

Although they grew up as fundamentalist, evangelical Christians, these moms are now willing to risk losing friends, family, and faith communities to keep their kids safe-even if it challenges their belief systems and rips apart their worlds.

Mental Health Awareness**ICT Newscast****.5 hour***Tuesday, April 4, at 10 PM on FNX (WNEO 45.3 / WEAO 49.3)*

A 2016 study found that over half of Indigenous people meet the criteria for at least one mental health condition over the course of their lifetime. Santee descendant and former ICT contributor Sasha Houston Brown is working on the root cause of this and other Indigenous health issues.

Kids vs. Screens**1 hour***Wednesday, April 12, at 10 PM*

Kids are hooked on screens, but is screen use an addiction and how does it affect their brains?

**Healthy Minds with Dr. Jeffrey Borenstein, National Institute of Mental Health:
An Update on Promising Research** .5 hour
Friday, April 14, at 12:30 AM

Joshua A. Gordon, M.D., Ph.D. the director of the National Institute of Mental Health, the lead federal agency for research on mental disorders, gives an update on promising new research currently underway.