

QUARTERLY PROGRAM TOPIC REPORT

WNEO/WEAO

January–March 2021

1. Agriculture
2. Arts
3. Black Culture and History
4. Education
5. Veterans

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 first quarter of 2021. All programs aired on PBS Western Reserve (WNEO 45.1 / WEAO 49.1) unless otherwise indicated.

Agriculture

Independent Lens, My Country No More

1 hour

Monday, March 15, at 10 PM on Fusion (WNEO 45.2 / WEAO 49.2)

Explore the rise and fall of the recent North Dakota oil boom through the intimate lens of one family fighting to preserve their agricultural way of life, which puts them at odds with relatives and neighbors determined to sell.

The Laura Flanders Show, Food Justice in Urban Agriculture: The Politics of Food

.5 hour

Tuesday, Jan. 12, at 12:30 AM

Food justice is the notion that everyone should have access to healthful food. It is also the idea behind a rising movement that looks at how federal state and local policies have, or have not, served everyone's food needs. Host Laura Flanders talks with farmers, workers, organizers and seed keepers who seldom get much attention from the mass media.

Forum 360, Urban Farms

.5 hour

Monday, March 22, at 8 PM on Fusion (WNEO 45.2 / WEAO 49.2)

Rid-All Green Partnership is an urban farm located in downtown Cleveland, Ohio. The co-founders turned an empty and forgotten piece of land in Cleveland's Kinsman neighborhood into an urban farm where they grow produce to bring healthy, local food to area institutions and citizens and train others on this work.

Arts

United in Song: Celebrating the Resilience of America

1.5 hours

Sunday, Jan. 3, at 6:30 PM on Fusion (WNEO 45.2 / WEAO 49.2)

Say goodbye to 2020 with a concert celebrating the irrepressible strength of Americans. From the enormity of COVID-19 to the presence of social injustice, this special evening brings us together in the pursuit of our uniting as one America.

Polka Across America

1 hour

Sunday, Jan. 10, at 8 PM

The Chardon Polka Band, based in Chardon, Ohio, is known nationwide for its eclectic and modern take on an old genre. It typically performs around 200 shows each year. However, the COVID-19 pandemic left the band members facing the same problem that musicians and artists across the county were dealing with: no gigs, no live audiences and limited ways to create and deliver their art. In response, the group created this documentary.

Around Akron with Blue Green

.5 hour

Monday, March 22, at 10:30 PM

Visit North Hill Veterinary Hospital, which has been in continuous operation since 1927, and Global Ties Akron, which sells products from all over the world. Eliza Beth Vild tells us about the

land management approach called permaculture, and local Lego artist Todd Wolf shows us his creations, including a replica of Stan Hywet Hall.

Beyond the Canvas

.5 hour

Tuesday, March 23, at 9:30 PM

Finding one's voice as a writer takes dedication, courage and a willingness to reimagine the world through words on a page. Novelist Margaret Atwood, playwright Danai Gurira and others talk about finding meaning in the writing life.

Black Culture and History

Nick Cave, Summit Lake: Heard

.5 hour

Friday, Feb. 5, at 9 PM

This PBS Western Reserve production brings to life the transformational journey of a small, urban community in Akron, touched by a unique performance by internationally renowned artist Nick Cave.

Lines Broken: The Story of Marion Motley

.5 hour

Friday, Feb. 5, at 9:30 PM

PBS Western Reserve presents the story of Marion Motley, one of four African American men to break pro football's color barrier when he joined the Cleveland Browns. It tells Motley's story of adversity, personal tragedy and triumphs.

Black College Football Hall of Fame: Journey to Canton

.5 hour

Friday, Feb. 5, at 10 PM

This PBS Western Reserve production tells the story of the formation of Black college football, the contributions that players from historically Black college and universities have made to the NFL, the founding of its hall of fame and why the hall is in the unexpected location of Canton, Ohio.

American Experience, Voice of Freedom

2 hours

Monday, Feb. 15, at 9 PM

In 1939, contralto Marian Anderson stepped up to a microphone in front of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C. She was barred from performing at Constitution Hall by the Daughters of the American Revolution. This film marks that landmark moment.

Education

At-Home Learning

5 hours/weekday

Weekdays, noon to 5 PM on Fusion (WNEO 45.2 / WEAO 49.2)

PBS Western Reserve is airing blocks of at-home-learning programs on subjects including science, history and English language arts. The content also includes related learning resources from PBS Learning Media (pbslearningmedia.org).

Freedom Writers: Stories from the Heart

1 hour

Sunday, Feb. 7, at 5 AM

Follow idealistic teacher Erin Gruwell as she tries to reach 150 at-risk students who were labeled "unteachable."

Independent Lens, Tell Them We Are Rising: The Story of Black Colleges and Universities

Saturday, Feb. 13, at 2:30 PM on Fusion (WNEO 45.2 / WEAO 49.2)

This documentary and interactive project explores the pivotal role historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs) have played in American history, culture, and national identity.

Veterans

The Greatest Bond

1 hour

Wednesday, Jan. 6, at 5 PM

This touching and inspirational one-hour documentary special, shot in observational style, is an in-depth chronicle about the high cost of war on the brave heroes and heroines who fight for our freedom. We follow a group of disabled U.S. veterans who are about to be given a service dog.

Memoirs of World War II

.5 hour

Friday, Jan. 15, at 9:30 PM

Only 3% of those who served during World War II are still alive today. Once they are gone, what will happen to the story of their sacrifice? MEMOIRS OF WORLD WAR II is the work of Joshua and Heather Scott and Christian McLean, based in Northeast Ohio. It is dedicated to preserving the history of and memories of those who served in the war.

Independent Lens, Served Like a Girl

1.5 hours

Monday, March 8, at 10 PM on Fusion (WNEO 45.2 / WEAO 49.2)

Join five remarkable women rebuilding their lives with humor and heart in the Ms. Veteran America Competition. Wounded in action and transitioning to civilian life, these women seek to help others struggling with homelessness, PTSD and other trauma.