

QUARTERLY PROGRAM TOPIC REPORT

WNEO/WEAO

July–September 2021

1. Arts
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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 third quarter of 2021. All programs aired on PBS Western Reserve (WNEO 45.1 / WEO 49.1) unless otherwise indicated.

Arts

Beyond the Canvas

.5 hour

Friday, July 9, at 10:30 PM

Hear from some of Mexico's most prominent figures as they highlight their country's emergence as a global arts center and share updates on how some of Mexico's creative innovators are surviving amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

Around Akron with Blue Green

.5 hour

Wednesday, July 14, at 4:30 PM

Visit Blossom Music Center, Bounce Innovation Hub, Hale Farm and Village and more.

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Thursday, Sept. 16, at 4:30 PM

Host Blue Green visits Ethicrace Clothing Company in Kenmore and DiCarlo's Pizza in Cuyahoga Falls. Then he talks with renowned cartoonist Chuck Ayers and videographer Vanessa Michelle, who is the producer of Creating Impact with Vanessa Michelle.

Domestic Violence

POV, "Minding the Gap"

1.3 hours

Monday, Aug. 9, at 10 PM on Fusion (WNEO 45.2 / WEO 49.2)

Three young men bond together to escape volatile families in their Rust Belt hometown.

Tribal Police Files, "Domestic Violence"

.5 hour

Wednesday, Aug. 25, at 10:30 PM on FNX (WNEO 45.3 / WEO 49.3)

A man is arrested for assault; a victim of domestic violence shares her terror and pain.

Economy

Forum 360, "Economic Outlook in NE Ohio"

.5 hour

Monday, July 5, at 5:30 PM

Bill Steven Saus interviews Amanda Weinstein on the economic future of Northeast Ohio.

PBS NewsHour, "Child Tax Credit Should Boost Working Families, Treasurer Secretary Yellen Says"

1 hour

Thursday, July 15, at 7 PM

Critics say monthly child tax credit payments, now available for more than 35 million American families, could discourage people from working, but Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen disagrees.

Future of Work**3 hours***Wednesdays, Sept. 1-15, at 10 PM*

Explore monumental changes in the workplace and the long-term impact on workers, employers, educators and communities. Employment is part of the American Dream. Will the future provide opportunities for jobs that sustain families and the nation?

Health**PBS NewsHour, “COVID-19 Becoming a ‘Pandemic of the Unvaccinated”** **1 hour***Thursday, July 15, at 7 PM*

U.S. Surgeon General Vivek Murthy on Thursday called for a national effort to fight misinformation about COVID-19 and vaccines, urging tech companies, health care workers, journalists and everyday Americans to do more to address an “urgent threat” to public health.

Critical Care: America Vs. the World—PBS NewsHour Special **1 hour***Saturday, Sept. 25, at 11 PM*

America’s health care system is examined, and health care in four other nations is explored.

Nova, “The Cannabis Question” **1 hour***Wednesday, Sept. 29, at 9 PM*

Investigates the story of cannabis in this country, from its criminalization to the latest medical understanding of the plant.

Racism**PBS NewsHour, “Cleveland Baseball Team Moves Away from Racist Mascot, Announces New Name”** **1 hour***Friday, July 23, at 7 PM*

Known as the Indians since 1915, Cleveland’s Major League Baseball team will be called Guardians.

Amanpour and Company, Ted Johnson: Racism Is an Existential Threat in the US **1 hour***Monday, Aug. 23, at 6 PM*

Author and retired naval commander Theodore Johnson argues that racism is a threat to America, though that isn’t to say that all is lost. In his new book, “When the Stars Begin to Fall,” Johnson lays out a blueprint for healing the nation, as he explains to Michel Martin.

How the Monuments Came Down **1.5 hours***Monday, Sept. 29, at 9 PM on Fusion (WNEO 45.2 / WEAO 49.2)*

This timely documentary takes a searing look at the history of white supremacy and Black resistance in Richmond, Va., the former capital of the Confederacy. Through stories of descendants and activists, the film reveals how monuments to Confederate leaders stood for more than a century—and why they fell.

Youth

Forum 360, “Mentoring Young Entrepreneurs”

.5 hour

Monday, Aug. 2, at 5:30 PM

Forum 360 host Mark Welfley interviews Michael Goldberg, Case Western Reserve University.

Generation 9/11

2 hours

Tuesday, Aug. 31, at 9 PM

Marking the 20th anniversary of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, this program follows children who were not yet born when their fathers perished in the disaster.

Forum 360, “Rick Rogers and Downtown Akron”

.5 hour

Monday, Sept. 6, at 5:30 PM

Forum 360 host Stephanie York interviews Rick Rogers, founder of The Curated Storefront.

Generation Nation: A PBS American Portrait Story

.5 hour

Friday, Sept. 17, at 7:30 PM on Fusion (WNEO 45.2 / WEAO 49.2)

Explore how people in different age groups see themselves and their place in the America.