

**WEFS**  
**Quarterly Issues Program List**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of 2023**  
**January 1, 2024 to March 31, 2024**

Issue: Literature/Racism/Diversity

Title: 88<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL ANISFIELD-WOLF BOOK AWARDS

Date/Time: Sunday, 01/21/2024 @ 20:00

Length: 60 Minutes

Channel: WEFS: Ch. 68.1

Description: This book awards program hosted by Henry Louis Gates, Jr., features the personal stories of the 2023 recipients of the only national juried prize for literature that confronts racism and explores diversity. Viewers are transported to Iowa, Massachusetts, Ohio, and New Hampshire to hear the inspiring and revealing stories of this year's honorees, which include Geraldine Brooks, Lan Samantha Chang, Matthew F. Delmont, Saeed Jones, and Charlayne Hunter-Gault.

Issue: Historical/Documentary/Destruction/Rebuilding

Title: GREAT CHICAGO FIRE: AMERICAN STORIES

Date/Time: Monday, 01/08/2024 @ 20:00

Length: 60 Minutes

Channel: WEFS: Ch. 68.1

Description: This historical documentary tells the dramatic story of a defining moment in Chicago history - "the Great Fire of 1871," when the city faced destruction, rebuilt, and laid the groundwork for a thriving future. On October 10, 1871 there had been a vibrant city of ornate civic buildings, grand hotels, and cultural institutions. Now, there was nothing but a smoking pile of rubble stretching for miles on end. Many wondered: could the city recover?

Issue: International/Historical/Musical/Artistic Coordination

Title: BEETHOVEN'S MISSA SOLEMNIS IN THE TEXAS PANHANDLE

Date/Time: Sunday, 01/07/2024 @ 21:00

Length: 90 Minutes

Channel: WEFS: Ch. 68.1

Description: Beethoven's masterpiece, "Missa Solemnis," is not often performed in small communities. Art organizations in the Texas Panhandle came together to perform this complex work for viewers to experience.

Issue: Florida Government/Legislative Events/State Judicial Systems

Title: CAPITOL UPDATE 2024

Date/Time: Starts Friday, 01/12/2024 @ 18:00

Length: 52/30 Minute Programs

Channel: WEFS: Ch. 68.1

Description: Capitol Update, features in-depth reports on significant developments in state government of Florida. All year round, the program provides viewers with clear, concise, and balanced coverage of all three branches of state government at work.

Issue: Community Awareness/Volunteer Recognition

Title: VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION AWARDS 2023

Date/Time: Sunday, 01/07/2024 @ 20:00

Length: 60 Minutes

Channel: WEFS: Ch. 68.1

Description: The 2023 Florida Today's Volunteer Recognition Awards honors people, organizations and businesses that have gone above and beyond to help the Space Coast community.

Issue: Historical/Racial Independence

Title: PULLMAN AND THE RAILROAD REBELLION: AMERICAN STORIES

Date/Time: Sunday, 02/25/2024 @ 20:00

Length: 60 Minutes

Channel: WEFS: Ch. 68.1

Description: In 1864, the powerful industrialist and engineer George Pullman brought luxury to overnight train travel with his revolutionary sleeping cars. Passengers aboard these rail cars were served by former slaves who became known as Pullman Porters and Maids. Pullman soon established a company town for employees on Chicago's South Side, giving him complete autonomy over every aspect of their lives. This hour-long program recounts the bloody rebellion that followed as Pullman's workers fought for their independence.

Issue: Education/Cultural/Biographical

Title: WHERE I BECAME

Date/Time: Sunday, 02/04/2024 @ 20:00

Length: 90:00 Minutes

Channel: WEFS: Ch. 68.1

Description: This program traces the story of 14 women who left apartheid in South Africa to attend Smith College in the U.S. The film, narrated in their own voices and filmed between South Africa and the U.S., follows their stories from childhood to discovering themselves through the power of higher education.

Issue: Biographic/Black History/Cultural

Title: DR. EDDIE HENDERSON: UNCOMMON GENIUS

Date/Time: Wednesday, 02/21/2024 @ 23:30

Length: 30 Minutes

Channel: WEFS: Ch. 68.1

Description: Dr. Eddie Henderson: Uncommon Genius tells the remarkable life story of renowned African American jazz trumpeter and flugelhorn player Eddie Henderson. Eddie's curiosity and need for exploration led him down many career paths, including figure skating and medicine and music.

Issue: Documentary/Community/Civil Rights

Title: ARMY RISING UP

Date/Time: Thursday, 02/29/2024 @ 19:30

Length: 30 Minutes

Channel: WEFS: Ch. 68.1

Description: Mississippi Delta high school students explore and document their communities' connections to Civil Rights icons Emmett Till and Fannie Lou Hamer.

Issue: Documentary/African American Community & Social Culture

Title: HOUSE ON JONATHAN STREET

Date/Time: Tuesday, 02/06/2024 @ 21:00

Length: 60 Minutes

Channel: WEFS: Ch. 68.1

Description: The accidental discovery of the significant history of a modest dwelling on a traditionally African American street in Hagerstown, Maryland is used to trace the roots of middle America's racial, economic, and social interactions. Through the lens of this house, the rise and fall of the African American community in small rust belt towns and cities across America is told. And how its discovery, renovation and renewal may portend a change in the fortunes of the street and the larger community.

Issue: Documentary/Historical/Christianity

Title: ANCIENT ROADS FROM CHRIST TO CONSTANTINE

Date/Time: Tuesday, 03/05/2024 @ 21:00

Length: 60 Minutes

Channel: WEFS: Ch. 68.1

Description: The compelling six-hour series charts Christianity's evolution from a small movement to the largest religion in the world, with more than two billion followers. Host Jonathan Phillips, an author and distinguished history professor at Royal Holloway, University of London, journeys into the fascinating world of the early Christians to explore the faith's long struggle and triumph against the odds. He recounts some of Christianity's pivotal moments at the actual locations where they unfolded, including Bethlehem (site of Jesus' birth), Judea (where Jesus preached) and Rome (where Emperor Constantine the Great embraced the faith as his own), among others. Phillips' entertaining and enlightening 12,000-mile odyssey through seven countries in Europe, Northern Africa and the Middle East brings the rich history of Christianity to life. Along the way, he meets experts who have devoted their lives to the study of this important historical period.

Issue: Biographic/Country Music & Comedy

Title: FACING THE LAUGHTER: MINNIE PEARL

Date/Time: Sunday, 03/10/2024 @ 20:00

Length: 90 Minutes

Channel: WEFS: Ch. 68.1

Description: Small-town girl Sarah Cannon dreamed of becoming a Shakespearean actress; instead, she became famous as the class-act comedian Minnie Pearl. With her "Howdee" greeting and price tag dangling from her straw hat, this simple character became an icon of country music through radio, live stage performances, and television. The educated, serious Cannon and her playful, uncomplicated alter ego created a legacy of compassion, empowerment, and humor.

Issue: Documentary/Incarceration & Reconnection to Society

Title: RETURNING CITIZENS: LIFE BEYOND INCARCERATION

Date/Time: Starts Monday, 03/04/2024 @ 19:30

Length: 6/30 Minutes Series

Channel: WEFS: Ch. 68.1

Description: American jails hold more of our people than any other country in the history of the world. For many, just one arrest is enough to get caught up in a vicious cycle of incarceration, release, and re-imprisonment. When they reenter society after paying their debt, the formerly incarcerated face real barriers, both legal and societal, that can prevent them from finding a job or a decent place to live, keep them from reconnecting with their families and loved ones, and hinder them from turning their lives around. The series tells their stories and looks at organizations and businesses providing

support, mentorship, and the chance to learn new skills, make positive contributions, and re-engage with their communities.

Issue: Cultural/Irish Cooking/Food Adventure

Title: DONAL'S IRISH ADVENTURE

Date/Time: Starts Tuesday, 03/12/2024 @ 22:30

Length: 8/30 Minute Series

Channel: WEFS: Ch. 68.1

Description: Internationally popular Irish chef Donal Skehan travel around Ireland in search of great food and adventure. Having lived in Los Angeles for three years, he was delighted to return home and see how much the food scene had changed in a comparatively short period: "it just keeps getting better and better!". As well as meeting great hosts, chefs, and food producers, Donal visits places he has never been to before in his own country and sees some of the great things normally enjoyed by tourists.

Issue: Educational/Instructional/Pre-K to 5

Title: WIMEE'S WORDS, Series 200

Date/Time: Series Starts, Saturday, 03/23/2024 @ 08:00

Length: 26/30 Minute Series

Channel: WEFS: Ch. 68.1

Description: Wimee is a fun lovable robot that inspires kids to learn through creativity. Join Wimee and friends for wacky wordplay, silly songs, and playful conversation in an interactive show that YOU play along with!