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Providing a commercial-free, trusted, and educational service to the youngest Utahns is a critical part of PBS Utah's mission, and I want celebrate the success of November's Reading Marathon. Final numbers have come in, and 27,407 readers read 21,257,868 minutes! That's a new record for the program. Congratulations to the children, parents, educators, and caregivers who devoted their time and effort to promoting a love of literacy through the Reading Marathon.



James Davie Station Manager PBS Utah

February brings the return of two local programs that I'm very excited about. On February 1, Roots, Race & Culture returns for its fourth season. We've heard so much from viewers about the humor and heart that hosts Lonzo Liggins and Danor Gerald bring to these conversations about vital topics, and this season will not disappoint. February 7 brings a new episode of RadioWest Films on PBS Utah. This installment, The Stories a Body Tells, features three short films, intensely personal point of view stories, produced by filmmaker in residence Delaney Plant and introduced by Doug Fabrizio.

If you miss these programs at premiere, you can also find them streaming on the free PBS App. For more information on what devices and smart TVs support the app, go to pbsutah.org/app.

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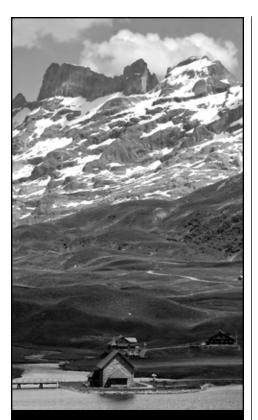
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Rick Steves Mighty Alps

Wed., Feb. 28, 8:30PM

Join Rick Steves on an alpine adventure from Italy to Austria to Switzerland to France, with scenic train rides, breathtaking lifts, majestic glaciers, and unforgettable hikes. In this greatest-hits blitz of the Alps, Rick celebrates both nature and culture.

He takes viewers along on the journey to conquer the Dolomites in Italy and the Zugspitze in Austria. Then, in Switzerland, Rick savors more jaw-dropping mountain beauty, from the Matterhorn to the Jungfrau to Appenzell. And in France, with Chamonix as a springboard, Rick rides the lift to the Aiguille du Midi and hut-hops along the iconic Tour du Mont Blanc hiking path. While visiting the literal high points of Europe, Rick inspires viewers to also enjoy alpine life, from its folk music to its rustic cheeses.

Thu. 29

- 5:30 BBC News America
- 6:00 PBS NewsHour
- 7:00 Aging Backwards 4: The Miracle of Flexibility
- 8:00 Brokenwood Mysteries: Blood Pink
- 9:30 Oris Roots, Race & Culture: Inclusive Outdoors
- 10:00 Agatha Christie: Lucy Worsley on the Mystery Queen: Cat Among the Pigeons
- 11:30 Agatha Christie: Lucy Worsley on the Mystery Queen: Destination Unknown
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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1 | 7-8:30 PM UTAH CULTURAL CELEBRATION CENTER

1355 West 3100 South, West Valley City, UT 84119

Join PBS Utah and KRCL for a celebration of the award-winning talk show Roots, Race and Culture. An invigorating discussion about Season 4 with the show's hosts, Danor Gerald and Lonzo Liggins, will be moderated by Lara Jones of KRCL RadioACTive. A guest performance by Plan-B Theatre will follow.

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