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In recent weeks, Illinois Public Media has undergone a leadership transition. Moss Bresnahan has taken on a new role within the College of Media, and Lillie Duncanson and John Steinbacher have been named the new co-executive officers of IPM.



We are incredibly excited to begin our work as Illinois Public Media's joint executive team. We're grateful to the College of Media and the University of Illinois for entrusting these roles to two longtime employees whose combined experience spans more than 34 years with IPM. We see this as an affirmation of confidence in the dedicated staff who make IPM what it is today.

The past year has brought significant challenges, including the loss of federal funding. But the resilience of our colleagues and the strong support of our community have reinforced our commitment to this work. It has long been an honor to serve at one of the nation's oldest public media stations, one that helped shape the system we know today. That history guides us, and it underscores the responsibility we now share in helping to lead IPM forward.

As the public funding model continues to evolve, we look forward to collaborating with our community and with fellow stations throughout the region to help build on past success. We are currently working with staff to build a new strategic plan that will guide our future direction. Look for more about that in upcoming issues of Patterns.

We want to extend our heartfelt thanks to Moss Bresnahan for his years of leadership at IPM and his deep dedication to public media and its essential role in our society. He helped spearhead many new programs and initiatives — including **The 21st Show**, (the revamp of) **Prairie Fire**, **The Middle with Jeremy Hobson**, Illinois Soul, and the Illinois Student Newsroom — that will continue to be part of the fabric of Illinois Public Media.

It's your support that continues to make our work possible. Because of your generosity, we are able to inform, educate, and inspire while bringing communities together. Thank you for standing with us and for believing in the power of local public media.

Lillie Duncanson and John Steinbacher



The cast of season 6, from left: Jenny Alderson (Imogen Clawson), Rosie Herriot (Autumn/Arlie Doyle), Jimmy Herriot (Thomas Riches), James Herriot (Nicholas Ralph), Helen Herriot (Rachel Shenton), and Richard Alderson (Tony Pitts).

Season 6: More heartwarming, humorous adventures of a young country vet



All Creatures Great and Small returns to **MASTERPIECE** this month with season 6, taking us back to the beautiful Yorkshire Dales. It's May 1945 and the Skeldale gang is stepping into a new chapter shaped by change and hopes for a more peaceful future.

The series is the second adaptation of James Herriot's celebrated books featuring adventures of a veterinarian set in the fictional village of Darrowby.



The first episode premieres at 8 pm Sunday, Jan. 11, or join us in Springfield on Jan. 8, for an advance screening (see below). Season 5 begins with Skeldale House in disarray. As victory in Europe is declared, there is the promise of peace at last, but James is wishing for a greater sense of peace at the clinic as he juggles vet work with a busy family life. Helen's enjoying time with young Jimmy and Rosie but has big changes afoot at Heston Grange to contend with. Tristan returns from several years at war and is trying to readjust to life back home. Everyone tries to reconnect with each other and find their renewed purpose, as the world around them starts to breathe again and look to a brighter future.

You also can watch the final episode of season 5, **All God's Creatures**, at 7 pm Sunday, Jan. 4, followed by a rebroadcast of **All Creatures Great and Small: Cheers to the Years!** at 8:30 pm. In the season 5 finale, Skeldale House prepares for Christmas and Jimmy's first birthday

— without the usual festive treats available. **Cheers to the Years!** shares the most memorable moments from the first five seasons, going behind the scenes with the cast and creators to discuss the evolution of the series — from the books to their first impressions of each other to the series pilot. It explores each of the characters — human and animal.

All seven episodes of season 6 will be available to stream with WILL Passport on Jan. 11. **MASTERPIECE** recently announced that **All Creatures Great and Small** will return with seasons 7 and 8, each comprises six episodes plus Christmas specials.

Join us for a screening of season 6, episode 1

Illinois Public Media and the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum will host a preview of the first episode of season 6 of **All Creatures Great and Small on MASTERPIECE** at 6:30 pm Thursday, Jan. 8, in the museum's Union Theater. The museum is located at 212 N. Sixth St., Springfield. This is a free event but advance registration is required. Register at presidentlincoln.illinois.gov/events. Doors will open at 6 pm. We invite you to pick up free swag and register for door prizes prior to the screening.

REMEMBERING THE HOLOCAUST

On Jan. 27, we feature several specials in obervance of International Holocaust Remembrance Day. The day focuses on the victims of the Holocaust, as do our films.

Eighty years after his liberation from Buchenwald, we seek to understand the man behind Elie Wiesel's searing and widely read memoir, "Night." Told largely through his own words and eloquent voice, American Masters: Elie Wiesel: Soul on Fire (8 pm) seeks to penetrate to the heart of the known and unknown Elie Wiesel (1928-2016) — his passions, his conflicts, and his legacy as one of the most public survivors of the trauma of the Holocaust. With unique access to personal archives, original interviews, and employing



hand-painted animation, the film illuminates Wiesel's biography as a survivor, writer, teacher, public figure, and Nobel Peace Prize winner. This program is available with WILL Passport on Jan. 27.

Simon Schama: The Holocaust, 80 years on (9:30 pm) is a deeply personal film. In it, Simon Schama, a renowned historian and lifelong documenter of Jewish history, examines the Holocaust as a worldwide crime and its lasting impact today, 80 years after the liberation of Auschwitz. This program is available with WILL Passport on Jan. 27.

The first episode of **Stories of Survival** (10:30 pm) is set in the summer of 1944, at the height of the deportation of Hungarian Jews. In the episode, Magda Brown and George Brent have arrived as teenagers to the notorious Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp. Through their eyes, the episode Final Transports portrays the human aspects of survival, resistance, chance, and luck in the face of Nazi tyranny. This program is available with WILL Passport now.

'Miss Scarlet' returns in season 6

Lace up your corset or dust off a bowler hat and prepare to step back into the shadowy streets of Victorian London. Kate Phillips returns as the headstrong Eliza Scarlet in season 6 of Miss Scarlet on MASTERPIECE at 7 pm Sunday, Jan. 11. Eager fans can stream the six episodes with WILL Passport now. You also can catch up on seasons 1-5 when you watch with WILL Passport. In season 6, Miss Scarlet is doing her best to have it all. Her business is thriving, but her personal life enters new territory as she attempts to develop a relationship with Inspector Alexander Blake (Tom Durant-Pritchard). And a new season means new



crimes to be solved, including a psychiatric patient on the loose, a missing racehorse, blackmail, a treasure hunt, and much more. There is never a dull moment.



A new amateur sleuth in a new (cozy) mystery

Created by and starring Mark Gatiss, **Bookish** premieres at 9 pm Sunday, Jan. 11. The six-part British period mystery series is set in 1946 post-war London and follows an eccentric antiquarian bookseller who uses his literary knowledge to solve crimes. The cozy mystery also features a central platonic love story between the main characters. The series also features Polly Walker, Connor Finch, Elliot Levey, and Buket Kömür. You can binge all six episodes beginning Jan. 11 with WILL Passport.

Spend New Year's Day with us!



London's New Year's Day Parade is a cherished tradition bringing pomp, circumstance, and good old-fashioned fun to the U.K. capital. Broadcast live, The London Parade 2026 — starting at 7 am CST on Thursday, Jan. 1 — marks the 40th year of the celebrated event that is viewed by people around the globe as participants follow the parade route through the ancient city of Westminster. It features cultural and community groups as well

as leading professional entertainers and the mayors of London. Plus, more than 20 U.S. marching bands and a thousand cheerleaders will help fill the streets. In addition, more than 8,000 performers from all over the world bring a kaleidoscopic mix of culture and community. Join the Lord Mayor of Westminster, the Right Worshipful Paul Dimoldenberg, and host and parade founder Bob Bone for the best views along the two-mile route.

And you can ring in the New Year with one of the finest orchestras in



the world as the Vienna Philharmonic presents its annual concert from Vienna's Musikverein. Conducted for the first time by Yannick Nézet-Séguin, the special is hosted by Hugh Bonneville. The celebrations showcase the virtuosic dancing of the Vienna City Ballet performed on location amid sumptuous Vienna landmarks. Great Performances presents From Vienna: The New Year's Celebration 2026 at 7 and 8:30 pm Thursday, Jan. 1.

The (real story of the) atomic bombings

A new documentary presented by **American Experience** explores how the U.S. government manipulated the narrative about the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki that ended World War II. Eighty years after the devastating atomic bombings that ushered in the nuclear age, Bombshell explores how through propaganda, censorship, and the co-opting of the press — the government presented a benevolent picture of atomic power, minimizing the horrific human toll of the bombings. The documentary sheds light on





the efforts of courageous journalists, including John Hersey and Leslie Satoru Nakashima, to inform the world about the human costs of nuclear weapons, despite government censorship. Their long-overlooked but crucial perspective underscores the essential role of journalists in telling the story of the atomic bomb. Bombshell airs on American Experience at 8 pm Tuesday, Jan. 6.

Meet three of Kenya's super tuskers



Follow the lives of three African elephant bulls in Nature: Tusker: Brotherhood of Elephants. Craig, Pascal, and Esau are tuskers each at a different stage of adult life. Set against the dramatic backdrop of Mount Kilimanjaro and the open plains of Amboseli, the documentary offers a rare glimpse into the complex lives of these giants from their annual cycle of musth and the drive for dominance to the subtle social bonds that form between males. Airing at 7 pm Wednesday, Jan. 14, their stories reflect a lifetime of survival and strength that are shaped by decades of navigating drought, conflict, and humanwrought change.



WEEKDAYS

NPR Morning Edition with Leila Fadel, Steve Inskeep, A Martínez, and Michel Martin

9 am

Classic Mornings with Vic Di Geronimo

Vic makes each morning a classic morning!

Noon

Performance Today

2 pm

Classical Music

5 pm

NPR All Things Considered with Ailsa Chang, Scott Detrow, Mary Louise Kelly, and Juana Summers

6 pm

The 21st Show with Brian Mackey

7 pm Monday-Wednesday

The Evening Concert

Monday-Wednesday and Friday at 7 pm and 6 and 7 pm Sundays. Listings may change.

Monday:

The New York Philharmonic This Week

1/5 Mozart: Symphony No. 39 Mozart: Sýmphoný No. 40 Mozart: Symphony No. 41

Ives: Central Park in the Dark Schoenberg: Transfigured Night Mendelssohn: A Midsummer Night's Dream Mussorgsky: Night on Bald Mountain Adolphe: Ďark Šand, Sifting Light

Schumann: Cello Concerto Vivaldi: The Four Seasons John Williams: Tuba Concerto

Bartok: Piano Concerto No. 3 William Grant Still: Old California Tchaikovsky: Symphony No. 6, "Pathetique"

Tuesday:

Chicago Symphony Orchestra Radio Broadcast

Chopin: Piano Concerto No. 1 in E Minor, Op. 11 Tchaikovsky: Symphony No. 1 in G Minor, Op. 13 Wagner: Prelude to Tristan and Isolde

Rossini: Overture to The Barber of Seville Schumann: Piano Concerto in A Minor, Op. 54 Richard Strauss: Ein Heldenleben, Op. 40

1/20 Sibelius: Violin Concerto in D Minor, Op. 47 Mahler: Songs of a Wayfarer Richard Strauss: Burleske in D Minor Dvořák: Cello Concerto in B Minor, Op. 104

Richard Strauss: Also sprach Zarathustra, Op. 30 Jessie Montgomery: Hymn for Everyone Max Raimi: Three Lisel Mueller Settings Philip Glass: Symphony No. 11

Wednesday:

WFMT Orchestra Series: Orchestras of the **European Broadcasting Union**

Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra Gabriela Ortiz: Kauyumari Arturo Márquez: Danzón No. 8

Evencio Castellanos: Santa Cruz de Pacairigua

Roberto Sierra: Alegría

Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra Weinberg: Symphony No. 2 Bruckner: Symphony No. 9 in D Minor

Zurich Tonhalle Orchestra 1/21 Shostakovich: Cello Concerto No. 2 Rachmaninoff: Symphony No. 2

NDR Elbphilharmonie Orchestra Bruch: Violin Concerto No. 1 in G Minor, Op. 26 Brahms: Symphony No. 1 in C Minor, Op. 68

7 pm Thursday

Prairie Performances with Mel Miller

Presenting your favorite local classical and Jazz music from the heart of the Prairie.

8 pm Thursday

The Middle with Jeremy Hobson

This nonpartisan live call-in talk show focuses on elevating the voices of the people in the middle of the country.

7 pm Friday

Heifetz On Air

Sarasate: Fantasy on Mozart's Magic Flute Janáček: Pohádka (Fairy Tale)

Mozart: Prelude (Adagio) No. 3 in F, K. 404a Beethoven: Piano Trio in B-flat Major, Op. 97 "Archduke"

Copland: Celebration, from Billy the Kid Rostropovich: Humoreske, Op. 5 Turlough O'Carolan: Sí Bheag, Sí Mhór Mark O'Connor: Appalachia Waltz Jay Ungar: Ashoka'n' Farewell J.S. Bach: Two Part Invention No. 11 in G Minor Tomaso Vitali: Chaconne in G Minor

Glazunov: Chant du Ménestrel, op. 71 1/23 David Popper: Requiem for Three Cellos and Piano, Op. 66

1/30 To be announced

8 pm Friday

Atomic Age Cocktail Party with Jason Croft

Sleepy Time (encore)

Songs about sleep, dreams, and nighttime.

We Dig Mancini

The swank sounds of Henry Mancini from various hi-fi artists.

Cheerful Cha-Chas

Dance into the new year with a happy cha-cha

Exciting Exotica (encore)

Tropical tunes to heat up your cold winter days.

1/30 Cozy Cocktails

Warm up your hi-fi with some cool cocktail music

9 pm Friday

Classical Music

SATURDAYS

7 am

NPR Weekend Edition

with Scott Simon

9 am

Classics By Request

Send requests to Vincent Trauth at classreq@illinois.edu or leave a message at 217-265-5064.

11 am

Classics of the Phonograph

John Frayne's weekly exploration of memorable recordings from the 20th century.

Fritz Kreisler, violin, and Sergei Rachmaninoff, piano, a duo of opposites

1/10 Igor Stravinsky in the 1920s and 1930s

1/17 The Million Dollar Trio: Arthur Rubinstein, piano; Jascha Heifetz, violin; and Emanuel Feuermann, cello

1/24 Glenn Gould, the hermit of the recording studio

Alfred Scholz, creator of the South German 1/31 Philharmonic, and conductor Alberto Lizzio

Noon

Afternoon at the Opera

All performances with the Metopera Ensemble.

- The Amazing Adventures of Kavalier and Clay (Mason Bates). Yannick Nézet-Séguin, cond. with Andrzej Filończyk (Joe Kavalier), Miles Mykkanen (Sam Clay), Sun-Ly Pierce (Rosa Saks), Lauren Snouffer (Sarah Kavalier), and Edward Nelson (Tracy Bacon).
- I Puritani (Bellini), (new production). Marco Armiliato, cond., with Lisette Oropesa (Elvira Walton), Lawrence Brownlee (Lord Arturo Talbot), Artur Ruciński (Riccardo Forth), and Christian Van Horn (Giorgio Walton).
- Carmen (Bizet). Pier Giorgio Morandi, cond., with Aigul Akhmetshina (Čarmen), Michael Fabiano (Don José), Janai Brugger (Micaëla), and Christian Van Horn (Escamillo).
- Porgy and Bess (Gershwin). Kwamé Ryan, cond, with Alfred Walker (Porgy), Brittany Renee (Bess), Ryan Speedo Green (Crown), Frederick Ballentine (Sportin' Life), Leah Hawkins (Serena), Vuvu Mpofu (Clara), Denyce Graves (Maria), and Benjamin Taylor (Jake).
- Arabella (Strauss). Nicholas Carter, cond., with Rachel Willis-Sorenson (Arabella), Tomasz Konieczny (Mandryka), Louise Adler (Zdenka), and Pavel Breslik (Matteo). (Performance of Nov. 22, 2025)

4 pm

Classical Guitar Alive! with Tony Morris

Performance Today Weekend with Valerie Kahler Classical music in concert from American Public Media studios and sites across the nation and around the world, as well as classical music news, interviews, and features.

pm

The Midnight Special with Marilyn Rea Beyer A lively potpourri of folk, Celtic and bluegrass, show and novelty tunes, and hilarious comedy routines.

9 pm

Tiny Desk Radio

with Bobby Carter and Anamaria Sayre Performances, interviews and behind-the-scenes stories made exclusively for public radio stations.

NPR News Headlines at 9:01.

10 pm

Atomic Age Cocktail Party (See 8 pm Friday) with Jason Croft

Atomic Age Double Shot with Jason Croft An episode from our archives.

1/3 Crooners

1/10 **TV Time**

1/17 **Bossa Nova Heat**

1/24 **Broadway Bound**

1/31 **Percussions on Parade**

Midnight

Classical Music



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SUNDAYS

6 am

Classical Music

7 am

NPR Weekend Edition with Ayesha Rascoe

Sunday Baroque with Suzanne Bona NPR News Headlines at 9:01 and 10:01

Pipedreams with Michael Barone

Performance Today Weekend

5 pm

Reel Music with Matt Rogers

Music from the movies each week with an hour of orchestral themes from cinema's best film scores.

6 pm

The Evening Concert

The Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center

- Jessie Montgomery: Musings for Two Violins Samuel Barber: Quartet for Strings, Op. 11
- Enrique Fernandez Arbos: Tres piezas originales en estilo espanol Manuel de Falla: Siete canciones populares espanolas for Voice and Piano Gaspar Cassado: Piano Trio in C Major
- 1/18 Mozart: Flute Sonata in F Major, K. 13 Mozart: Violin Sonata in C Major, K. 296 Haydn: String Quartet in C Major, Hob. III: 32
- Osvaldo Golijov: Tenebrae for String Quartet Heinrich Ignaz Franz Biber: Sonata representativa in A Major, C. 146 Ravel: Tzigane

7 pm

Fiesta! with Elbio Barilari

- 20th Century Latin American Music Compositions by José Pablo Moncayo, Mozart Camargo Guarnieri, and Esteban Benzecry.
- Julián Carrillo's Symphony No. 2 Carillo was also an amazing post-romantic composer best known for his microtonal, experimental music.
- Sonic Imagery: Latin American and Spanish Music Inspired by Painters

A selection of musical works inspired by Goya, Siqueiros, and Portinari.

A 19th-century Brazilian Opera: Lo Schiavo Lo Schiavo is the love story of Américo, son of Count Rodrigo, and Ilàra, who is being forced to marry another.

8 pm

Prairie Performances (encore)

9 pm

Jazz Night In America with Christian McBride

10 pm

Classical Music

NPR News Headlines at 11:01

Overnight

Classical Music

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Monday - Friday		Saturday	Sunday
Neo + SMJ	5:00	Neo + SMJ	Jazz Network
NPR Morning Edition	6:00	R&B/Throwbacks	
with Kimberly Schofield	7:00		NPR Weekend Edition
R&B	8:00		
Smooth Jazz Neo-Soul	9:00		The Cut
Funk on Fridays	10:00		(featuring gospel music)
Funk Ride (Fridays at 5 pm)	11:00	Dialogue	Illinois Soul Gospel
	Noon	R&B/Throwbacks	R&B Dusties
	1:00		
	2:00		
	3:00		
	4:00		
	5:00		
Code Switch/Life Kit (M), Dialogue (Tu), Reveal (W), Throughline (Th), Funk Ride continues (F)	6:00	The Wind Down with Will Downing	
The Quiet Storm	7:00	Catch the Flo	Soul of Jazz
	8:00		
	9:00	New Urban Jazz	Pillow Talk
	10:00		
	11:00	Jazz Night in America	Overnight: Neo + SMJ
Overnight: Neo + SMJ	midnight to 6 am	Overnight: Jazz Network	



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Jill Clements, Illinois Soul Manager

TOP 5 R&B Artists

Tying in to our on-air series, we feature the Top 5 R&B artists according to community members, staff members, and VIPs.



A native of Los Angeles, Monica M. Scott has worked as a museum educator at the Spurlock Museum of World Cultures at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign since 2017. She also enjoys being creative. She loves to write, sing, design, and do crafts. However, she says she enjoys spending time with her family and close friends the most. Her Top 5:

- 1. Aretha Frankin
- 2. Luther Vandross
- 3. Stevie Wonder
- 4. Earth, Wind & Fire
- 5. Debarge

Illinois Soul marks two years of culture, community, and connection

MAYSA TO HEADLINE ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



Illinois Soul is turning 2, and the celebration is set to be nothing short of unforgettable. In just two years, the station has become a cultural heartbeat for central Illinois — elevating Black music, amplifying local voices, and creating spaces where community, creativity, and conversation collide. This February, the anniversary festivities reach their peak with a signature event that embodies everything Illinois Soul stands for: a live performance by the incomparable Maysa, taking place at Krannert Center's Tryon Festival Theatre at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 7.

A Grammy-nominated vocalist known for her velvety tone, emotional depth, and decades of impact across soul, jazz, and R&B, Maysa is the perfect artist to help mark this milestone. Her music — warm, honest, and richly textured — reflects the same

spirit that drives Illinois Soul: authenticity, excellence, and connection. Whether performing classics from her celebrated solo catalog or delivering the lush, feel-good grooves she's known for from her years with Incognito, Maysa brings an energy that transforms a concert into a full experience.

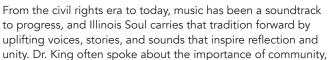
This anniversary celebration is more than a performance. It's a tribute to the listeners, artists, partners, and community members who have helped Illinois Soul thrive. From stage to airwaves, the night promises inspiration, nostalgia, and a groove that lingers long after the final note.

Tickets are on sale now at KrannertCenter.com. Come celebrate two years of soul, culture, and community — with a night of music you won't forget.

Honoring the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. through the lens of Illinois Soul

Each January, Illinois Soul joins the nation in honoring the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., a visionary whose courage and conviction reshaped the moral landscape of America. Dr. King's message — rooted in justice, dignity, equality, and unwavering love — continues to resonate deeply within the communities we serve.

His belief that art, culture, and the human voice are powerful tools for social change is a principle that sits at the heart of Illinois Soul's mission.





shared responsibility, and the transformative power of hope — values we strive to amplify through programming that elevates Black culture, supports local artists, and keeps our airwaves vibrant with soul, gospel, smooth jazz, R&B, and truth.

As we celebrate Dr. King's enduring impact, Illinois Soul reaffirms its commitment to fostering dialogue, celebrating heritage, and cultivating spaces where freedom of expression thrives. His dream continues to guide us as we build platforms that connect generations, encourage understanding, and remind us that progress is not passive — it is a daily act of courage.

This month and every month, Illinois Soul honors Dr. King by carrying his message forward: empowering community, amplifying culture, and uplifting the soul of east central Illinois. Stay tuned to Illinois Soul on Jan. 19 as we honor Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.



Monday	- Friday		Saturday	Sunday
NPR Morning Editio		5:00	The Middle (encore)	Thoroughline
with Kimberly Scho	field	6:00	Commodity Week	Inside Europe
		6:30	State Week in Review	
		7:00	NPR Weekend Edition	NPR Weekend Edition
		8:00		
1A		9:00	The Splendid Table	
		10:00	Wait Wait Don't Tell Me!	It's Been a Minute/ Wild Card
The 21st Show with Brian Mackey		11:00	Weather Realness	Code Switch/Life Kit
Here & Now with Jason Croft		Noon	Statewide	Wait Wait Don't Tell Me! (repeat)
	The Middle	1:00	This American Life	The Treatment
	(F repeat)			State Week in Review
The Closing Market R	Closing Market Report 2:06 pm		Radiolab	Reveal
BBC Newshour	Commodity Week (F)	2:30		
Fresh Air with Terry G Mosley	ross & Tonya	3:00	TED Radio Hour	On the Media
All Things Considere	ed	4:00	All Things Considered	All Things Considered
		5:00	Hidden Brain	The New Yorker Radio Hour
		6:00	Left, Right & Center	Travel with Rick Steves
The 21st Show (repea	t)	7:00	Ezra Klein	This Old House Radio
On the Media (M) Dialogue (W), Th Science Fi	e Middle (Th),	8:00	Latino USA	Weather Realness
The Daily/Today Expl	ained	9:00	Dialogue	Tiny Desk Radio
On Point		10:00	Embodied	Sports in America
BBC World Service		11:00	Moth Radio Hour	Not By the Playbook
		Midnight	Sam Sanders Show	Le Show
		1 am to 5 am	BBC World Service	BBC World Service

Bold Listing = National/International News

Lillie Duncanson, Director of Broadcast Operations



AGRICULTURE

Todd Gleason, host, Closing Market Report and Commodity Week:

Opening Market Report: 8:49 am; Market Update: 10:58 am; Midday Market Report: 12:58; Closing Market Report: 2:06. Fridays: Commodity Week: 2:30; Grain Market Summary: 4:32.

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Reginald Hardwick, news and public affairs director, Illinois Public Media

The news from Illinois Public Media's award-winning staff of reporters, hosts, and producers can be heard during Morning Edition, The 21st Show, Here & Now, and All Things Considered:

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WEATHER

Weather forecasts from meteorologist Andrew Pritchard throughout the day.





Monday - Friday		Saturday	Sunday
Newsline	5:00	Mister Rogers' Neighborhood	Mister Rogers' Neighborhood
Classical Stretch (M,W,F) Sit and Be Fit (T, Th)	5:30	Arthur	Arthur
Wild Kratts	6:00	Wild Kratts	Wild Kratts
Weather Hunters	6:30	Weather Hunters	Weather Hunters
Lyla in the Loop 1/1 London Parade 2026	7:00	Lyla in the Loop	Lyla in the Loop
Carl the Collector	7:30	Carl the Collector	Carl the Collector
Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood	8:00	Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood	Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood
Rosie's Rules	8:30	Rosie's Rules	Rosie's Rules
Sesame Street	9:00	Sesame Street	Sesame Street
Work It Out Wombats!	9:30	Work It Out Wombats!	Opportunity Knock\$
Donkey Hodie	10:00	MotorWeek	Consuelo Mack WealthTrack
Pinkalicious & Peterrific	10:30	Garden SMART	To the Contrary with Bonnie Erbe
Elinor Wonders Why	11:00	Mid American Gardener	Rick Steves' Europe
Alma's Way	11:30	My Greek Table w D. Kochilas 11/17 Prairie Fire	Market to Market
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Odd Squad	1:30	Relish	5:30 Rick Steves' Europe 6:00 Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries
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Th Nature/animal programs F NOVA	2:30	Lidia's Kitchen	5:00 PBS News Weekend 5:30 Rick Steves' Europe
M Sister Boniface Mysteries Tu Celebrity Antiques Road Trip W 1/7 Downwinders & Radioactive West 1/14, 21, 28 Rise of the Nazis Th 1/1 Animals with Cameras	3:00	Weekends with Yankee Ireland with Michael (begins 1/10)	6:00 Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries Jan. 25 Noon RFDS: Royal Flying Doctor Service
1/1 Animals with Cameras 1/8 Weathered: After The LA Firestorm 1/15, 22, 29 Rivers of Life F 1/2, 9 NOVA 1/16 Secrets of the Dead	3:30	Samantha Brown's Places to Love	5:00 PBS News Weekend 5:30 Rick Steves' Europe 6:00 Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries
Antiques Roadshow	4:00	This Old House	
	4:30	Ask This Old House	
DW News	5:00	PBS News Weekend	
BBC World News America PBS News Hour	5:30 6:00	Antiques Roadshow	
	6:30	As Time Goes By	

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NEW SEASONS OF YOUR FAVORITE PBS SERIES

'Antiques Roadshow' premieres season 30

Part adventure, part history lesson, part treasure hunt, Antiques Roadshow airs Mondays at 7 pm with season 30 premiering on Jan. 5 with a stop in Salt Lake City. In each hourlong episode, specialists from the country's leading auction houses and independent dealers offer free appraisals of antiques and collectibles. The series captures tales of family heirlooms, flea market finds, and items saved from attics and basements, while experts reveal the fascinating truths about these items. The first three episodes feature a bounty of Utah treasures from their visit to Red Butte Garden and Arboretum. Discoveries include German candy containers, ca. 1910; a Donegal Arts & Crafts carpet; and a 1937 "The Hobbit" first UK edition. Which find is valued at \$100K? Stream episodes the same day they air.



Michael Bertoia, right, appraises German candy containers, ca. 1910, in Salt Lake City, Utah, on the first episode of season 30 of 'Antiques Roadshow.'

Season 12 of 'Finding Your Roots' debuts

The acclaimed series Finding Your Roots returns with Henry Louis Gates Jr. exploring the mysteries, surprises, and revelations hidden in the family trees of popular figures Tuesdays at 7 pm. Season 12 premieres Jan. 6 with actors America Ferrera and Darren Criss uncovering their immigrant roots. Also featured this month: rapper Wiz Khalifa and actor Sanaa Lathan meet ancestors who left the American South, boldy breaking racial barriers (Jan. 13); actors Liza Colon-Zayas and Delroy Lindo explore their Caribbean roots, meeting ancestors who took enormous risks (Jan. 20); and actor Lizzie Caplan and comedian Hasan Minhaj are introduced to their ancestors whose brave decisions forever reshaped their families (Jan. 27). Stream episodes the same day they air with WILL Passport.



Henry Louis Gates Jr.

Season 53 of 'NOVA' begins Jan. 21





Explore the science behind the headlines Wednesdays at 8 pm with NOVA, PBS's premier science series. The series demystifies science and technology and spotlights people involved in scientific pursuits. Season 53 premieres this month with Asteroids: Spark of Life? (Jan. 21). The special explores the theory that violent asteroid impacts jump-started life on Earth by delivering essential ingredients like water and organic molecules.

New evidence sheds light on the remarkable life and mysterious collapse — of an ancient jungle city in Angkor: Hidden Jungle Empire (Jan. 28). The seat of the great Khmer Empire in Southeast Asia for 500 years, Angkor was once the biggest city in the world but then it was mysteriously abandoned. Follow a scientific detective story that is challenging everything we thought we knew about this ancient metropolis.

Stream episodes of NOVA the same day they air with WILL Passport.

'Prairie Fire' encore: An artist, a singer, and Illinois during the American Revolution



This month, we will rebroadcast our December episode of **Prairie Fire** at 7:30 pm Thursday, Jan. 15. Meet Bloomingtonbased sculptor and painter Herb Eaton, at right. Described as a "maker of things," his art is emblematic of the Illinois Prairie and surrounding landscape, often with a storytelling theme. We also feature



Film explores veterans' post-war struggles

Voces: American Sons is both a tribute and a courageous exploration of grief, resilience, and love. The intimate documentary traces the enduring scars of war through the story of Cpl. JV Villarreal, a Mexican American Marine from Texas who was killed in action in Afghanistan. The story is told through JV's own raw, never-before-seen combat footage and the decade-long emotional journey of his Marine brothers and family. The film is supported by Latino Public Broadcasting, Black Public Media, and California Humanities, and guided by military and mental health advisers. Voces: American Sons airs at 9 pm Monday, Jan. 12.



Jorge "JV" Villarreal had the foresight to ensure the training and combat footage he was capturing would live on in the event he was killed in action.

Artist develops new way of being and seeing

As legendary film and sound editor Vivien Hillgrove begins losing her sight, she confronts memories of loss and resilience while reinventing herself as an artist with a disability. From her groundbreaking career in cinema to her life on a small farm with her partner, Karen, Vivien's story reveals how creativity, care, and connection can reshape what it means to see and belong through acts of creation, connection, and caring, not just biology. Independent Lens presents Vivien's Wild Ride at 9 pm Monday, Jan. 26. Directed by Hillgrove herself, the film is a story of resistance and resilience.



Ancient Rome's female gladiators revealed



Secrets of the Dead features an international team that uncovers evidence that restores the female gladiators who fought in the great amphitheaters of ancient Rome to their rightful place in history. Queens of Combat, airing at 9 pm Wednesday, Jan. 28, highlights how the history of women, particularly those as unconventional as gladiators, was often overlooked or erased from historical records. Like their male counterparts, these women likely took a solemn oath (sacramentum gladiatorium) to "endure to be burned, chained, beaten and slain by the sword."



Thursday

Great Performances (TV-G) From Vienna: The New Year's Celebration 2026. See page 3.

8:30 **Great Performances** (TV-G) From Vienna: The New Year's Celebration 2026. See page 3.

10:00 Grantchester on MASTERPIECE (TV-PG) (DVS) Season 1, Part 5 of 6. Sidney and Geordie travel to London for a night at Johnny Johnson's jazz club, but they soon discover that policemen and clergymen can never truly be off duty. Repeated 3 am 1/2.

11:00 Amanpour and Company

2 Friday

Washington Week with the Atlantic

Firing Line with Margaret Hoover 7:30

8:00 Independent Lens (TV-14) (DVS)

We Want the Funk! This film is a syncopated voyage through the history of funk music, spanning from African, soul, and early jazz roots to its rise into the public consciousness. It also explores funk's influences on both new wave and hip-hop. Repeated 1 am 1/3, 1:30 am 1/4 & 2:37 am 1/5.

9:30 American Experience (TV-14) (DVS) The War on Disco. Discover the incredible characters and epic stories that have shaped America's past and present. Repeated 2:30 am 1/3, 12:30 am 1/4 & 4 am 1/5.

10:30 American Stories: House Music — A Cultural Revolution (TV-PG) (DVS) House music emerged in the early 1980s in Chicago's underground Black and gay clubs, where it was played by house music producers and DJs such as Frankie Knuckles. This film celebrates the innovative and catchy electronic dance music that continues to inspire prominent artists today. Repeated 3:30 am 1/3.

11:30 Amanpour and Company

3 Saturday

Sister Boniface Mysteries (TV-PG) Professor Y. Season 3, episode 3 of 8. A fan convention for a classic sci-fi series sees the writer being taken hostage by one of the creations.

8:00 **Midsomer Murders**

Tale of Two Hamlets, Parts 1 & 2 of 2. Season 6, episodes 7 & 8 of 10. The death of a young film star at the opening of a 'satanic experience' at his family's ancestral home brings Barnaby and Troy to the feuding villages of Upper and Lower Warden.

Sherlock on MASTERPIECE (TV-14) (DVS) 9:30 The Reichenbach Fall. Season 2, episode 3 of 3. In what may be the climatic case of his career, Sherlock faces Moriarty's diabolical plot to "get Sherlock."

11:02 Austin City Limits (TV-PG) Jenny Lewis/Muna.

4 Sunday

All Creatures Great and Small on MASTERPIECE (TV-PG) (DVS)

All God's Creatures. See page 1. Season 5, episode 7 of 7. Repeated 12 am 1/5, 1 am 1/5 & 3:57 am 1/6.

8:30 All Creatures Great and Small: Cheers to the Years (TV-PG) See page 1.

10:00 Velvet (TV-14)

Sewing and Singing. Season 2, episode 4 of 13. After Rita secretly enters Luisa into a singing contest on the radio, Mateo helps her learn English for her performance.

11:30 Energy Switch (TV-G)

Unconventional Wisdom. Part 1 of 10. Oil companies must lead decarbonization, because solar and wind can't replace them.

5 Monday

Antiques Ŕoadshow (TV-G) Red Butte Garden & Arboretum, Hour 1. See

8:00 **Antiques Roadshow** (TV-G) Alaska Native Heritage Center, Hour 1.

9:00 American Masters (TV-14) (DVS) Blake Edwards: A Love Story In 24 Frames. Explore the story of director, screenwriter and producer Blake Edwards. Repeated 2 am 1/7.

10:30 PBS Arts Talk (TV-PG) Henry Winkler with Seal. Repeated 1 am 1/7.

11:00 Amanpour and Company

6 Tuesday

Finding Your Roots (TV-PG) American Dreams. See page 10. Repeated 2 pm 1/7, 4 am 1/8 & 4 am 1/12.

8:00 American Experience (TV-14) (DVS) Bombshell. See page 3. Repeated 2 am 1/8.

Atomic People (TV-MA) 9:30

Through personal accounts with archival footage, witness the human fallout of the atomic bombs used in warfare from the only remaining survivors.

11:00 Amanpour and Company

7 Wednesday

Nature (TV-PG) (DVS)

Hummingbirds of Hollywood. Terry Masear finds herself on a transformative journey as she nurtures wounded hummingbirds. Repeated 2 pm 1/8.

8:00 NOVA (TV-PG) (DVS)

Arctic Sinkholes. Scientists investigate colossal explosions in Siberia and other evidence that soil in the Arctic is releasing devastating amounts of methane. Repeated 2 pm 1/9.

Weathered: After The LA Firestorm (TV-PG) 9:00 This special follows residents and fire leaders uniting to make LA a model for recovery after devastating wildfires. Repeated 1 am 1/8, 3 pm 1/8 & 1 am 1/11.

10:00 NOVA (TV-PG)

Kilauea: Hawai'i On Fire. Join a group of scientists and locals investigating the spike in volcano activity that turned paradise into an inferno. Repeated 3 pm 1/9.

11:00 Amanpour and Company

'American Revolution' reairs Fridays at 8

The new six-part documentary The American Revolution will be rebroadcast this month. Directed by Ken Burns, Sarah Botstein, and David Schmidt, the film examines how America's founding turned the world upside-down. Thirteen British colonies on the Atlantic Coast rose in rebellion, won their independence, and established a new form of government that radically reshaped the continent and inspired centuries of democratic movements around the globe. The series airs Fridays at 8 pm beginning Jan. 9. You also can stream the entire series now with WILL Passport.



The Surrender of General Burgoyne at Saratoga, Oct. 16, 1777.

8 Thursday

- Mid American Gardener
- 7:30 Ask This Old House (TV-G) Idaho Backyard Makeover.
- 8:00 Secrets of the Royal Palaces (TV-PG) Buckingham Palace. Part 1 of 8. The origins of Buckingham Palace and the most haphazard royal wedding in history. Repeated 1 am 1/9.
- Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries (TV-14) 9:00 King Memses' Curse. Season 1, episode 13 of 13. Murdoch Foyle is at large and has been connected with the mysterious death of Albert Monkton, an antique dealer. Repeated 2 am 1/9, 6 pm 1/11 & 2 pm 1/12.
- 10:00 Grantchester on MASTERPIECE (TV-14) (DVS) Season 1, Part 6 of 6. With Amanda and Guy's wedding fast approaching, Sidney is thrown into crisis - is he truly cut out for life as the vicar of Grantchester? Repeated 3 am 1/9.
- 11:00 Amanpour and Company

9 Friday

- 7:00 Washington Week with the Atlantic
- 7:30 Firing Line with Margaret Hoover
- 8:00 The American Revolution (TV-14) (DVS) In Order to Be Free. See above. Part 1 of 6. Repeated 1 am 1/10.
- 10:30 History with David Rubenstein (TV-PG) Ron Chernow.
- 11:00 Amanpour and Company

10 Saturday

7:00 Sister Boniface Mysteries (TV-PG)

A Fragrant Scandal. Season 3, episode 4 of 8. The owner of a perfume company ends up dead, impaled on a poker.

8.00 **Midsomer Murders**

> Birds of Prey, Parts 1 & 2 of 2. Season 6, episodes 9 & 10 of 10. Troy and Constable Sarah Pearce are in Midsomer investigating a wildlife crime while Barnaby follows up on a local man's car — and body — in the river.

- Sherlock on MASTERPIECE (TV-14) (DVS) The Empty Hearse. Season 3, episode 1 of 3. When Holmes finds that Watson has moved on with his life, will the detective have to accept a new reality and a new partner.
- 11:00 Austin City Limits (TV-PG) Bonnie Raitt.

11 Sunday

Miss Scarlet on MASTERPIECE (TV-PG)

Secrets and Lies. See page 2. Season 6, episode 1 of 6. Repeated 2 am 1/13.

8:00 All Creatures Great and Small on MASTERPIECE (TV-PG) (DVS)

> Gathering the Flock. See page 1. Season 6, episode 1 of 7. Repeated 12 am 1/12 & 3 am 1/13.

9:00 Bookish (TV-14)

Slightly Foxed, Part 1 of 2. See page 2. Episode 1 of 6. Repeated 1 am 1/12 & 4 am

10:00 Velvet (TV-14)

Who Gives The Most? Season 2, episode 5 of 13. Alberto is concerned when Cristina reveals that she wants to start a family.

11:30 Energy Switch (TV-G)

Data Centers. Part 2 of 10. Data centers power our online lives, with enormous electricity demands.

12 Monday

- Antiques Roadshow (TV-G) Red Butte Garden & Arboretum, Hour 2. See page 10.
- 8:00 Antiques Roadshow (TV-G) Alaska Native Heritage Center, Hour 2.
- 9.00 Voces: American Sons (TV-14) See page 11. Repeated 1 am 1/13, 2 am 1/14 & 2 am 1/18.
- 10:00 New Leash On Life: The K9s for Warriors Story (TV-PG)

This film highlights the journeys of three U.S. veterans struggling to adapt to life back home. All three suffered from PTSD after returning from serving overseas, and each has found hope and new ways to handle their stress and emotional challenges through the aid of a companion dog.

11:00 Amanpour and Company

13 Tuesday

forever.

Finding Your Roots (TV-PG)

Great Migrations. See page 10. Repeated 2 pm 1/14, 4 am 1/15 & 4 am 1/19.

8:00 Lucy Worsley Investigates (TV-PG) William The Conqueror. Lucy Worsley uncovers William the Conqueror, the infamous victor of the Battle of Hastings, whose brutal invasion of England changed the country

9:00 Lucy Worsley Investigates (TV-PG) (DVS) Madness of King George. Lucy Worsley uncovers Royal papers and explores how the assassination attempt on his life changed psychiatry forever. Repeated 1 am 1/14.

10:00 Lucy Worsley Investigates (TV-PG) The Gunpowder Plot. Lucy Worsley investigates the motives behind the audacious attempt by a small network of men to blow up London's Houses of Parliament to destroy the King and his government. Repeated 4 am

11:00 Amanpour and Company

14 Wednesday

Nature (TV-PG) (DVS)

Tusker: Brotherhood of Elephants. See page 3. Repeated 2 pm 1/15.

8:00 NOVA (TV-PG) (DVS)

What Are UFOs? After decades in the shadows, UFOs are being studied seriously. Follow scientists as they try to unravel the mystery of the strangest objects in our skies. Repeated 2 pm 1/16.

9:00 Secrets of the Dead (TV-PG)

> Plunderer: The Life and Times of a Nazi Art Thief. Part 1 of 2. An investigation into the secret networks of curators and dealers who profited off Nazi-looted art. Repeated 1 am 1/15, 3 pm 1/16 & 1 am 1/18.

10:00 Rise of the Nazis: Dictators at War (TV-PG)

Stalingrad. It's 1942, and Hitler has just lost the Battle of Moscow. Now winter in Russia, German troops are in desperate need of fuel and resources. Repeated 3 pm 1/21.

11:00 Amanpour and Company

15 Thursday

Mid American Gardener 7:00

7:30 **Prairie Fire**

See page 11. Repeated 11:30 am 11/17.

Secrets of the Royal Palaces (TV-PG) 8:00 Westminster. Part 2 of 8. Secrets of Westminster, including a tunnel and hologram portrait of the Queen. Repeated 1 am 1/16.

9:00 Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries (TV-14) Murder Most Scandalous. Season 2, episode 1 of 13. When Jack's ex father-in-law is implicated in the brutal murder of a prostitute, Jack is determined to clear his name. Repeated 2 am 1/16, 6 pm 1/18 & 2 pm 1/19.

10:00 Grantchester on MASTERPIECE (TV-14) (DVS) Season 2, episode 1 of 6. When Grantchester vicar Sidney Chambers is accused of a terrible crime, unmasking the real culprit sends shockwaves through the community. Repeated 3 am 1/16.

11:00 Amanpour and Company

16 Friday

Washington Week with the Atlantic

7:30 Firing Line with Margaret Hoover

8:00 The American Revolution (TV-14) (DVS) An Asylum for Mankind. See page 13. Part 2 of 6. As New Englanders work to force the British Army from Boston, Congress puts George Washington in command of a new Continental Army. Repeated 1 am 1/17.

10:30 History with David Rubenstein (TV-PG) Rick Atkinson.

11:00 Amanpour and Company

17 Saturday

Sister Boniface Mysteries (TV-PG)

How to Murder A Tune. Season 3, episode 5 of 8. The Nuns are excited to be involved in a religious TV show but a murder disrupts proceedings.

8:00 Midsomer Murders (TV-PG)

> The Green Man, Parts 1 & 2 of 2. Season 7, episodes 1 & 2 of 14. Sgt. Troy wins a promotion to inspector but before he can decide on his future, the Midsomer canal tunnel collapses during a restoration project, revealing ancient human bones with a recent skeleton hidden among them.

Sherlock on MASTERPIECE (TV-PG) (DVS) 9:30 The Sign of Three. Season 3, episode 2 of 3. Sherlock faces his biggest challenge of all when he delivers a Best Man's speech on John's wedding day.

11:00 Austin City Limits (TV-PG) Renee Rapp/Thee Sacred Souls.

18 Sunday

Miss Scarlet on MASTERPIECE (TV-PG) (DVS) Trafalgar Spring. See page 2. Season 6, episode 2 of 6. Repeated 2 am 1/20.

8:00 All Creatures Great and Small on MASTERPIECE (TV-PG) (DVS)

> Old Dog, New Tricks. See page 1. Season 6, episode 2 of 7. Tension sparks when James buys an X-ray machine for practice. Repeated 12 am 1/19 & 3 am 1/20.

9:00 Bookish (TV-14)

Slightly Foxed, Part 2 of 2. See page 2. Episode 2 of 6. Repeated 1 am 1/19 & 4 am

10:00 Velvet (TV-14)

New York, New York. Season 2, episode 6 of 13. Ana and Alberto arrive in New York only to discover a disaster when they are preparing to present to Sara and her father.

11:30 Energy Switch (TV-G)

Extreme Weather, Part 1. Part 3 of 10. Our experts dig through IPCC data to reveal surprising trends in extreme weather.

19 Monday

Antiques Roadshow (TV-G) Red Butte Garden & Arboretum, Hour 3. See page 10.

8:00 Antiques Roadshow (TV-G) Alaska Native Heritage Center, Hour 3.

Becoming Thurgood: America's Social 9:00 Architect (TV-14) Explore the life and legacy of the nation's first African American Supreme Court justice. Repeated 1 am 1/20 & 2 am 1/21.

10:00 Olympic Pride, American Prejudice (TV-PG) This film explores the collective experiences of 18 African-American Olympians who defied Jim Crow and Adolf Hitler to win hearts and medals at the 1936 Olympic Games in Berlin.

11:30 Amanpour and Company

20 Tuesday

Finding Your Roots (TV-PG) Caribbean Roots. See page 10. Repeated 2 pm 1/21, 4 am 1/22 & 4 am 1/26.

Breaking The Deadlock (TV-PG) 8:00 A Matter of Life and Death. See page 19. Repeated 3 am 1/22.

9:00 **Frontline**

10:00 To be announced

11:00 Amanpour and Company

21 Wednesday

Nature (TV-14) (DVS)

San Diego: America's Wildest City. The hidden wonders of the country's most biodiverse urban landscape, where humans and wildlife collide in spectacular fashion. Repeated 2 pm 1/22.

NOVA (TV-PG) (DVS) 8:00 Asteroids: Spark of Life? See page 10. Repeated 2 pm 1/23.

9:00 Secrets of the Dead (TV-PG) Plunderer: The Life and Times of a Nazi Art

Thief. Part 2 of 2. An investigation into the secret networks of curators and dealers who profited off Nazi-looted art. Repeated 1 am . 1/22, 3 pm 1/23 & 1 am 1/25.

10:00 Rise of the Nazis: Dictators at War (TV-PG) (DVS)

The Home Front, Part 3 of 3. After Stalingrad. Hitler's stress intensifies. For once there is no master plan. Hitler leaves it to the men around him to pull Germany back from the abyss. Repeated 2 am 1/22 & 3 pm 1/28.

11:00 Amanpour and Company

22 Thursday

Mid American Gardener

7:30 Ask This Old House (TV-G) Paint Ceiling, Squeaky Floor.

8.00 Secrets of the Royal Palaces (TV-PG) Windsor Castle. Part 3 of 8. Windsor Castle is the largest permanently lived-in castle in the world, and happens to be packed with secrets. Repeated 1 am 1/23.

9:00 Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries (TV-14) Death Comes Knocking. Season 2, episode 2 of 13. Phryne plays host to ghostly soldiers and exotic spiritualists. Repeated 2 am 1/23, 6 pm 1/25 & 2 pm 1/26.

10:00 Grantchester on MASTERPIECE (TV-14) (DVS) Season 2, episode 2 of 6. A Cambridge lecturer's fatal fall from the college spires draws Sidney and Geordie into a world of espionage and cover ups. Repeated 3 am 1/23.

11:00 Amanpour and Company

23 Fridav

7:00 Washington Week with the Atlantic

7:30 Firing Line with Margaret Hoover

8:00 The American Revolution (TV-14) (DVS) The Times That Try Men's Souls. See page 13. Part 3 of 6. British General Howe soundly defeats General Washington at Long Island and in Manhattan, forcing the Americans to abandon New York City. Repeated 1 am 1//24.

10:30 History with David Rubenstein (TV-PG) Geraldo Cadava.

11:00 Amanpour and Company

24 Saturday

Sister Boniface Mysteries (TV-PG) It's Just Not Cricket. Season 3, episode 6 of 8. A village cricket match provides an unlikely backdrop for embezzlement and murder.

8:00 Midsomer Murders (TV-PG) Bad Tidings, Parts 1 & 2 of 2. Season 7,

episodes 3 & 4 of 14. A squeaking noise heard near the scene of Fiona Thompson's bloodstained body leads police to suspect an odd job man. But then the murder toll rises.

9:39 Sherlock on MASTERPIECE (TV-14) (DVS) His Last Vow. Season 3, episode 3 of 3. Sherlock and Watson face off with a powerful businessman.

11:13 Austin City Limits (TV-PG) Marcus King Band/Wyatt Flores.



25 Sunday

Miss Scarlet on MASTERPIECE (TV-PG) (DVS) The Delivery. See page 2. Season 6, episode 3 of 6. Repeated 2 am 1/27.

8:00 All Creatures Great and Small on MASTERPIECE (TV-PG) (DVS) Captain Farnon? See page 1. Season 6, episode 3 of 7. Tristan and Siegfried find themselves in competition to treat the horse of a wealthy family that's new to the area.

9:00 Bookish (TV-14) Deadly Nitrate, Part 1 of 2. See page 2. Episode 3 of 6. Repeated 1 am 1/26 & 4 am 1/27.

10:00 Velvet (TV-14) Sky High. Season 2, episode 7 of 13. Barbara is devastated upon learning the truth of Enrique and Patricia's scandalous love affair.

11:30 Energy Switch TV-G) Extreme Weather, Part 2. Part 4 of 10. Floods, fires and storms are flat or down, but risk and damages have increased.

26 Monday

Antiques Roadshow (TV-G) Georgia State Railroad Museum, Hour 1. See page 10.

8:00 Antiques Roadshow (TV-G) Old Sturbridge Village, Hour 1.

9:00 Independent Lens (TV-14) (DVS) Vivien's Wild Ride. See page. 11. Repeated 3 am 1/28.

10:30 Real Eyes (TV-G)

This film profiles the work of a unique eye hospital in Guatemala. Once dependent on sporadic, temporary visits by teams of visiting American doctors, it is now staffed with Indigenous Guatemalan and other Central American eye specialists. The results have been dramatic.

11:00 Amanpour and Company

27 Tuesday

Finding Your Roots (TV-PG) The Road We Took. See page 10. Repeated 1 am 1/28, 2 pm 1/28 & 4 am 1/29.

American Masters (TV-14) 8:00 Elie Wiesel: Soul On Fire. See page 2. Repeated 2 am 1/29.

9:30 Simon Schama: The Holocaust, 80 Years On (TV-MA)

See page 2. Repeated 2 am 1/28.

10:30 Stories of Survival (TV-PG) Final Transports: The Holocaust Stories of Magda and George. See page 2.

11:00 Amanpour and Company

28 Wednesday

7:00 Nature (TV-PG) (DVŚ)

Expedition Killer Whale. In Antarctica, killer whales hunt using intelligence and teamwork. Follow scientists as they explore the icy waters to advance our understanding of these sophisticated animals. Repeated 2 pm 1/29.

8:00 NOVA (TV-PG) (DVS) Angkor: Hidden Jungle Empire. See page 10. Repeated 2 pm 1/30.

9:00 Secrets of the Dead (TV-PG) Queens of Combat. See page 11. Repeated 1 am 1/29 & 3 pm 1/30.

10:00 NOVA (TV-PG) (DVS) Ancient Builders of the Amazon. Recent discoveries in archaeology are exploding the myth of the Amazon as a primeval wilderness, revealing traces of ancient civilizations that flourished for centuries.

11:00 Amanpour and Company

29 Thursday

Mid American Gardener 7.30 Ask This Old House (TV-G) Split Water Heater, Attic Ladder.

8:00 Secrets of the Royal Palaces (TV-PG) Greenwich Palace. Part 4 of 8. Exploring Greenwich, the great lost palace, and a look at the Gold State Coach. Repeated 1 am 1/30.

9:00 Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries (TV-14) Dead Man's Chest. Season 2, episode 3 of 13. Aunt Prudence insists Phryne help an old school chum whose holiday mansion has been burgled. Repeated 2 am 1/30.

10:00 Grantchester on MASTERPIECE (TV-14) (DVS)

> Season 2, episode 3 of 6. A man confesses to Sidney and Geordie that he attacked and killed his landlord, but the alleged victim is found alive. Repeated 3 am 1/30.

11:00 Amanpour and Company

30 Friday

Washington Week with the Atlantic

7:30 Firing Line with Margaret Hoover

8:00 The American Revolution (TV-14) (DVS) Conquer by a Drawn Game. See page 13. Part 4 of 6. After beating General Washington in battle, General Howe takes Philadelphia, forcing Congress to flee the city. Repeated 1 am 1/31.

10:30 History with David Rubenstein (TV-PG) Fareed Zakaria.

11:00 Amanpour and Company

31 Saturday

Sister Boniface Mysteries (TV-PG) A Beautiful World. Season 3, episode 7 of 8. A murder takes place at a make-up demo party.

8:00 Midsomer Murders (TV-PG) The Fisher King, Parts 1 & 2 of 2. Season 7, episodes 5 & 6 of 14. A womanizing landowner is killed with a Celtic spear.

Sherlock on MASTERPIECE (TV-14) (DVS) The Abominable Bride.

11:07 Austin City Limits (TV-PG) Queens of the Stone Age.

Friends exclusives: 'Astrid' and season 14 of 'Call the Midwife' featured this month

We have great news for fans of crime dramas. Season 5 of **Astrid** will be available to stream with WILL Passport on Jan. 2. The series features Astrid Nielsen, who works in the library of the judicial police, where she uses her incredible memory to analyze the files of ongoing investigations. With her partner, Inspector Raphaëlle Coste, they work to crack complex cases that remain unsolved while dealing with the communication barriers that arise due to Astrid having Asperger's syndrome, a form



of autism. Season 4 ended with a huge test of their relationship as family secrets are discovered, and Raphaëlle gets involved in one of the cases that they are investigating. In season 5, they will explore a mafia hitman, deadly snake bites, and a serial killer.

In addition, season 14 of Call the Midwife will be available to stream on WILL Passport starting on Jan. 22. With season 15 scheduled for release later this year, this is the perfect time to get caught up on the happenings of the occupants of Nonnatus House — including dealing with protests on the Isle of Dogs, as well as the many challenges that test the midwives' strength both alone and together in their work and in helping their community.

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- Astrid, season 5, 1/2 (French)
- Blanca, 1/9 (Italian)
- Munch, season 4 ,1/16 (French)
- Partners in Crime, season 2, 1/23
- Sisi: Austrian Princess, season 4, 1/30 (German)

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- Children of Las Brisas, 1/2
- Missing in Brooks County, 1/31
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- Birds of the Gods, 1/23
- Oceans | Animals with Cameras, 1/19

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New series from Illinois Student Newsroom spotlights local legacies



A. Oishii Basu and Anna Koh are U. of I. seniors in journalism and reporters for the Illinois Student Newsroom at IPM.

The new series, "Champaign's Honorary Streets: The Stories Behind the Signs," rolls out on-air and online, starting Monday, Jan. 12, and also will be included in our daily news podcast, 217 Today.

Illinois Student Newsroom is a partnership between IPM News and the College of Media at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. Student journalists work with IPM journalists to cover important local news developments and go deep on issues ranging from local politics to housing, public health, science, and arts and culture. The student newsroom is co-led by IPM News editor Christine Herman and University of Illinois journalism professor Stretch Ledford.

Across Champaign, dozens of streets are named in honor of people and organizations that have made a significant cultural, historical, or humanitarian impact on the city. Our team of Illinois Student Newsroom reporters at Illinois Public Media produced a 10-part series of stories spotlighting some of these local legacies.

"Many people driving around Champaign may notice these signs and wonder what the stories are behind the honorary street names, and the reporting from our team of award-winning student journalists will bring these stories to life," said Reginald Hardwick, Illinois Public Media's director of news and public affairs.



Fall 2025 members of the Illinois Student Newsroom, which is a partnership between IPM News and the College of Media at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.

Annual Friendsgiving welcomes community



We are so grateful to the more than 150 community members and Friends of WILL who joined us on Nov. 12, for our annual Friendsgiving event — now in its fifth year. Those attending took a tour of our studios, picked up vintage WILL swag, and chatted with Illinois Public Media staff members, program hosts, and fellow public media fans! We love being able to share the work we do and to share the spaces that make our work possible. Thank you for your continued support!









Panelists discuss life and death choices

What does "freedom" mean, and what is the role of government when people face life and death choices? As with many other complex issues, Americans are divided in their views regarding the limits of personal autonomy. In this hourlong special, moderator Aaron Tang and a panel of experts with very different views take



on a hypothetical scenario that raises questions about reproductive rights, as well as our right to die at a time of our

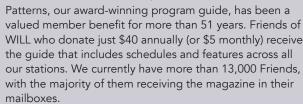


choosing. Breaking the Deadlock: A Matter of Life and Death premieres at 8 pm Tuesday, Jan. 20. Breaking the **Deadlock** is an Emmy-nominated public affairs series that is designed to encourage civil dialogue with panelists guided through complex hypothetical scenarios.

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Book Mentor Project celebrates its 21st year



Since 2004, Illinois Public Media's Book Mentor Project has been connecting pre-kindergarten students with books, learning activities, and caring volunteers from across east central Illinois. The initiative, funded by a grant from PNC's Grow Up Great Foundation, is now celebrating its 21st year of making reading an exciting, shared experience for children, educators, and families.

Each fall, the project kicks off by training a new group of volunteer book mentors — drawn from local businesses, service groups, and University of Illinois staff. Once a month, these volunteers visit the same Head Start classroom to read a featured book and lead a fun, hands-on activity tied to literacy, math, science, or the arts.

The visits are more than just storytime — they're designed to build trust, spark curiosity, and create lasting connections between students and books. Parents receive reading plans and activity suggestions to extend the learning beyond the classroom, ensuring the learning continues long after the visit ends.

"We would like to thank all the volunteers and the PNC Grow Up Great Foundation for the continuing support to make this program possible," said John Steinbacher, director of development. "Having



worked closely with this program, I can say with authority that it offers measurable academic improvements for the children who participate."

IPM staff led by Heather Ennis-Rosenblat, and University of Illinois student workers Amelia Bellizzi and Michelle Garduno provide administrative support and translation services to help keep the project running smoothly for nearly 400 children across 14 Head Start classrooms and several partner locations across the region.

The Book Mentor Project continues to bring stories off the page, improving reading and language skills for area children. PBS also provides online resources for parents and educators. For timely articles, hands-on activities, and interactive games from PBS KIDS, go to pbs.org/parents.



Join us for a once-in-a-lifetime trip! Hawaiian Gardens | Aug. 31-Sept. 10, 2026



Through a partnership with Allerton Park and Retreat Center, this trip explores the islands of Kauai and Hawaii, blending culture, natural beauty, and meaningful local connections, including a visit to Allerton Garden on Kauai.

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