

DEIAB DIGEST

Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, Accessibility and Belonging

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PRIDE MONTH



Pride Month Redux!
Rochester has had Pride Celebrations since July 1972, when we held the first Annual Gay Community Picnic. The first official Pride parade in Rochester was July 1982 and is one of New York State's largest pride festivals north of New York City. See Trillium Health's website for [PRIDE events](#)

DEIAB SPOTLIGHT: Cara Rager



Position: Director of Early Learning
How long have you worked at WXXI: 15 years
Describe your job in 5 words: Bringing PBS KIDS to life.
Favorite cookie: Chocolate chip
Favorite restaurant: Rocco
What are you reading or watching: Creating Reading Rainbow : The Untold Story of the Beloved Children's Series



Did you know there are over 20 different LGBTQ+ Flags, including the "Progress Flag" pictured here? The original flag featured eight colours, each with its own meaning. Red symbolises life, orange represents healing, pink portrays sexuality, yellow stands for sunlight, green depicts nature, turquoise represents creativity, indigo displays harmony, and violet illustrates spirit. [Learn more](#)



Many people indicate their personal pronouns in their email signatures, or as part of their name on Zoom. Check out this site to find out why, and why it matters! [Pronouns.org](#)

Check out PBS LearningMedia [Understanding LGBTQ+ Identity: A Toolkit for Educators](#)

Racial Equity

Dr. Eddie Moore, Jr., racial equity educator, author and co-founder of the 21-Day Racial Equity Habit Building Challenge, recommends changing what you notice. Next time you're with family, in your workplace or out in the world, pay attention to:

- Who are your ten closest friends? What is the racial mix in this group?
- How much time each day you are with people of your own racial identity?
- What are the last five books you read or shows you watched? What is the racial mix of the authors, characters or actors?

Read: [Moving Beyond Diversity Toward Racial Equity](#)

Watch: [How to pursue racial equity within your workplace](#)

DEI BOOK CLUB July Selection

PRIDELAND is a short-form 6-part digital series following host and actor Dyllón Burnside (from FX's "Pose") on a journey across the South. [Prideland](#) highlights authentic personal stories brought to life through Burnside's curious, exploratory lens. As an LGBTQ+ advocate, he guides viewers into the South's various LGBTQ+ communities, connecting with people of different backgrounds, locations, experiences, and points of view.

Watch here [Prideland](#)

Join our discussion on Thursday, July 25 at 10:00 pm.

DEI Learning Journal Prompt Questions for Self-Reflection:

What stereotypes, perceptions or understandings do you hold that you would like to challenge?

What one small shift can you do to strive to be more anti-racist?





RADIO

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS ON 91.5

WXXI Classical Daily Hosts

Brenda Tremblay 6:00 – 10:00 am
Steve Johnson 12:00 – 4:00 pm
Mona Seghatoleslami 4:00 – 7:00 pm

WRUR Daily Hosts

9-12 Opening Tunings with Scott Regan
2-4 The Afternoon with Yarms
Full schedule [here](#)

Besure to check our the WXXI Classical website for the Classical radio schedule, to listen live and read Classical music news from all over <https://www.wxxiclassical.org/>

Proud to Be



Saturday July 20, 5:00-6:00pm
PRIDE Month, which in most of the country is recognized in June, is celebrated in Rochester on Saturday, July 20th with the annual Rochester Pride Festival and parade. So today we celebrate our unique identities and reflect on how pride and authenticity show up in our lives. Host Kevin O'Conner asked classical musicians in the LGBTQIA community about their thoughts on Pride. The answers were incredibly diverse and thought-provoking. Kevin brings together those thoughts along with music performed, conducted or composed by those featured artists. If you miss it, check it out [here](#)

Classical Bog and Arts Features

[Philadelphia Orchestra renames hall after hometown legend Marian Anderson](#)

Classical Musicians of African Descent

WXXI Classical 91.5 is in the process of building a [resource](#) of photos and brief biographical information about musicians of African descent. This resource is by no means complete, and we rely on you to help us build the site by sharing your information.

Did you miss: [Dialogue on Disability: Celebrating Abilities](#)
Since 2003 WXXI and the AI Sigl Community of Agencies have worked together to help break the ingrained stereotypes about individuals with intellectual and physical disabilities. Dialogue on Disability, a week-long spotlight initiative takes place every January



Move to Include is a national initiative that uses the power of public media to promote inclusion. Project Manager Sarah Abbamonte <https://movetoinclude.us/>

MOVE TO INCLUDE ON DEMAND

Check out our playlist on the PBS App at <https://www.pbs.org/show/move-to-include/>

Did you know? Transcripts of individual episodes of Connections are available upon request. If you or someone you know would like to receive a transcript, send the request including date, hour, and topic of the show to movetoinclude@wxxi.org.

July is Disability Pride Month! PBS has curated a collection of films and clips covering the history of the disability rights movement and more recent developments, including the inclusive production of Richard III. Check it out [here](#)

From WGBH

Disability Reframed

A conversation on disability inclusion and accessibility in media. [Watch](#)

POV - Is There Anybody Out There?

July 8 at 10:00 pm

The documentary trails Glendining as she embarks on a global quest to find someone with a body that looks like hers.

[More Info](#) *Note: We were very pleased to be included as a resource in POV's Station Guide for this film!*

[9 practical ways to be trans inclusive](#)

INCLUSION DESK

[These disabled people tried to play by the rules. It cost them their federal benefits](#)

[Couples say they can't get married because of this government program's outdated rules](#)

[Golisano gift will fund a new intellectual and developmental disabilities institute at UR](#)

FROM AROUND THE WEB
[90 disability organizations call on CNN to make the presidential debate more accessible](#)

[Disability advocates are winning the right to plain language voting](#)



[WXXI Main](#) [WXXI World](#) [WXXI Create](#)

[WXXI Kids 24/7](#) [WXXI Passport](#)

Great Performances: Purlie Victorious

Starring Leslie Odom Jr., this comedic play tells the story of a Black preacher's scheme to reclaim his inheritance and win back his church from a plantation owner. Watch On-Demand here through 7/19/2024. [Watch](#)

LGBTQIA+ Culture, Heritage and Pride

Explore LGBTQ+ stories and features from WXXI and beyond. [More Info](#)

Lidia Celebrates America "Flavors That Define Us"

Thursday, July 4th at 3pm
Watch Lidia Celebrates America: FLAVORS THAT DEFINE US. [Info](#)

100 Years from Mississippi

Sunday, July 7th at 11pm
Mamie Lang Kirkland left Mississippi in 1915 and would not return until a century later. [More Info](#)

This Light of Mine

Monday, July 8th at 12am
The story of the Westcoast Black Theatre Troupe (WBTT) and its resilience through 2020. [Info](#)

American Masters "Little Richard: The King and Queen of Rock and Roll"

Thursday, July 11th at 8pm Experience the meteoric rise and enduring legacy of Little Richard. [Info](#)

Jesse Owens: American Experience

Saturday, July 20th at 4pm His stunning triumph at the 1936 Olympics captivated the world and infuriated the Nazis. [Info](#)

VOCES "From Here, From There (De Aquí/De Allá)"

Monday, July 22nd at 10pm
Meet Luis Cortes Romero, the first undocumented attorney to argue a case before the U.S. Supreme Court. An immigration attorney as well as a DACA recipient, Luis risks his legal status to join a powerful and highly visible legal team, including unlikely conservative ally Ted Olson, to fight the rescinding of DACA. [Info](#)



Click to see [Now showing](#)
Click to see [Music in the café](#)

Independence Day

July 3 7:30 pm
The aliens are coming and their goal is to invade and destroy Earth. Fighting superior technology, mankind's best weapon is the will to survive. [Info](#)

Black Cinema Series

Wade in the Water: A Journey into Black Surfing and Aquatic Culture
Wednesday July 17 More info to come

ImageOut Extra: ROC Pride Film Screening

Friday July 19 7:00 pm More info to come

Live! Summer Concert Series

Madison McFerrin
Tuesday, July 23 8:00 pm
Producer, singer and songwriter, Madison McFerrin brings her energetic blend of R&B, soul, pop and jazz to the Little Theatre for what is sure to be a high octane night of live music. [Info](#)

High Falls Women in Film Bird of Prey

Wednesday July 24 7:30 pm
Harley Quinn joins forces with a singer, an assassin and a police detective to help a young girl who had a hit placed on her after she stole a rare diamond from a crime lord. [Info](#)

Art House Theatre Day

West Indies: The Fugitive Slaves of Liberty
Thursday, July 25 7:30 pm
the continent's first musical as well as a sui generis amalgam of historical epic, Broadway revue, Brechtian theater, and joyous agitprop. [Info](#)

Purple Rain

Friday July 26 8:00 pm
A young musician must contend with a rival singer, a burgeoning romance, and his own dissatisfied band, as his star begins to rise. [Info](#)

50 Year of Hip Hop Series Breakin' and Breakin' 2

Saturday July 27 More to come
A struggling young jazz dancer meets up with two break-dancers. Together they become the sensation of the street crowds. [Info](#)

James Baldwin Centennial Series

I Am Not Your Negro
Monday July 29 7:30 pm
Writer James Baldwin tells the story of race in modern America with his unfinished novel, "Remember This House", in this Oscar-nominated documentary. [Info](#)



NEWS

WXXI News
<https://www.wxxinews.org/>
 Executive Editor Denise Young
 News Director Randy Gorbman

CITY MAGAZINE
<https://www.roccitymag.com/>
 Editor Leah Stacy

[Willow releases toolkit to promote awareness of domestic violence in the LGBTQ+ community](#)

[Stories You May Have Missed URMCM challenges students to interpret health equity through artwork; pieces now on display](#)

[Upcoming summit in Rochester focuses on issues surrounding DEI](#)

[Connections: Discussing lessons learned from the pandemic's effect on nursing homes](#)

[Connections: Discussing Juneteenth and what we can learn about community from the Pythodd jazz club](#)

[Connections: How a new program is helping to make local culinary education more inclusive](#)

[The Final Capture: Casket wrapping gives families one last look at their loved one](#)

[2024 Rochester Juneteenth Festival commemorates 60 years of justice advocacy](#)

[State of Black Rochester report looks at a range of experiences](#)

[Gillibrand pushes for federal funds to address racial disparities in health care access](#)

[CITY: Jazz Fest looks to the future with Gen Z performers](#)

COMMUNITY

Find many more events in the [CITY Events Calendar](#)

PBS KIDS DAY AT THE BALLPARK

Sunday July 28 1:05
 Innovation Field
 Join WXXI Education and the Rochester Red Wings for PBS KIDS Day at The Ballpark! [Info](#)

Garth Fagan Dance Summer Movement Institute

July 7-27
 Garth Fagan Invites all levels of dancers, ages 12 - Adult, to take part in the 2024 Summer Movement Institute! [Info](#)

Black Doll Designers Exhibit

Strong Museum of Play
 Learn about the pivotal role that Black designers have played in diversifying toy aisles in Black Doll Designers, open on the museum's first floor (near The Strong Express Train). [Info](#)

Independence Day Celebration

Genesee Country Village & Museum
 July 4 10a-4p [Info](#)

Pride Celebration Day

Thursday, July 11 5-9p
 Memorial Art Gallery [Info](#)

Pride Picnic

Sunday, July 14 12-6p
 Roundhouse Shelter at GVP [Info](#)

Story Time at MAG with Mrs. Kasha Davis

Thursday July 19 5-5:45p
 Memorial Art Gallery [Info](#)
 Tour the MAG with MKD [Info](#)

Pride Parade and Festival

Saturday July 20 11a-1p
 Parade [Info](#) Festival [Info](#)

Celebrate Pride DeTOUR

Thursday July 25 6-7p
 Memorial Art Gallery [Info](#)

Town & Library DEI Book Discussion

Series: Disability Visibility by Alice Wong
 Wednesday July 31 6:30-7:30p
 Irondequoit Town Library
 Join Irondequoit Town Supervisor Andraé Evans and the Irondequoit Public Library for a Disability pride Month book discussion. [Info](#)

MORE ROCHESTER PRIDE EVENTS

<https://rochester.lgbt/pride2024/>

<https://www.trilliumhealth.org/patient-and-community-services/pride/events>

Puppies and Reading

Monday July 15 5-6p
 Brighton Memorial Library
 Drop in to meet therapy dogs trained to listen to kids read and help them gain confidence. [Info](#)

Historical Walking Tour- Multicultural Rochester: Immigrants, Migrants, & Minorities in the Flower City

Wednesday July 17 6-7:30p
 Central Library [Info](#)

African Drumming with Mayukwa

Wednesday July 24 11a-12p
 Winton Branch Library [Info](#)