

History in Motion



Greetings from the AAPB!

Happy New Year from the American Archive of Public Broadcasting! As we welcome 2025, we're excited to renew our commitment to preserving public broadcasting's rich legacy. This year, we're diving deeper into history, sharing even more classic TV and radio gems, and uncovering stories that inspire. Here's to a year of discovery and impact!

New & Notable



[ZOOM Collection](#)

It's never too late to Zoom-Zoom-Zoom-a-Zoom! Happy 53rd birthday to the children's program that raised generations.

Produced by GBH in Boston, *ZOOM* was inspired by iconic shows like *Sesame Street* and *Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood*. It originally aired from 1972 to 1978, with a reboot from 1999 to 2005. This mostly unscripted series featured a dynamic cast of young "ZOOMers" who engaged viewers with games, plays, recipes, and songs.

Relive the magic by streaming the entire first series in the AAPB's Online Reading Room, including [the very first episode](#)!



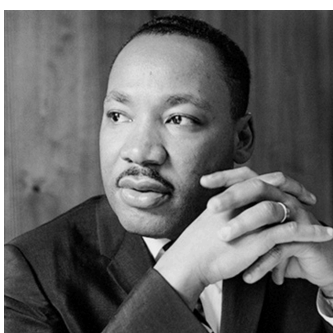
[Eyes on the Prize Interviews Collection](#)

Celebrate nearly 40 years of *Eyes on the Prize* with over 300 raw footage interviews from the American Civil Rights Movement. Produced by documentarian Henry Hampton and Blackside Inc., this collection offers an in-depth look at pivotal moments and figures.

The series, released in two parts—*America's Civil Rights Years (1954-1965)* and *America at the Racial Crossroads (1965-1985)*—garnered multiple Emmys, a Peabody, and an Academy Award nomination.

Hear from iconic interviewees including [John Lewis](#), [Coretta Scott King](#), [Rosa Parks](#), and [Bobby Seale](#).

Dig Deeper MLK: In His Own Words



Celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. this month by hearing from the man himself. In a 1963 interview from GBH's [Perspectives: The Negro and The American Promise](#), MLK reflects on non-violent resistance, civil rights struggles, and his vision for justice.

Also, [listen to his iconic "I Have a Dream" speech](#) from the March on Washington. For more, check out this [1985 interview with Coretta Scott King](#) for *Eyes on the Prize*, where she discusses the Montgomery Bus Boycott.

Honoring Fannie Lou Hamer



This month, [President Joe Biden awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom](#) posthumously to Mississippi Civil Rights icon Fannie Lou Hamer. Hamer played a key role in organizing “Freedom Summer” and forming the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party (MFDP), pivotal to the 1965 Voting Rights Act.

Listen to a [1965 interview with Hamer](#) discussing the MFDP, voting rights, and human rights. Additionally, explore this [1979 interview for Eyes on the Prize](#), where Lawrence Guyot, MFDP Director, reflects on Hamer's legacy.

In Case You Missed It

- [Safeguarding the Airwaves: Jimmy Carter and the Public Telecommunications Financing Act \(AAPB\)](#)
- [New Archivist Preserves, Protects Network History](#) (Nebraska Public Media)
- [WUWM Radio broadcasts will be preserved in Library of Congress archive](#) (University of Wisconsin Milwaukee)

In the Industry

Celebrating Public Radio Broadcasting Day

This month, we celebrate Public Radio Broadcasting Day, honoring the enduring legacy and profound impact of public radio. Since its inception, public radio has been a cornerstone of information, education, and entertainment, uniting communities through the power of storytelling.

Our archive proudly houses over 100,000 digitized radio programs and [curated collections](#) including the [This Way Out Collection](#), the [Pacifica Radio Archives Collection](#), and the [Linea Abierta Collection](#) that span a wide range of topics. Explore the treasures of public radio today and experience its rich history and influence!

Happy 50th Anniversary to Ozarks Public Television!

This month, we celebrate [Ozarks Public Television's 50 years of dedication](#) to preserving and sharing the rich history and heritage of the Ozarks. [The AAPB is proud to partner with OPT](#), housing over 200 digitized records, including *Reel to Real*, a program showcasing student projects from the Southwest Missouri State University (SMSU) Communications Department. Here's to many more years of storytelling and preservation!

In Memoriam



This month, at age 100, **President Jimmy Carter** [passed away](#), leaving a lasting mark as the longest-lived U.S. President in history. Beyond his tenure as the 39th President, Carter distinguished himself as a humanitarian, author, and Nobel Peace Prize laureate.



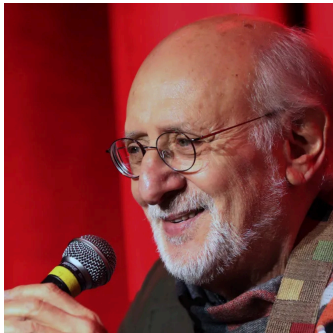
Charles Person, the youngest of the original 13 Freedom Riders, [passed away this month at the age of 83](#). A lifelong advocate for nonviolent protest and social justice, Person faced relentless violence as he and his fellow Freedom Riders tested the enforcement of the Supreme Court's *Boynton v. Virginia* ruling against segregation in interstate travel. His

Explore the depth of his legacy through our archive, which includes his [Farewell Address](#), a [conversation with Bill Moyers in USA: People and Politics](#), an [interview for War and Peace in the Nuclear Age](#), and a [1975 interview with Minnesota Public Radio](#) where Carter discusses his presidential campaign.

For a more comprehensive look at President Carter’s impact on public media, check out [this blog post](#) authored by Media Historian and Curator, Michelle Kelley.

courage and commitment to equality made an indelible mark on the civil rights movement.

Hear his reflections on these experiences in this [compelling two-part interview](#) for American Experience's *Freedom Riders* documentary, where Person shares his harrowing journey and the resilience required to stand against systemic injustice.



This month, we also remember folk singer **Peter Yarrow**, who [passed away at the beginning of this month](#). A key figure in the folk music revival, Yarrow's work with Peter, Paul, and Mary inspired generations. His dedication to social causes and powerful music left an indelible mark on the cultural landscape.

Listen to [this memorable interview for Richter Scale Society with WRVR](#), where Yarrow discusses his music, activism, and the enduring power of folk songs to unite and inspire.

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