

American Archive

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Greetings from the AAPB!

It's about that time. The nights are getting chillier, the leaves are slowly changing, and pumpkin spice lattes are back in every coffee shop. But instead of lamenting the end of summer, let's celebrate the incredible work happening in archives across the nation—from the mainland to Puerto Rico and Hawai'i. And with October being Archives Month, we have plenty of surprises in store for you to look forward to!

The AAPB Celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month

This month, we're excited to honor the vibrant histories, cultures, and perspectives of the Hispanic community. Explore the AAPB's extensive archive, featuring thousands of programs that highlight the diverse experiences and invaluable contributions of Hispanic individuals and communities throughout history.

We're also thrilled to introduce the [Hispanic Heritage Collection](#)— your gateway to a treasure trove of Hispanic programming in our archive. Check out our trailer, available with captions in both English and Spanish, for a glimpse of what's inside.

Discover this and other captivating programs dedicated to Hispanic cultures and experiences and learn more about what awaits in [our latest blog post](#).

AAPB Collections: New & Notable

Hispanic Heritage Collection



Looking for somewhere to kick off your Hispanic history education? Look no further.

Our Hispanic Heritage Collection, available in both English and Spanish, offers thousands of programs and original materials from more than 25 stations and organizations nationwide, with even more on the way. Spanning from the 1950s to 2021, this collection covers an array of topics, including cultural traditions, historical milestones, artistic achievements, immigration experiences, civil rights, workers' rights, and bilingual education.

Highlights include groundbreaking television programs like the beloved children's series *Carrascolendas*, from Austin, Texas, *Acción Chicano* from Los Angeles, *Realidades* from New York, the Emmy-winning *Images/Imágenes* from the New Jersey Network, GBH's *La Plaza*, and *En Camino* from KRCB in Rohnert Park, California, among others

WIPR: Arts and Culture in Puerto Rico



How well do you know *la Isla del Encanto*?

The new *WIPR: Arts and Culture in Puerto Rico Collection* offers a deep dive into nearly 8,000 radio programs, primarily in Spanish, showcasing over 40 years of vibrant life and culture in Puerto Rico.

Previously at risk and accessible only on tape, this valuable content is now available to researchers and the public. Explore the island's rich history and diverse cultural expressions through programs like *Viñeta Rústica* (stories), *Suplemento Dominical* (news), *La Guitarra y los Guitarristas* (music and interviews with musicians), *Enciclopedia al Día* (educational), and many more.

Uncover the essence of Puerto Rico's artistic and cultural heritage like never before.

Dig Deeper with the AAPB

International Literacy Day

This month, we're highlighting the transformative power of literacy to shape lives, strengthen communities, and build a brighter future. Explore [thousands of programs](#) in our archive that discuss literacy from every angle—whether it's breaking national news, heartfelt local stories, or

inspiring educational shows for children. Discover how literacy can change the world, one story at a time.

Democratic and Republican Conventions of Times Past

Curious how today’s political party conventions compare to 1984? 1992? 2000? Uncover America’s political history with our extensive collection of [Democratic](#) and [Republican National Convention](#) coverage. Discover the strategic maneuvers, impactful speeches, and dynamic exchanges that have shaped the nation through hundreds of programs, from *NewsHour* coverage to local man-on-the-street interviews, featuring in-depth looks at speeches, key events, and behind-the-scenes stories.

In the Industry

AAPB and GBH Archives Director Honored for Contributions to Media Preservation

We’re proud to announce that Karen Cariani, Executive Director of the GBH Archives and the GBH Project Director of the American Archive of Public Broadcasting (AAPB), has been [awarded the SMPTE James A. Lindner Archival Technology Medal](#), recognizing her significant contributions to the preservation of media content.



"Throughout my career at the GBH Archives and the American Archive of Public Broadcasting, I've been privileged to work alongside an incredible team dedicated to preserving and providing access to the vast treasure trove of public radio and television in the U.S. Audiovisual media, a priceless record of history, art, and culture, offers a unique challenge in the world of preservation as we face the deterioration of outdated machines and materials, and the growing number of digital formats we must continue to learn to maintain for posterity. Together, we've made strides in advancing technologies and methods to ensure that these invaluable records of history and culture are accessible to current and future generations."

"I'm grateful to the Society of Motion Picture and Television Engineers for this recognition and look forward to continuing our work in pushing the boundaries of what's possible in media preservation."

– Karen Cariani

The Community that Catalogues Together Stays Together!

In August, [WUWM 89.7 FM](#) (Milwaukee's NPR) rallied more than 100 volunteers to catalog and pack its archives as part of our ongoing partnership to digitize and preserve a rich collection of Wisconsin radio programming. This collective effort served as a testament to the power of community in safeguarding media history.

Stay tuned this month for valuable insights from Ele Ellis, Vice President of Content & Programming at WUWM 89.7, as she shares lessons learned from the volunteer initiative and practical tips for other stations looking to preserve and digitize their collections with the AAPB.



Partners in Preservation

This month, GBH and the Mellon Foundation featured the AAPB in celebration of #NationalRadioDay and our shared passion for public media preservation. Hear from GBH Archives Executive Director Karen Cariani in [this engaging reel](#) about the importance of preserving public media. Plus, take [a behind-the-scenes look](#) at the digitization and preservation process, courtesy of the Mellon Foundation.

In the Press

- [WUWM has been accepted into the American Archive of Public Broadcasting](#) (WUWM 89.7 FM)
- [‘Ulu’ulu joins national project to preserve historic public TV programs](#) (University of Hawai’i News)

- [What I Learned Setting Up The Science Friday Archive](#) (Science Friday)
- [Hispanic Heritage Collection Includes Thousands Of Archival Radio Programs](#) (InsideRadio)
- [Library of Congress to Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with Jazz Legend Eddie Palmieri, Poetry Readings and a "Cartonero" Book Workshop](#) (New Jersey Stage)
- [‘Wall Street Week’ Becomes Weekly TV Newsmagazine in Bloomberg Overhaul](#) (Variety)

#FoundintheAAPB

This month, we asked our team at the AAPB about their favorite programs in the archive!

¡Colores! - Building Bridges, Binding Generations: Hispanic Women and Their Art



I've found that one of the best ways to celebrate and learn about different cultures is through art. This Hispanic Heritage Month, I invite you to check out one of my favorite episodes of [¡Colores!, Building Bridges, Binding Generations: Hispanic Women and Their Art](#).

Produced by KNME-TV, ¡Colores! spotlights the art, culture, and history of New Mexico, featuring inspiring interviews with its many artists. In this episode, a diverse group of artists discuss what drives their work, how their culture influences them, and their roles within their communities.

So grab a café con leche, and allow yourself to be inspired by Anita Rodriguez, Cecilia Portal, Theresa Cordova, Goldie Garcia, Patricia Rodriguez, and Christine Sierra!

- Caroline Mango, AAPB Archivist

Tag us on social with the hashtag #FoundintheAAPB or email us with a note about what the program you found means to you for a chance to be featured in the next edition of the newsletter!

In Memoriam



[Dr. Bernice Johnson Reagon](#) was a powerful civil rights activist and cultural voice, advocating for freedom and justice through her singing, teaching, and activism. Born in the South and active during the Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s, Reagon dedicated her life's work to advancing community-based culture rooted in mutual respect and equality.

Primarily recognized as a musician and musical organizer, Dr. Reagon co-founded The Freedom Singers, a touring group that amplified the message of the Civil Rights Movement. She later led the renowned African American a cappella ensemble Sweet Honey in the Rock, creating music that was inclusive and accessible to all.

Explore Dr. Reagon's legacy through interviews in our archive, including discussions filmed for [Eyes on the Prize](#) and broadcast on [In Black America](#), and [Bill Moyers Journal](#).

Ideas for future AAPB collections or exhibits? Questions about how to digitize your station's items with the AAPB? Email us at aapb_notifications@wgbh.org!

The [American Archive of Public Broadcasting](#), a collaboration between the Library of Congress and GBH Archives, coordinates a national effort to digitally preserve and make accessible significant historical content created by public media over the past seven decades.

