

# History in Motion

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OF PUBLIC BROADCASTING

## Greetings from the AAPB!

Happy American Archives Month from all of us at the AAPB! The American Archive of Public Broadcasting is proud to celebrate the essential role archives play in preserving our collective media history. From local news and cultural programming to groundbreaking documentaries and children's shows, public broadcasting has shaped generations, and the AAPB ensures these stories remain accessible for generations to come.

Throughout October, we invite you to explore the archive, learn more about the work of archivists, and celebrate the stations, producers, and communities whose voices live on through public media.

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### New & Notable



#### [Bumps in the Night Collection](#)

As the leaves turn and the nights become chillier, the conversations turn to the supernatural, the ghastly, and the downright spooky. In celebration of spooky season, explore the [Bumps in the Night Collection](#) and experience more than a hundred curated programs dedicated to the things that send shivers down our spine.



#### [LGBT+ Collection](#)

October is LGBTQ+ History Month, a time to reflect on the challenges and achievements of queer and transgender icons throughout our nation's history. The [LGBT+ Collection](#) features hundreds of public radio and television programs dedicated to the representation of the LGBTQ+ community, including discussions, cultural movements, and social and political reactions.

Whether you're looking for stories on [UFOs](#) and [alien abductions](#), [serial killers](#), [abandoned](#) and [potentially haunted asylums](#), or even interviews with [controversial demonologists](#), this collection has it all.

Not sure where to start? Check out [this blog post](#) featuring recommendations based on your favorite scary movie!

Looking for trailblazing programs in the archive? Explore [This Way Out](#), the only internationally distributed weekly LGBTQ+ radio program, and [In the Life](#), an award-winning program which went on to become television's longest-running LGBTQ+ magazine.

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## Dig Deeper

### Before *Dora the Explorer*, there was *Villa Alegre*

As Hispanic Heritage Month comes to a close, we are thrilled to welcome more than 200 episodes of *Villa Alegre* to the American Archive of Public Broadcasting's Online Reading Room for streaming anywhere in the country.

*Villa Alegre* (Happy Village) was the first nationally broadcast bilingual children's program in the United States. The award-winning series was created to educate young viewers while celebrating Hispanic culture. Watch episodes dedicated to [reading](#), [family life](#), [safety](#), [imaginary friends](#), and so much more in the archive.

## Poetry Comes Alive in the Archive

This fall, we are thrilled to welcome WRVR's *Poetry Discovered* to the Online Reading Room to be enjoyed by all! This radio series, out of New York City's Riverside Church, features poets who read and discuss their work while speaking about the issues that are vital to their art.

Featured guests include [Allen Ginsberg](#), [John Ashbery](#), [Denise Levertov](#), [Ted Berrigan](#), and [Galway Kinnell](#).

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## In the Industry

### From Ralph Lowell to Today: A New Chapter in Lifelong Learning

To continue their long-standing commitment to public media and lifelong learning, [the Lowell family has introduced a new lecture series](#) that builds on the legacy started by Ralph Lowell, founder of GBH and champion of educational broadcasting.

Explore more than 600 thought-provoking interviews from the "WGBH Forum Network," made possible by The Lowell Institute. The collection features television and radio lectures, panel discussions, and public talks on science, history, arts, and culture, including [a fascinating conversation with Neil deGrasse Tyson](#) on how physics is everywhere.

## Ask Us Anything: Archival Edition

In celebration of Ask an Archivist Day on October 16, join us for a Reddit AMA on [r/archivists](#) or send your questions via Facebook and Instagram. Our archivists will be on call to answer your most pressing preservation questions, from metadata mysteries to mold management.

P.S. Look out for staff picks from our archivists on social this month!

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## AAPB Staff Feature



"Talking about horror, Halloween, and all things spooky is one of my favorite things. I also love (and anyone at GBH Archives can tell you this) finding fun content on the American Archive of Public Broadcasting and sharing it with people. So why not marry these two passions?

Creating the [Bumps in the Night Collection](#) has been one of the greatest joys of my career. It encapsulates the many facets of public media, showcasing a nice mix of serious interviews, local news, educational content, and funny moments.

Speaking of funny moments, check out this [Ghostly Tour of Georgia](#), and you won't look at glow stick bracelets the same way ever again.

Now go get some Halloween candy, dim the lights, and get ready to find out what goes bump in the night!"

- Caroline Mango, GBH Archives Archivist

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Ideas for future AAPB collections or exhibits? Questions about how to digitize your station's items with the AAPB? Recommendations for the next edition of the newsletter?

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



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