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Greetings from the AAPB!

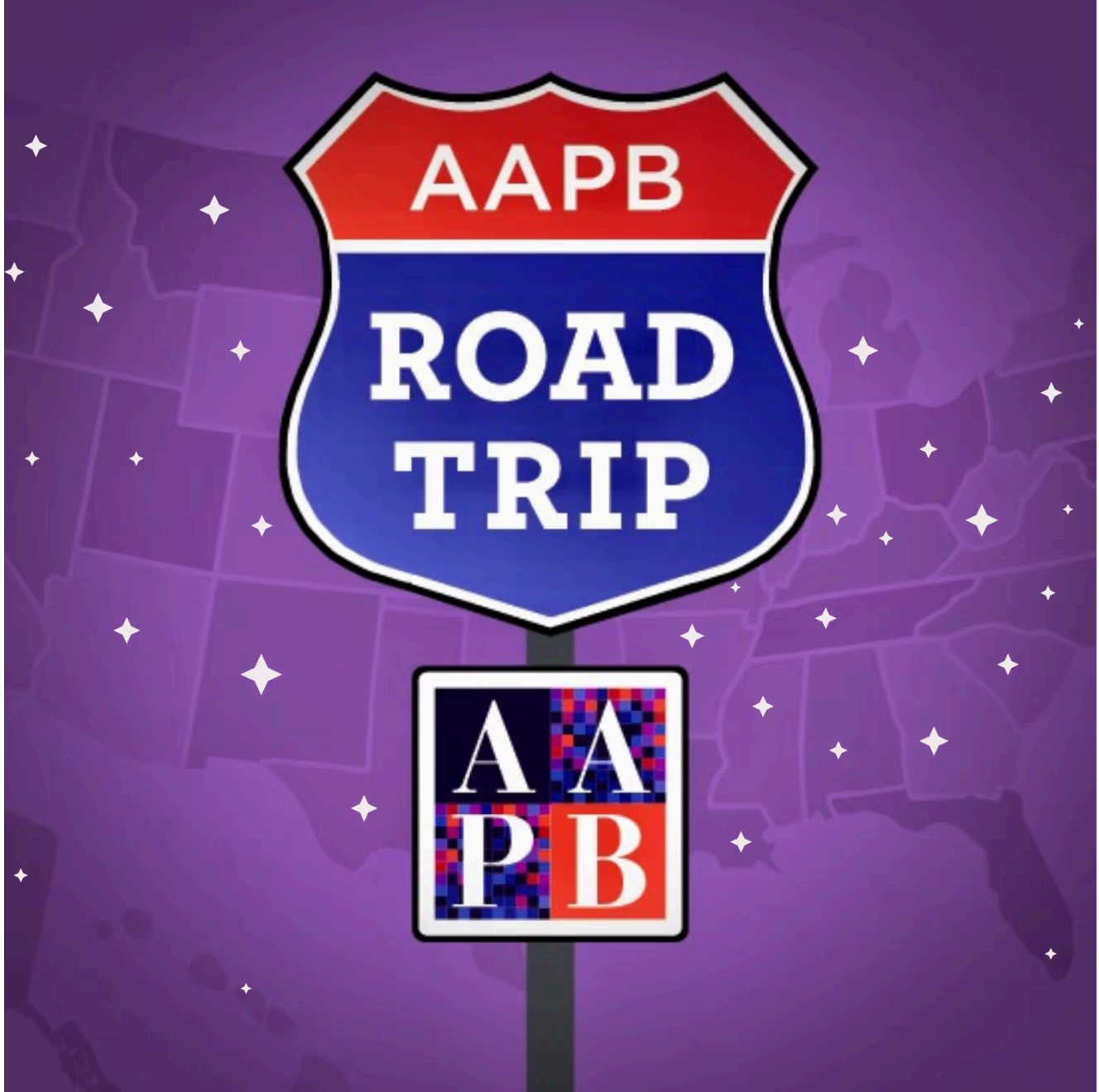
Happy New Year from the American Archive of Public Broadcasting! As we begin 2026, we're excited to reaffirm our commitment to preserving the legacy of public media and sharing the stories that bring our history to life. This year feels especially meaningful as we approach [our nation's 250th birthday](#), and we invite you to join us in celebrating by rediscovering the voices and moments that have shaped our national story.

This holiday season, join us in celebrating another year of listening, learning, and reflecting with the archive. In this month's edition, learn about new resources ahead of America's 250th anniversary, collections honoring HIV/AIDS Awareness Month, holiday program picks, and recent conferences our team attended.

From all of us at AAPB, we wish you and your loved ones a joyous holiday season.

P.S. If you love Spotify Wrapped, [check out AAPB Wrapped](#) for a look at the year's most popular programs.

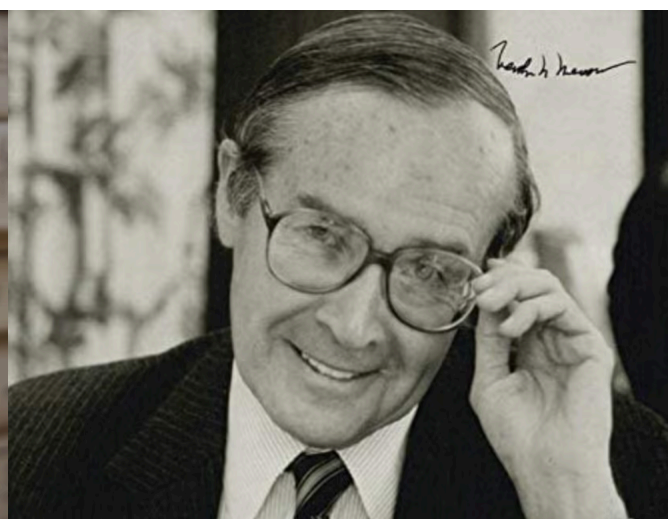
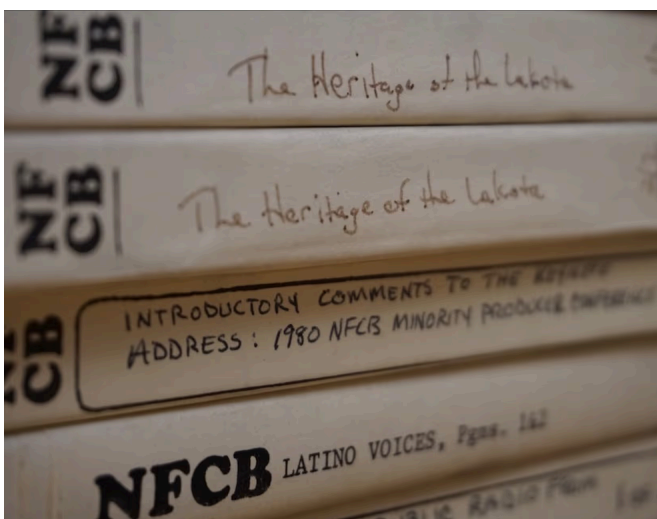
New & Notable



[AAPB Road Trip Collection Reimagined](#)

We're thrilled to share the reimagined AAPB Road Trip Collection, featuring newly added local radio and television broadcasts showcased on an interactive map. This collection showcases America's historical, geographical, and cultural heritage through raw interviews, news broadcasts, local documentaries, lectures, and more.

There's something for everyone to discover on the road trip!



National Federation of Community Broadcasters Programs Collection

In celebration of Public Radio Broadcasting Day, explore more than 600 historic radio programs now available through the University of Maryland Digital Collections. Spanning the 1940s–1980s, this collection features broadcasts from stations and independent producers across the U.S. and Canada, including global music and performances, as well as speeches and interviews with influential historical figures.

Founded in 1975, NFCB is the oldest and largest national organization dedicated to community radio and television stations within the public media system.

Broadcasting in the Public Interest: The Newton Minow Collection

This month, join us in celebrating the heavenly birthday of Newton Minow, FCC Chairman, visionary leader in public broadcasting, and esteemed advisor to the AAPB.

A key architect of American television, Minow famously denounced the commercial programming of his time as “a vast wasteland” while advocating for widespread access to educational media. Explore his profound influence on noncommercial broadcasting through this collection of interviews, panels, testimonies, events, and profiles.

Dig Deeper

January 4, 1972 — GBH’s ZOOM Premieres

Relive the program that raised generations by streaming the entire first series in the archive, including the debut episode.

[Watch](#)

January 10, 1971 — MASTERPIECE Premieres

Alistair Cooke introduced *The First Churchills* 55 years ago, launching one of television’s most enduring franchises. Watch his very first introduction in the archive.

[Watch](#)

January 17, 1926 — Newton Minow’s Birthday

Discover Minow’s lasting impact on noncommercial television through *Broadcasting in the Public Interest: The Newton Minow Collection*.

[Explore](#)

January 19 — Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Celebrate by hearing directly from Dr. King. In this 1963 interview from GBH’s *Perspectives: The Negro and The American Promise*, he reflects on nonviolent resistance, civil rights struggles, and his vision for justice.

[Watch](#)

January 21, 1987 — *Eyes on the Prize* Debuts

Honor this landmark PBS series through full-length raw interviews in the archive, offering powerful firsthand perspectives on the American Civil Rights Movement.

[Watch](#)

January 27 — International Holocaust Remembrance Day

In *We Don't Say Goodbye: Southern Tier People Remember the Holocaust*, WSKG Public TV & Radio shares powerful testimonies from Holocaust survivors who rebuilt their lives in upstate New York.

[Watch](#)

In the Industry Public Radio Broadcasting Day

On January 13, we honored Public Radio Broadcasting Day and celebrated the enduring legacy of public radio, its role in informing, educating, and connecting communities through the power of storytelling.

The AAPB is home to more than 100,000 historic radio programs and curated collections, including [This Way Out](#) (the only internationally distributed weekly LGBTQ radio program) and [Línea Abierta](#) (the only nationally aired daily Spanish-language public radio call-in show).

Explore the treasures of public radio and experience its rich history and continuing influence.

In Case You Missed It: AAPB in the News

- [WBGO Archive: Les McCann chats with Michael Bourne about 'Compared to What' and the Montreux Jazz Festival](#) (WBGO)
- [Corporation for Public Broadcasting Board Votes to Dissolve Organization in Act of Responsible Stewardship to Protect the Future of Public Media](#) (CPB)

Share the Newsletter with a Friend!

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?

Get in Touch

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.

