

History in Motion



Greetings from the AAPB!

As the United States marks its 250th anniversary, the AAPB invites you to explore the voices and stories that have shaped the nation on [our new America 250 landing page](#). Through historic broadcasts, firsthand accounts, and cultural reflections, this collection offers a vivid window into America's past—its struggles, triumphs, and evolving identity.

From pivotal political milestones to everyday experiences across the country, these programs capture the spirit of the nation as told through public media organizations from the 1950s to today.

Discover the stories that define America—then, now, and for the future.

New & Notable



The Bicentennial Collection

As we celebrate America's 250th birthday, revisit how Americans in 1976 commemorated the nation's past and imagined its future.

This collection features recordings of official bicentennial celebrations, documentaries on American history, lecture series exploring



Representing Children with Disabilities on Public Television Collection

In honor of Disability Pride Month, we're proud to spotlight our new collection created in collaboration with the National Center for Accessible Media (NCAM).

democracy worldwide, and panel discussions debating the bicentennial's significance. Together, these programs offer a fascinating look at how the country reflected on its identity during another landmark anniversary.

Featuring eight programs with updated captions and audio descriptions, this collection highlights how public media has long led the way in accessibility, representation, and inclusive storytelling. Spanning children's programming from the 1970s through the early 2000s, these broadcasts demonstrate the power of media to reflect and support the diverse experiences of all children.

Dig Deeper

July 2 – National Disco Day

Celebrate the era of glitter, groove, and dance floors with GBH's *Dancing Disco* (1979), where Randy Deats teaches the moves that defined a generation.

[Watch](#)

July 11, 1967 – Jhumpa Lahiri is Born

Hear from Pulitzer Prize-winning author Jhumpa Lahiri in this thoughtful interview from *NewsHour with Jim Lehrer*, exploring her writing, identity, and creative process.

[Watch](#)

July 20, 1969 – Apollo 11 Lands on the Moon

Relive the first crewed lunar landing and hear pilot Buzz Aldrin reflect on the mission in this interview for NOVA's *To the Moon* documentary.

[Watch](#)

July 6, 1907 – Frida Kahlo is Born

Explore the life and legacy of iconic Mexican painter Frida Kahlo with this 1988 documentary from KQED, offering insight into her art, activism, and enduring cultural impact.

[Watch](#)

July 18 – Nelson Mandela Day

Just months after his release from 27 years in prison, Nelson Mandela spoke with Thirteen WNET New York about the importance of voting rights in South Africa.

[Watch](#)

July 26, 1990 – Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Signed Into Law

Revisit the breaking news coverage from *The MacNeil/Lehrer NewsHour* announcing the passage of the ADA, a landmark civil rights law prohibiting discrimination based on disability.

[Watch](#)

In the Industry

Connecting with Spanish and Portuguese Bilingual Educators

This month, the AAPB was honored to attend the [American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese \(AATSP\) Annual Conference](#) to promote the Spanish and bilingual resources freely available to educators.

Stay tuned for #HispanicHeritageMonth and #NTSW26 to learn more about the fantastic new resources we have in collaboration with educators from AATSP.

Honoring Disability Pride Month with Disability ReFramed

Our team was thrilled to be part of [Disability ReFramed: Celebrating Our Childhood on TV](#), an inspiring evening hosted by GBH celebrating public media's longstanding commitment to

accessibility, representation, and inclusive storytelling for children with disabilities.

A special thank you to our colleagues in GBH Archives, whose incredible research uncovered artifacts documenting public media's pioneering accessibility efforts. We're grateful to have collaborated with colleagues across GBH and the National Center for Accessible Media (NCAM) on this project and to help preserve and share this important history.

In Case You Missed It: AAPB in the News

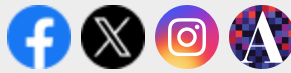
- [National Library Week: KUAC TV Archives](#) (KUAC)
- [Mark Erstling, exec who guided public media's digital transition, dies at 76](#) (Current)

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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?

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.



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