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Join us for an Informational Meeting

THURSDAY, OCT 5 | 5:30PM

Western Illinois University, Riverfront Hall 3300 River Drive, Moline
Or join us via Zoom at: wqpt.org/travelzoom

This informational meeting will be presented by our travel director, Michael Poe, and host, Lora Adams. This is an opportunity to questions and learn about the trip in detail.

You can also sign up for the trip in person that night.

Refreshments provided.

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This tour is recommended for ages 14 years and up.

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SECRETS OF THE SURFACE
THE MATHEMATICAL VISION OF MARYAM MIRZAKHANI
Examine the life and mathematical work of an Iranian immigrant who became a superstar in her field. In 2014, she became the first woman awarded the prestigious mathematics Fields Medal.
TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 12 | 11:00PM

THE BRIGHT PATH
THE JOHNNY BRIGHT STORY
A rare Black American stand-out player on Drake University’s football team in the late 1940s and early ’50s, Johnny Bright was a clear front-runner to win the 1951 Heisman Trophy. Then, a serious injury led Bright to move on to a Hall of Fame career in the Canadian Football League and work as an educator, coach and principal, influencing the lives of hundreds of children.
SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 3 | 7:00PM

VAN DER VALK ON MASTERPIECE
Season 3 Premiere: Dutch detective Piet Van der Valk welcomes two new sergeants to the team, the hotshot but impulsive Eddie Suleman and the technical whiz Citra Li.
MONDAY SEPTEMBER 11 | 9:00PM
POV
WHILE WE WATCHED
A turbulent newsroom drama intimately chronicling the working days of broadcast journalist Ravish Kumar as he navigates a spiraling world of truth and disinformation.
THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 14 | 11:00PM

UNFORGOTTEN
ON MASTERPIECE
Season 5 Premiere: DCI James joins DI Khan and team to investigate the discovery of human remains in a newly renovated antique home. Just when she needs to be at the top of her game, her first day on the job is marred by an unforeseen and devastating event in her family life.
MONDAY SEPTEMBER 11 | 8:00PM

THE CHALLENGER EXHIBITION GAME AT THE LITTLE LEAGUE WORLD SERIES
The matchup is set for the memorable Little League Challenger Division Exhibition Game for teams from Lancaster, Pennsylvania, and Syracuse, New York, to compete during the 2023 Little League Baseball World Series in August. The Challenger Program is designed for Physically and Mentally Challenged girls and boys from 4 to 22 years of age.
THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 28 | 4:00PM
FRIDAY
7:00  America’s Test Kitchen
Ultimate Yule Log
7:30  Cook’s Country

SATURDAY
7:00  Classic Gospel
Best of Booth Brothers
8:00  Austin City Limits

MONDAY
7:00  The Bright Path: The Johnny Bright Story
The life and career of African American Drake University football player Johnny Bright, who overcame racial obstacles to carve out his own path in life and became a Hall of Fame athlete and award-winning Educator.
8:00  Magical Land of Oz

TUESDAY
7:00  Rick Steves’ Europe
Istanbul
7:30  Epic Trails
The Jordan Trail
8:00  Wild Rivers with Tillie
Glen Canyon

WEDNESDAY
7:00  Antiques Roadshow
Vintage Tucson 2021, Hour 2:
A Mexican charro saddle, Gaston Chaissac artwork, and a 1956 Olympics USA Basketball memorabilia.
8:00  New Tricks
Painting On Loan
9:00  Agatha Christie’s: Poirot
Adventure of the Cheap Flat
10:00  Agatha Christie’s Marple
The Secret of Chimneys
11:30  Tell Me More with Kelly Corrigan
Neal Brennan

THURSDAY
7:00  The Cities
7:30  The Whitney Reynolds
Peace, Love and Mental Health
8:00  Celebrity Antiques Road Trip

FRIDAY
8:00  In Julia’s Kitchen
with Master Chefs Carol Field
8:30  Steven Raichlen’s Planet Barbecue
Gulf Coast Grill
9:00  Christopher Kimball’s Milk Street Television
Milk Street Pantry Staples
9:30  Lidia’s Kitchen
Easygoing Recipes
10:00  Ask This Old House
Baby Proofing, Septic Systems
10:30  This Old House
Newburyport | Demo Find
11:00  Austin City Limits
Maren Morris

SATURDAY
Modern rockers The War On Drugs perform songs from their LP I Don’t Live Here Anymore.
9:00  Song of the Mountains
Lonesome Pine Bluegrass Band
10:00  With
Mike Campbell with David Fricke
11:00  Wild Rivers with Tillie
The Devil’s River—An Unexpected Gem In Texas
11:30  Outside: Beyond The Lens
Sailing The British Virgin Islands: Jeff sets sail on a Caribbean adventure in the BV islands.

MONDAY
8:00  Van Der Valk on Masterpiece
Payback In Amsterdam: When a promising cellist from a prestigious orchestra dies following an acid attack, Van der Valk and his team must delve into the city’s vibrant and eclectic classical music scene in the search for her killer.
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The Snake River

11:30 Outside: Beyond
The Lens Tennessee Parks

10 SUNDAY
7:00 Wonders of Mexico
Forests of the Maya
8:00 Magical Land of Oz
Human: An exploration of Australia’s mesmerizing wildlife and how they’ve adapted to survive in the human environment.
9:00 9/11 Inside
The Pentagon

On September 11, 2001, Flight 77 slammed into the Pentagon, killing 184 people. Survivors and first responders shed light on that tragic day.
10:00 Hiding In Plain Sight
The Storm

11 MONDAY
7:00 New Tricks
Painting on Loan
8:00 Unforgotten
on Masterpiece

Global Melting Pot

9:00 Christopher Kimball’s
Milk Street Television
The Best Falafel
9:30 Lidia’s Kitchen
Stretch Your Meal
10:00 Ask This Old House
Neighbors Helping Neighbors
10:30 This Old House
Newburyport | Design Talk
11:00 Austin City Limits
The War On Drugs

12 TUESDAY
7:00 Rick Steves’ Europe
Iran: Tehran and Side Trips
7:30 Epic Trails

Papua New Guinea
8:00 Wild Rivers with Tillie
The Rio Grande
8:30 Outside: Beyond
The Lens
Kings Canyon National Park
9:00 Prairie Sportsman
9:30 Illinois Adventure
Ettle Home Dekalb, Home In Oakland, Antique Auto
10:00 Finding Your Roots
And Still I Rise: Angela Y. Davis and Jeh Johnson
11:00 Secrets of the Surface:
The Mathematical Vision of
Maryam Mirzakhani Syam
Examine the life and mathematical work of Maryam Mirzakhani, an Iranian immigrant to the United States who became both the first woman and the first Iranian to be awarded the most prestigious award in mathematics.

13 WEDNESDAY
7:00 Antiques Roadshow
Vintage Orlando Hour 2: A Fern Isabel Coppedge oil, a Tiffany Studios mosaic glass inkwell and an 1844 Presidential election political banner.
8:00 New Tricks
1984
9:00 Agatha Christie’s:
Poirot

The Kidnapped Prime Minister
10:00 Agatha Christie’s
Marple
The Blue Geranium
11:00 POV
While We Watched: Follow tormented journalist Ravish Kumar for two years as he battles a barrage of fake news, falling ratings and the resulting cutbacks.

15 FRIDAY
7:00 America’s Test Kitchen
Breakfast of Champions
7:30 Cook’s Country
8:00 In Julia's Kitchen with Master Chefs Monique Barbeau
8:30 Steven Raichlen’s Planet Barbecue

16 SATURDAY
7:00 Classic Gospel
**SUNDAY**

7:00  Wonders of Mexico
Mountain Worlds

8:00  Outback
The Kimberley Comes Alive

9:00  American Experience
Zoot Suit Riots: In June 1943, Los Angeles erupted into the worst race riots in the city to date.

10:00  Hiding In Plain Sight
Resilience

**MONDAY**

7:00  New Tricks
1984

8:00  Unforgotten on Masterpiece
Season 5, Episode 2: The team works to identify the body found in the chimney flue as forensics reveal the cause of death

9:00  Van Der Valk on Masterpiece
Freedom In Amsterdam, Part 2: As Van der Valk and the team continue to investigate, they are drawn into the murky world of drug smuggling before revealing a deeper, darker personal tale of envy.

10:00  Baptiste on Masterpiece
Episode 1: Julien Baptiste hunts for a missing prostitute in Amsterdam.

**THE POWER OF MUSIC**
As each African country faces its own political trials and tribulations, hip hop music plays a pivotal role in voicing those struggles.

The 77 Percent talks to hip hop duo P-Square in an exclusive interview, where they tell us about music in Nigeria during turbulent political times.

BEGINS FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 22
19 TUESDAY
7:00 Rick Steves’ Europe

Iran’s Historic Capitals
7:30 Epic Trails
Canada’s Sunshine Coast, British Columbia
8:00 Wild Rivers with Tillie
8:30 Outside: Beyond
The Lens Croatia Part 1
9:00 Prairie Sportsman
9:30 Illinois Adventure
Elsah, Waterpark In Yorkville, Principia College
10:00 Finding Your Roots
Anchormen: Jim Acosta and Van Jones
11:00 American Experience
Zoot Suit Riots: Watch racial prejudice, sensational news reporting, and discriminatory police department that left 1942 Los Angeles in a firestorm.

20 WEDNESDAY
7:00 Antiques Roadshow

Vintage Spokane, Hour 1: A 1905 Spokane bird’s-eye view lithograph, Abraham Lincoln letters and signed carte-de-visite, and a yellow diamond and platinum ring.
8:00 New Tricks
Good Work Rewarded
9:00 Agatha Christie’s: Poirot
The Adventure of the Western Star
10:00 Agatha Christie’s: Marple
The Mirror Crack’d from Side to Side
11:30 Variety Studio: Actors on Actors
Pedro Pascal with Steven Yeun; Kieran Culkin with Claire Danes.

21 THURSDAY
7:00 The Cities
7:30 Whitney Reynolds
Trauma to Triumph
8:00 Celebrity Antiques
Road Trip
Sharon Maughan & Tina Hobley
9:00 My Ascension
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10:00 Scattering CJ

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11:00 Our Miracle Years
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22 FRIDAY
7:00 America’s Test Kitchen
Two Simple Pastas
7:30 Cook’s Country
8:00 In Julia’s Kitchen with Master Chefs

8:30 Steven Raichlen’s Planet Barbecue
Obsessed with Brisket
9:00 Christopher Kimball’s Milk Street Television
Simple Italian
9:30 Dooky Chase Kitchen: Leah’s Legacy
Madisonville
10:00 Ask This Old House
Dimmer Switch Troubleshooting
10:30 This Old House
Newburyport | Bed Race

23 SATURDAY
7:00 Classic Gospel
Fortune/Walker/Isaacs/Rogers: Brotherly Love
8:00 Austin City Limits

The Very Best of John Prine
9:00 Song of the Mountains Carolina Blue
10:00 The Caverns Sessions
Sierra Ferrell
10:30 Tradfest: The Dublin Castle Sessions
11:00 Wild Rivers with Tillie
Glen Canyon: Resurrection of a World Wonder
11:30 Outside: Beyond
The Lens Big Island Eruption

24 SUNDAY
7:00 Wonders of Mexico
Burning North
8:00 Outback
The Dry Season
9:00 American Experience

25 MONDAY
7:00 New Tricks
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**7:00** America's Test Kitchen
Beef Wellington

**7:30** Cook's Country

**8:00** In Julia's Kitchen with Master Chefs
Alfred Portale

**8:30** Pati's Mexican Table
The Nectar of the Mayan Gods

**9:00** Christopher Kimball's Milk Street Television
The Joy of Cooking, Jalisco-Style

**9:30** Dooky Chase Kitchen: Leah's Legacy
Queen's Day

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**TUESDAY**

**7:00** Rick Steves' Europe
Croatia: Adriatic Delights

**7:30** Epic Trails
Juneau, Alaska

**8:00** Wild Rivers with Tillie

**8:30** Outside: Beyond
The Lens Croatia, Part 2

**9:00** Prairie Sportsman

**9:30** Illinois Adventure

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**THURSDAY**

**7:00** The Cities

**7:30** Whitney Reynolds
Difficult Dialogue

**8:00** Celebrity Antiques Road Trip

**9:00** Facing Suicide
Explore the powerful stories of those impacted by suicide—one of America’s most urgent health crises. Journey to the front lines of research with scientists whose work is leading to better prevention and treatment.

**10:30** Breaking Loneliness
Follow three people: Indigenous Peer Support Worker John Chief Moon, volunteer Tom Greyson and ESL teacher Julie Kraychy—who have worked to overcome their own loneliness and social isolation and are now helping others to battle theirs.

**11:00** POV
Bulls and Saints: After 20 years of living in the United States, an undocumented family decides to return home. Little do they know it will be the most difficult journey of their lives and reawaken an intense desire for a place to belong.

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**SATURDAY**

**7:00** Classic Gospel
Because He Lives

**8:00** Austin City Limits
Enjoy fresh perspectives in song from Olivia Rodrigo and Phoebe Bridgers.

**9:00** Song of the Mountains
Lightnin' Charlie / Jonah Riddle and Carolina Express

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**WEDNESDAY**

**7:00** Antiques Roadshow
Vintage Louisville 2021, Hour 1: Giddy-up to Derby City for updated Season 12 appraisals including a Dirk Van Erp lamp from around 1910, a J. Falter “Listening to the Sea” illustration and a 1919 Cincinnati Reds championship baseball.

**8:00** New Tricks
Home Truths

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**SUNDAY**

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Since 1995, our First Book initiative has distributed more than 450,000 books to children throughout the region.

The goal of First Book is to provide equal access to quality education. WQPT PBS works with schools and literacy programs throughout the region to distribute free books to children, with a focus on those who are from low literate, low income, English as second language, rural and/or families with special needs.

If you are aware of children or students who would benefit from First Book or if you would like to support this important work, visit: wqpt.org/firstbook
Saturday, October 14
Two sessions: 9:00–11:00AM or 12:00–2:00PM
Western Illinois University, Quad Cities Complex

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- Nature Cat
- Molly of Denali
- Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood
- Katerina Kitty
- Clifford The Big Red Dog

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- Quad City Storm
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Hiding in Plain Sight
THURSDAY SEPT 7 & 14  9:00PM

Losing Lambert
FRIDAY SEPT 8  4:30AM

Breaking Loneliness
THURSDAY SEPT 21  4:00PM

Unmasking Hope
THURSDAY SEPT 21  4:30PM

Scattering CJ
THURSDAY SEPT 21  10:00PM

Facing Suicide
THURSDAY SEPT 28  9:00PM

My Ascension
A film to spread hope & fight suicide

SPECIAL FILM SCREENING
& PANEL DISCUSSION

Thursday, SEPT 21, 2023
5:00PM

Western Illinois University
Riverfront Hall Room 111
This event will be held in person
with a virtual viewing option.

ABOUT THE FILM
My Ascension was created to inspire
and educate audiences, while
providing a spark to help individuals
and communities enhance suicide
prevention efforts and save lives.

WATCH
Thursday  SEPT 21  9:00PM
Sunday  SEPT 24  10:00PM

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