

MAY HIGHLIGHTS

BALL STATE PBS

Shared Planet With stunning cinematography, this unique global four-part series reveals the untold stories of people and wildlife thriving together. Celebrating the benefits of making room for nature, this series offers a vision of a hopeful future. **Wednesday, May 6, 13 & 20 at 10 p.m. (Episode 1 aired Wednesday, April 29.)**

Great Performances “Suffs” This musical recorded from Broadway tells the story of the American suffragist movement and the remarkable friendships, heartbreak, and action that brought women together—or, in some cases, tore them apart. **Friday, May 8 at 9 p.m.**

FRONTLINE “The President vs. the Fed” President Trump’s unprecedented challenges to the Federal Reserve—and what it means for the economy. **Tuesday, May 12 at 10 p.m.**

American Masters “W.E.B. DuBois: Rebel with a Cause” Explore the life and legacy of notable Black scholar and civil rights pioneer W.E.B. Du Bois. From his birth, just five years after the Emancipation Proclamation; to his death, on the eve of the March on Washington in 1963, his legacy as an activist continues to resonate today. **Tuesday, May 19 at 9 p.m.**

The Puzzle Lady Cora Felton’s eccentric, no-nonsense approach proves the perfect way to outwit the murderers, con men and corrupt officials that stand in her way. The Puzzle Lady streamed in the UK under the title “Murder Most Puzzling”. **Thursdays starting May 21 at 10 p.m.**

Independent Lens “Third Act” Generations call Robert A. Nakamura the godfather of Asian American film. Tadashi Nakamura calls him Dad. Tadashi turns the camera on his father as they confront art, activism, and aging. From WWII incarceration to cultural awakening and a Parkinson’s diagnosis, Third Act is a tender portrait of legacy, inherited trauma, and the final chapter of a shared creative life. **Monday, May 25 at 10 p.m.**

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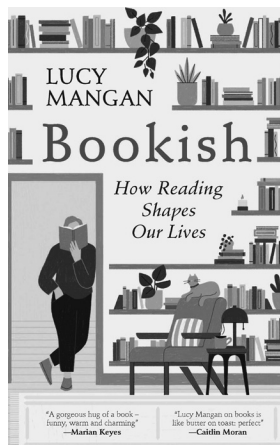
The Facing Project

J.R. Jamison is joined by British journalist and author **Lucy Mangan** to discuss her new book, **Bookish**, a love story on how books not only shelter our souls through hard times and help us find ourselves when we feel lost, but also help us connect with the people we love through shared stories.

As a child, Lucy Mangan was reading all the time, using books to navigate the challenges and

complexities of this world and many others. As an adult, she uses her new relationship with literature to seize upon the most important question: (How) do books prepare us for life?

Bookish vividly tells the story of a reader’s life from the cusp of teenagerhood, when everything—including the way we read—undergoes a not-so-subtle transformation. Lucy vividly recounts her metamorphosis from young bookworm to bookish adult, from the way school curricula impact our relationship with literature, to the growing pains of swapping the pleasures of re-reading for those of book-hoarding.



Revisiting the books of all genres that ferried her through each important stage of life—falling in love, finding a job, becoming a mother, and navigating grief—Bookish is a coming-of-age story told through books.

Saturday, May 30 at 1 p.m.; encore Sunday, May 31 at 7 p.m.

BlueNotes welcomes warmth in May

In May, BlueNotes Classic Jazz offers a program of relaxing “Simply Jazz.” Join host Larry Beck for two hours of jazz charts to welcome warmer weather. Featured artists include Billy Taylor, Les McCann, Annie Kozuch, the Buselli-Wallarab Jazz Orchestra and Astrud Gilberto. **Saturday, May 30 at 8 p.m.**

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MAY PRIMETIME LISTINGS

	8 P.M.	8:30 P.M.	9 P.M.	9:30 P.M.	10 P.M.	10:30 P.M.
1 FRI	Washington Week with the Atlantic	Firing Line with Margaret Hoover	Great Performances “ <i>Now Hear This The Iceland Sound</i> ” Journey across Iceland and uncover how this small nation inspires artists.		Great Performances “ <i>Now Hear This: The Composer Is Yoo</i> ” Follow Scott Yoo’s journey to compose a piece of music for the first time.	
2 SAT	The Legacy of Black Horsemen Explore the stories of Black jockeys, trainers, owners, grooms and exercise riders in the 1800s Thoroughbred industry.		American Vision: The Santa Fe Opera Examine the Sante Fe Opera’s extraordinary history as one of the world’s most popular summer festivals.		This Moment In America: Artists in the Heartland	Papa Ray’s Vintage Vinyl Roadshow “Florida”
3 SUN	Call The Midwife “ <i>Season 15, Episode 7</i> ” A new cohort of jr. doctors joins the midwives, while Violet announces her plan to shadow the midwives.		MaryLand On Masterpiece “ <i>Episode 1</i> ” Becca and Rosaline receive unimaginable news of their mother, and fly to the Isle of Man to learn more.		The Count of Monte Cristo On Masterpiece “ <i>The Duel</i> ” As Edmond’s revenge continues, Fernand’s misdeeds are made public.	
4 MON	Antiques Roadshow “ <i>Grants Farm, Hour 2</i> ” Harvest treasures at Grant’s Farm, including a 1960 Ansel Adams Portfolio and a Persian Qashqai Gabbeh rug.		The American Revolution “ <i>The Soul of All America</i> ” After Valley Forge and Monmouth, the French-American alliance changes the war and moves it to other theaters. Navies battle off England and in the Caribbean, while armies advance in Indian Country and the South. The British take Charleston.			
5 TUE	Finding Your Roots “ <i>In The Blood</i> ” Henry Louis Gates, Jr. uncovers the surprising roots of actor Michael Douglas and writer/director Lena Dunham.		The American Revolution “ <i>The Most Sacred Thing</i> ” British General Cornwallis struggles to pacify the southern states. Supported by the French, Washington wins the decisive victory at Yorktown. With independence secured, Americans aspire for a more perfect union.			
6 WED	Life On Earth: Attenborough’s Greatest Adventure Discover the story behind TV’s first wildlife blockbuster: Life on Earth.		NOVA “ <i>Decoding The Universe: Cosmos</i> ” See how mind-bending discoveries over the years have revolutionized our understanding of the universe.		Shared Planet “ <i>Open Spaces</i> ” From Kenya to Mexico, witness how people and wildlife are finding balance in Earth’s vulnerable landscapes.	
7 THU	Now Entering “ <i>Fortville, Part 2</i> ” ❖	Black Baseball In Indiana ❖	Murder in the Mountains “ <i>Old Wounds</i> ” Suspicions grow after a wife is murdered a year after her husband.		RFDS: Royal Flying Doctor Service “ <i>Duty of Care</i> ” The team handles a remote retrieval for a patient with Down syndrome, while personal crises peak.	
8 FRI	Washington Week with the Atlantic	Firing Line with Margaret Hoover	Great Performances “ <i>Suffs</i> ” Witness the American women’s suffrage movement in this Tony-winning Broadway musical. Created by Shaina Taub, the cast features Taub as Alice Paul, Tony winner Nikki M. James as Ida B. Wells, and Tony nominee Jenn Colella as Carrie Chapman Catt.			
9 SAT	O Freedom! The Musical Saga of Mary Pleasant A moving documentary musical unfolds the life of civil-rights icon Mary Ellen Pleasant.		Homesteading Uncover the stories of people who created a life for themselves on the prairie after Lincoln signed the Homestead Act in 1862.		Montiers: An American Story	Papa Ray’s Vintage Vinyl Roadshow “Jamaica”
10 SUN	Call The Midwife “ <i>Season 15, Episode 8</i> ” Sister Veronica weighs her future with the Order; Dr. Turner makes a stand against the council’s news.		MaryLand On Masterpiece “ <i>Episode 2</i> ” As Becca and Rosaline deal with the fallout from their mother’s death, new revelations emerge.		The Count of Monte Cristo On Masterpiece “ <i>The Last Two</i> ” With one enemy out of the way, Edmond works ensures the last two pay for their crimes.	
11 MON	Antiques Roadshow “ <i>Grants Farm, Hour 3</i> ” At Grant’s Farm, discoveries include a Cartier Art Deco Tutti Frutti clutch and a Carl Kauba cowboy bronze.		Antiques Roadshow “ <i>Santa Fe’s Museum Hill, Hour 3</i> ” Treasures galore, with finds including Green Bay Packers salesman’s sample championship rings.		Independent Lens “ <i>Natchez</i> ” In a Mississippi town, historic homes fuel a tourism economy rooted in antebellum nostalgia.	
12 TUE	Finding Your Roots “ <i>Far from Home</i> ” Henry Louis Gates maps the family trees of pop icon Cyndi Lauper and actors Jamie Chung and Danny Trejo.		Finding Your Roots “ <i>Larger Than Life</i> ” Lea Salonga and Amanda Seyfried are introduced to ancestors and the stories of their heart-wrenching ordeals.		FRONTLINE “ <i>The President Vs. The Fed</i> ” President Trump’s unprecedented challenges to the Federal Reserve—and what it means for the economy.	
13 WED	Nature “ <i>Attenborough and the Sea Dragon</i> ” Discover the Ichthyosaur, a fearsome fish lizard that lived during the age of Dinosaurs.		NOVA “ <i>Decoding The Universe: Quantum</i> ” Discover the subatomic realm, and the powerful quantum sensors and computers of the future.		Shared Planet “ <i>Forests</i> ” Journey from Guatemala to Japan to meet the pioneers sharing space with wildlife, restoring the way we coexist.	
14 THU	Now Entering “ <i>Fortville, Part 3</i> ” ❖	Fleeing to Flyover Country ❖	Murder in the Mountains “ <i>In The Dungeon</i> ” A terrifying serial killer has the team racing the clock after the Countess is kidnapped.		RFDS: Royal Flying Doctor Service “ <i>Accountability</i> ” The team faces a high-stakes emergency that threatens one of their own.	
15 FRI	Washington Week with the Atlantic	Firing Line with Margaret Hoover	Great Performances “ <i>Top Hat</i> ” Enjoy this acclaimed musical inspired by the 1935 movie starring Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers featuring a timeless score by Irving Berlin including classics like “Cheek to Cheek,” “Let’s Face the Music and Dance” and “Puttin’ on the Ritz.”			

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16 SAT	A Life Reimagined: The George Masa Story Unravel the mysterious life of George Masa, a Japanese immigrant whose extraordinary photographs helped define the identity of the Great Smoky Mountains.			Price of Paradise Lindamae, a Hawaiian native, discovers the truth about her identity and forced separation from family.		Trolley Park: Great Lakes
17 SUN	Lucy Worsley's Royal Myths & Secrets "Elizabeth I: The Warrior Queen" Explore Elizabeth I's image as a warrior queen and how it shaped British identity.		MaryLand On Masterpiece "Episode 3" Everything comes to a head as Richard and Jim arrive at the Isle of Man.		Downton Abbey On Masterpiece "Downton Abbey - Part 1" Downton Abbey and its servants face turmoil after loss of the heir.	
18 MON	Antiques Roadshow "Junk in the Trunk 15" Visit all five cities from ROADSHOW's celebratory Season 30 for never-before-seen finds.		Antiques Roadshow "Cheekwood Estate & Gardens, Hour 1" Watch charming appraisals from Cheekwood Estate & Gardens.		Independent Lens "Light of the Setting Sun" Filmmaker Vicky Du traces generational trauma, rooted in the aftermath of China's 1949 revolution.	
19 TUE	Finding Your Roots "Stranger Than Fiction" Travel across China and the American South to uncover the ancestors of novelist Amy Tan and poet Rita Dove.		American Masters "W.E.B. Du Bois: Rebel with a Cause" Explore the life and legacy of the notable Black scholar and civil rights pioneer. Born just five years after the Emancipation Proclamation and passing away on the eve of the March in Washington in 1963, his legacy as an activist still resonates today.			
20 WED	Nature "Attenborough's Wonder of Song" Explore seven of the most remarkable animal songs found in nature and their significance for survival.		NOVA "When Whales Could Walk" Egyptian desert fossils reveal clues to the evolution of the biggest animals on Earth.		Shared Planet "Waters" From the reefs of Indonesia to an Idaho beaver dam, new standards for aquatic wildlife protection set a hopeful future.	
21 THU	Now Entering "New Castle, Part 1" ❖	Fueling A Region: Indiana's Gas Boom ❖	Murder in the Mountains "Redemption" An old acquaintance arrives in Kitzbühel, causing Nina's past to haunt her.		The Puzzle Lady "Episode 1" Bakerbury police call on the "Puzzle Lady" to help solve the murder of a young girl.	
22 FRI	Washington Week with the Atlantic	Firing Line with Margaret Hoover	Great Performances "An Evening with Nicole Scherzinger" Join Scherzinger for a solo concert at Royal Albert Hall, which showcased the former 'Pussycat Doll' singer's pop hits alongside a range of Broadway classics.			Great Performances "Now Hear This: Rising Stars"
23 SAT	Invisible Nation Join Taiwan's first female president, Tsai Ing-wen as she navigates challenging international relationships.		After Ike - A Journey That Changed America This documentary retraces the grueling journey that shaped Dwight D. Eisenhower and the nation.		Waal River Crossing: 1944 An intimate retelling of a heroic WWII mission, told through archival footage and celebratory interviews.	
24 SUN	National Memorial Day Concert 2026 America's national night of remembrance live from the West Lawn of the U.S. Capitol. Hosted by Tony Award-winner Joe Mantegna and Emmy Award-winner Gary Sinise.			National Memorial Day Concert 2026 America's national night of remembrance live from the West Lawn of the U.S. Capitol. Hosted by Tony Award-winner Joe Mantegna and Emmy Award-winner Gary Sinise.		
25 MON	Antiques Roadshow "Celebrating Asian-Pacific Heritage" Watch incredible items from Asian-American, Asian and Pacific Islands creators.		Antiques Roadshow "Cheekwood Estate & Gardens, Hour 2" Visit Music City for astonishing finds including a Civil War Union soldier archive		Independent Lens "Third Act" As Parkinson's and political unrest open old wounds, father and son confront art, memory, and legacy.	
26 TUE	Finding Your Roots "Dreamers One and All" Explores the ancestry of actor Sharon Stone & model Chrissy Teigen, traveling across Europe & Thailand.		Seabiscuit: American Experience The story of the undersized, unlikely Thoroughbred that became a national icon during the Great Depression.		FRONTLINE "The War Cabinet" The key players behind President Trump's expansive use of the U.S. military.	
27 WED	Nature "Attenborough's and the Jurassic Sea Monster" Unearth the fossil of a giant Pliosaur, the largest Jurassic predator ever known.		NOVA "Great Mammoth Mystery" A unique excavation of a site in southwest England with rare traces of ancient mammoths and Neanderthals.		Secrets of the Dead "China's Bronze Kingdom" Remnants of a mysterious ancient city lies hidden in the mountains of Sichuan.	
28 THU	Now Entering "New Castle, Part 2" ❖	Heading for Home: Adaptive Reuse in the Circle City ❖	Astrid "Global Plan" In the first episode of season 3, a well-known astrophysicist is found dead, struck by lightning—with no storm.		The Puzzle Lady "Episode 2" The Puzzle Lady closes in on Bakerbury's Graveyard killer.	
29 FRI	Washington Week with the Atlantic	Firing Line with Margaret Hoover	Great Performances "Broadway Musicals: A Jewish Legacy" From Irving Berlin to Stephen Sondheim, and from Fanny Brice to Barbra Streisand, this documentary explores the phenomenon of how Jewish-American songwriters created a uniquely American art form.			
30 SAT	Barbra Streisand: Timeless - Live In Concert Enjoy a magical concert filmed on New Year's Eve in 1999 at the MGM Grand Hotel in Las Vegas.			Great Performances "Josh Groban: An Evening at Union Chapel" Groban is at the top of his craft as he unveils new songs and unique interpretations of all-time favorites in an intimate, warm setting.		
31 SUN	Our Favorite Things About Grantchester	All Creatures Great and Small: The Wisdom of the Dales Reflect on the simple wisdom that can be gleaned from the people of the Yorkshire Dales as they support each other as a community.			Downton Abbey On Masterpiece "Downton Abbey - Part 3" Matthew brings out the bitter rivalry between sisters Mary and Edith.	

PBS Pledge Drive special programming starts May 29

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Tune in for **Julia Child's Best Bites** on Saturday, May 30 at 8 a.m. Celebrate the first lady of cooking with Martha Stewart, Jacques Pepin, Vivian Howard, Marcus Samuelsson, Jose Andres, Eric Ripert, Rick Bayless and more. Chefs and celebrities share personal insights as they screen Julia's most-beloved episodes.

Don't miss **Josh Groban: An**



Evening at Union Chapel on Saturday, May 30 at 10 p.m. Filmed in November 2025, this unforgettable concert film captures a performance by Josh Groban at London's historic Union Chapel. Groban is at the top of his craft as he unveils new songs and unique interpretations of all-time favorites in an intimate, warm setting.

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