

## KUEN Channel 9 - Programs and Issues Report April 1-June 30, 2025

Listed below are programs that **KUEN** Channel 9, Utah Education Network, deems to be of importance in the **KUEN** viewing area. Education is the primary focus of this station, serving educators and all citizens of our service area. These programs are indicative of **KUEN's** commitment to provide the citizens of Utah access to the highest quality and most effective instructional experiences.

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### ***K-12 Instructional Programming***

**KUEN** approved a comprehensive schedule of instructional programs for use in Utah's elementary and secondary schools. These programs were selected and scheduled in cooperation with staff of the Utah State Board of Education. A representative list of these programs includes:

**Reading League's Reading Buddies:** What do a dog, a girl and a robot have in common? First and foremost, Dusty, Dott and Alphabott are best friends. But they are also reading buddies! Dusty loves to talk, but learning to read is a new skill. With the help of Dott and Alphabott, he discovers that it can be so much fun! Along the way, the friends practice letters, sounds and reading words, get letters from their globe-trotting friend Otto, practice social skills and much more. **KUEN** aired this series of 30-minute programs Monday through Friday at 11 a.m.

**Wimee's Words:** Wimee is a fun, lovable robot that inspires kids to learn through creativity. Join Wimee and his friends as they share stories, music and games that spark imagination, inspire creative thinking and encourage a love of learning. Each episode is filled with wacky wordplay, silly songs and playful conversation. This series celebrates the diversity of languages and cultures, uses technology to invite collaboration and ultimately fosters a growing community of young creators. This series aired Monday through Friday at 11:30 a.m. on **KUEN**.

**Let's Learn:** "Let's Learn" is an educational public television series for children ages 3 to 8, featuring lessons by educators, STEM specialists, teaching artists and others. The 130 one-hour programs include instruction in literacy, math, science, social studies and the arts to supplement at-home learning. The series also supports social-emotional learning and brings viewers on virtual field trips to see dance performances, meet animals, visit botanical gardens and more. **KUEN** broadcast this series Monday through Friday at 12 p.m.

**A History of Civil Rights in America:** "A History of Civil Rights in America" offers a comprehensive historical overview detailing the expansion of civil rights to include more people. The series takes you through the development of the Constitution, the Bill of Rights, the 13th and

14th Amendments, civil rights legislation, court decisions as well as examining fearless civil rights leaders like Rosa Parks, Cesar Chavez, Thurgood Marshall and Martin Luther King, Jr. From the past to the present, this eight-part series takes the viewer through one of the most powerful forces in American History; the promise of equality for all. This series of 30-minute programs aired on **KUEN** Fridays at 9:30 a.m.

**DIY Science Time:** “DIY Science Time” inspires students and families to explore the world of science through fun and engaging do-it-yourself science experiments. Work along with Mister C and the science crew to explore amazing and fun science concepts. DIY Science Time reminds everyone that learning science is fun and that “Science is wherever you are!” **KUEN** broadcast this series of 30-minute programs on Thursdays at 10 a.m.

### **Public Affairs Programming**

**DW News:** A daily newscast from the heart of Europe. As one of the world’s largest international broadcasters, Deutsche Welle provides public television viewers the unique opportunity to see our world from another perspective. The global economic crises, war in around the world, and the worldwide campaign to combat global warming are issues that affect viewers on both sides of the Atlantic. On “DW News,” reporters and presenters from their Berlin studios provide viewers depth and clarity as well as a unique European perspective on the day’s events. **KUEN** airs this series Monday through Friday at 7 p.m.

**The Chavis Chronicles:** “The Chavis Chronicles” is a thought-provoking half-hour weekly talk show with an urban American flair featuring interviews with famous leaders and politicians, doctors and scientists, cultural leaders and influencers from around the globe. The public affairs program goes beyond the headlines, offering insights on matters that impact the public, and provides a unique perspective from a renowned living legend of the African-American world. Each week, Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis, Jr. hosts the 52-part series. Dr. Chavis—an award-winning journalist, civil rights icon and consummate intellectual influencer—is a skilled interviewer who presents important content and diverse conversations that are engaging, enlightening and entertaining to a wide audience. This series aired Fridays at 10:00 p.m. on **KUEN**.

**Single-Use Planet:** Plastic is vital to our modern way of life—but all forms of it? In search of why ever more single-use plastic debris enters the ocean each year despite all recycling efforts, “Single-Use Planet” goes upstream in the U.S. to where millions of tons of raw plastic are being made with generous government support. How have other countries solved the pollution? The quest eventually leads to France. This 60-minute documentary aired Thursday, April 10, at 9 p.m.

**The Good Road:** “The Good Road” is an innovative, inspiring documentary series about two best friends who travel the world meeting philanthropists and change-makers, who have dedicated their lives to addressing global humanitarian issues. From depressed inner-city neighborhoods to border camps for refugees to rural health clinics, hosts Earl Bridges and Craig Martin explore efforts to help Rohingya refugees, stop elephant poaching, end human trafficking, alleviate poverty and more. **KUEN** broadcast this series on Friday nights at 8 p.m.

**NHK Newsline:** “Newsline” is produced by NHK, Japan’s leading public news broadcaster, delivering the latest from Japan, Asia and the rest of the world. It features global news and current affairs, business, sports, science and technology trends plus global weather forecasts from over 30 news bureaus throughout the world. Their wide network of correspondents around the globe covers breaking news and developing stories, offering a unique Asian perspective. Together with a team of trusted anchors, “NHK Newsline” presents a picture of what’s happening now and what’s ahead. **KUEN** aired this series twice a day, Monday through Friday, at 7 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

**American Delivery:** In the U.S., where more women die in childbirth than in any other wealthy nation, the joys of pregnancy and motherhood are often overshadowed by fear. Amid a growing maternal health crisis, especially for women of color, “American Delivery” explores glimmers of hope, such as women finding their voice and autonomy, nurses listening to women and offering birth choices, and hospital leaders making community-based decisions. The film interweaves the stories of women and their families across the U.S. as they navigate the challenges of pregnancy, mental health, childbirth and the postpartum period. It paints a joyous portrait of the moment babies come into the world and the heroic efforts of families and communities to catch new mothers before they fall through the broken health safety net. **KUEN** aired this documentary on Saturday, May 10, at 9 p.m.

### ***General Interest Programming***

**My Money Mentors:** An eight-part reality-style docuseries dedicated to making financial literacy enjoyable and empowering for young adults. Hosts financial advisor Jacqueline Schadeck and financial literacy coach Chris Corinthian guide people through various monetary challenges and equip them with actionable steps to make smart money choices while helping them build a stronger financial future. **KUEN** aired this series Tuesdays at 8 p.m. beginning April 1.

**Eyes of the World: From D-Day to V-E Day:** Join historian John Monsky, conductor Keith Lockhart and the Boston Pops for a tribute to remember in “The Eyes of the World: From D-Day to V-E Day.” In an unforgettable event from Boston’s Symphony Hall, Monsky takes viewers on a breathtaking and suspenseful journey through the events of D-Day, the liberation of Paris, the Battle of the Bulge and the Allied advance into Germany. Broadway stars join Monsky and the Boston Pops on stage to tell the dramatic story of World War II’s final months in Europe through a stirring mix of music and personal stories. The show centers around the images, reportage and revealing firsthand accounts of four wartime correspondents: Ernest Hemingway, Robert Capa, Vogue model-turned-photojournalist Lee Miller and a young soldier named Jerry, later revealed as a famous author. Their rare photographs and the stories they crafted bring history to life and illuminate the bravery and sacrifices of the men and women who served in World War II. This program aired Wednesday, June 4, at 8 p.m. on **KUEN**.

**Discovery Road:** Explore the people and places of the Mormon Pioneer National Heritage Area (MPNHA). “Discovery Road” features a ’55 Pontiac that travels along U.S. Highway 89, All-American Road State Route 12, and Scenic Byway State Route 24 in Utah. As the car drives along these roads, viewers will discover the things that make the MPNHA worth driving for

themselves. Using music, storytellers and the characters in the communities along the way, “Discovery Road” presents Utah’s history, scenery and culture in an entertaining and educational manner. The MPNHA is a federally designated area of central and southern Utah running along the beautiful and historic U.S. Highway 89—including the All-American Road, Utah State Route 12 and the Capitol Reef Scenic Byway (Utah State Route 24), which both intersect with U.S. 89 and together form the MPNHA’s Boulder Loop. This series airs on **KUEN** Saturdays at 6 p.m. and Wednesdays at 12 a.m.

**The Piping Plovers of Moonlight Bay:** Set against the backdrop of the ever-dynamic Atlantic shoreline, this one-hour program features a pair of courageous plovers and the adventures of their blended brood of chicks. Raising tiny, marshmallow-sized baby birds on a crowded urban beach is a perilous occupation, and the family faces many life-threatening obstacles. The plover’s life story is one of nature’s most heartwarming examples of adaptation and survival. Each year, northward-migrating plovers return to breeding sites along the Atlantic Coast, Great Lakes and Great Plains regions. Unlike most birds, plovers nest on beaches where people also enjoy a full range of recreational activities. The documentary illustrates how conservation partners have provided safe corridors that allow these highly vulnerable birds to raise chicks to fledge at even the most well-loved beaches. A film for all ages, “The Piping Plovers of Moonlight Bay” inspires viewers with a love for wildlife and their habitats while fostering a deeper understanding of the vital role wildlife plays in our interconnected ecosystem. **KUEN** aired this program on Monday, April 14, at 9 p.m.

**Art Connection:** This weekly series highlights four artists and their craft. Travel around the world, meeting fascinating people and the love of art that connects them all. **KUEN** broadcast this series on Sundays at 7 p.m.

**Your Serve or Mine?** In 1971, a small group of U.S. table tennis players made history by traveling to a then-isolated China. The first Americans to legally visit in more than 20 years, they opened up lines of communication that remain vital today, succeeding where diplomats had failed. The people-to-people links they established are being carried on today by a new generation of American and Chinese college students. **KUEN** aired this program on Friday, May 2, at 9 p.m.