

# **VOLUNTEER VOICES** OCT 2025

**Where did the September issue go? Sometimes events happen close to the end of a month, so some newsletters will be published early the following month. Going forward, these updates will be in your inbox near the beginning of the month describing what happened the previous month with a glimpse of the next month. Thank you for your understanding and for reading Volunteer Voices.**

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## **Service Anniversaries**

Thank you for spending all these years with Nine PBS!

**13 Years - Angela Cissell, Elizabeth Threlkeld**

**9 Years - Margaret Brockmeier, Dennis Moore, Phil Wright**

**8 Years - Charlotte Balettie, Paul Ohlendorf, Pearl Scheve, Kathy Simons**

**7 Years - Evelyn Weathers**

Welcome to Kayla Harmon, Linda Horsley, Tessa McConnell, Satishraj Puli, and Ronni Zimmerman!

## **Volunteer Projects in September**

- Storytime in the Commons: Be My Neighbor Day
- Downton Abbey Premiere Party
- Music at the Intersection
- Caregiver Storytelling Series Finale
- Tours for Rooted Homeschool Village
- The Great Forest Park Balloon Glow & Race
- Donnybrook Reception
- Little Readers Festival
- Tower Grove Pride
- Major Gift Support
- Premium Packaging

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## **Nuggets of Information**

- It's Emmy Awards season and we're pleased to announce that Nine PBS received THIRTEEN Emmy nominations! Here are the Emmy-nominated stories: [2025 Emmy Nominations](#)
- It's also survey season! If you would like your voice heard, please take a moment to complete the following surveys:
  - Annual Volunteer Survey: <https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/8464781/Volunteer-Survey-2025>
    - This is anonymous, so if there's something you'd like us to know about you, email Cindy La.
  - Annual Community Survey: <https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/8345110/2025-Community-Survey>

## Impact

Nearly 30 volunteers helped with Storytime in the Commons: Be My Neighbor Day! It was the largest storytime we've ever had at over 560 guests! Exciting and impactful family events like this are only possible because of volunteers--thank you! In case you missed it, the new name for this event will be Nine PBS Playdate in the Park. We've learned this year that our community loves when we reach them where they are, so we will pop up at various parks in the St. Louis region next spring and summer.

With your help, Nine PBS led or participated in at least one event every weekend in September. We gained these new members:

- 2 from the Downton Abbey Premiere Party
- 1 from The Great Forest Park Balloon Glow/Race
- 8 from Tower Grove Pride

What's more difficult to quantify but just as important is the support from our neighbors. Hundreds of people approached the Nine PBS booth at the Balloon Glow and Tower Grove Pride. Our presence made it possible for them to show their appreciation in front of others. For some, being there with a table was the encouragement they needed to become involved. We heard, "I've been meaning to become a member for the longest time. Can I do that right now?" And we always welcome new friends.

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## Value of Volunteer Time This Month

# \$8,243.57

Being able to calculate the value of your time is essential to our grant-writing process! Having an accurate number shows how involved our community (which includes you!) is with Nine PBS, which leads to better support.

NOTE: When recording your time in [VicNet](#), we recommend including travel time as it more accurately shows how much of your free time you are giving to Nine PBS.

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We spent September being with our neighbors, but in October we're bringing it back to the station. We are preparing year-end mailings, a Donnybrook Reception, and Edcamp. If you know any educators at public, private, or home schools, you may share [this Edcamp invitation](#) with them. We are eager to welcome many of you back to the station. Thank you for your time!

## Get To Know Susie Berger

We highlight a volunteer each month, so here's a little about Susie.

### Q: What do you like to do in your spare time?

A: Listening and going to the opera.

### Q: What is your favorite holiday and why?

A: My favorite holiday is Thanksgiving--getting together with friends.

### Q: What is your favorite Thanksgiving dish?

A: Mashed sweet potatoes.

### Q: Do you have a fun story related to Nine PBS?

A: Getting together with some wonderful ladies that I met while volunteering at Nine PBS! We go out to lunch twice a month.

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*"They always say time changes things, but you actually have to change them yourself." ~ Andy Warhol*

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