

Laser-focused on his goals.

Experiences anxiety in new situations.

To work through feelings, he collects his thoughts in Synapse Junction.

Logical.

Precise. High attention to detail.

Warm-hearted.

Struggles when things don't go according to plan.

Open about his autism.

Wiggles his fingers, paces or flaps his arms.



Coming to



WGVU Public Media

November 14!



Meet Carl!

Carl the Collector is PBS KIDS' first show centering a lead character on the autism spectrum.



Learn More!

CARL THE COLLECTOR

Fostering empathy, inclusion and resilience.

"The goal is to inspire neurodiverse and neurotypical kids alike to foster a world in which neurodiversity is not only recognized as a benefit to society, but is celebrated as exemplifying the full spectrum of what it means to be human."

- Creator Zach Ohora



Forrest

Nico & Arugula

Meet Lotta!

Musician.

Artist.

Quiet.

Self-assured.

Twirls or strokes her tail.

Has Synesthesia. When she hears music, she sees colors.

Sensitive to noise. Uses headphones and ear plugs to help.

Not as open about her autism.

When overwhelmed, escapes into her imagination (where she has her own unicorn!).



Sheldon

Carl's friends include both neurotypical and neurodiverse characters, each with different traits, behaviors, learning preferences, and challenges.

Supporting Kids on the Autism Spectrum

Activities, Resources & More



"If you've met one person with autism, you've met one person with autism."
 Dr. Stephen Shore, show advisor for Carl the Collector



How PBS KIDS Shows Benefit My Son With Autism



How PBS KIDS Characters Help My Family and Son With Autism



How Media Can Positively Impact Children's Perceptions of Autism



PBS KIDS Games App



Life's Little Lessons, Hands-On Activities & More!



Games, Videos, Stories, Art & Songs



PBS KIDS Video App

TRY ME!



Daniel Tiger for Parents App

