New England Public Media is the new alliance of western New England’s legacy public media outlets, New England Public Radio (WFCR) and WGBY-TV. Established in 2019 and fueled by a deep commitment to independent local journalism, engaging educational content, inspired multicultural and music offerings, and spirited civic engagement, NEPM combines the track record of a trusted media resource with an emphasis on sharing new voices and inspiring new conversations. We provide audiences throughout the region with diverse programming across all platforms —TV, radio, online, and mobile—including PBS and NPR programs complemented by locally-produced programs, podcasts, and specials. NEPM is located in Springfield, Massachusetts and serves all of western New England.

**Watch**

With four digital television channels, video on demand, and streaming video, NEPM brings quality public television programs to audiences across western New England, inviting them to experience the worlds of science, history, nature and public affairs, to hear diverse viewpoints, and to take front row seats to world-class drama and performances. PBS KIDS helps children build critical literacy, math and social-emotional skills, enabling them to find success in school and life. NEPM’s locally produced television programming includes the magazine-format public affairs show *Connecting Point*, the bilingual series *Presencia*, and the academic quiz show *As Schools Match Wits*. NEPM is available over the air on digital channel 57-1 and on cable throughout western Massachusetts and northwestern Connecticut and can be seen in high definition in western Massachusetts at Comcast 857, Time Warner 1221, Spectrum 782, and over the air on channel 57.

**Listen**

New England Public Media provides an essential and trusted voice for the region through local reporting and locally-produced music programming, and by connecting the region to the world through its partnership with NPR and other national and international public media organizations. Its flagship signal, 88.5FM WFCR (and 5 repeating stations in Berkshire County), presents news, jazz, and classical music, while the six stations of the NEPM News Network provide the region with news, talk and cultural programming 24/7.
LOCAL VALUE

NEPM’s local reporting and public affairs programming tells the stories our region’s diverse population, and its events and partnerships serve as a conduit for involvement and interaction. The station’s educational services work to meet head-on the challenges facing families, parents, and youth in our region. The global COVID-19 pandemic, and the local, national and international outrage and calls for systemic change in the wake of the the killing of Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor and George Floyd this year, galvanized our commitment to serving our communities with rigorous journalism, and expanding outreach to teachers and families adapting to remote learning and grappling with systematic racism and its impact in our community.

KEY SERVICES

- Journalism
- Educational Outreach
- Community Engagement
- Music, Arts & Culture

LOCAL IMPACT

In 2019, WGBY Public Television and New England Public Radio (WFCR and the NEPR News Network), merged to become New England Public Media. NEPM is already having a transformational impact on our dynamic and diverse community as we confront profound challenges to our region’s health and economy. By integrating television, radio, video, audio, digital and social media under one roof, we are better positioned to discover and tell the stories that matter to the people of western New England — in politics, news, arts, education, culture, and more.

VISION

New England Public Media is western New England’s resource for the best in public media — a robust, multi-platform organization that addresses the full range of journalism, education and entertainment interests across our region. As a trusted, respected and responsive community resource, NEPM connects the diverse residents of our region to each other and the world through original storytelling, dynamic programming, and inclusive events that inform, educate and inspire.

VALUES

To realize its mission and vision, NEPM will adhere to the following values:

**Excellence**

NEPM will strive for the highest quality in our programming, outreach, facilities, and staffing.

**Integrity**

NEPM, as an institution and on the individual level, will adhere to the highest ethical standards. Our work products will be accurate and fairly represented.

**Respect**

NEPM will respect the opinions, contributions and needs of all of our viewers and supporters. We will encourage and facilitate civil discourse within the community.

**Diversity, Equity and Inclusion**

NEPM will provide programming and services that reflect the diversity of its community.

**Creativity**

NEPM will develop innovative approaches to address the dynamic needs of its community.

**Learning**

NEPM will nurture and support the fundamental lifelong desire to learn and grow.
NEPM strives to take an active role in the community by conceiving of, planning and executing, and participating in a wide range of initiatives. Many of these efforts require personal representation while others require support and planning services, volunteer organization, materials/resources, or intellectual leadership/guidance.

NEPM’s Department of Educational Engagement provides learning opportunities and works closely with the community to improve outcomes for youth, families, educators, students, and community partners.

NEPM is an implementing partner of the 413Families text message campaign, which offers families with young children information about fun things to do and tips about health, learning, and more. So far, there are over 3,500 recipients who receive messages weekly.

In addition to the many community engagement and education efforts outlined in the pages that follow, NEPM’s Education Team is a partner on many educational community efforts, including:

- Harold Grinspoon Charitable Foundation’s Excellence in Teaching Awards
- Putnam Vocational Early Education & Care Advisory Council
- Reading SuccessBy4thGrade
- Springfield Early Literacy Coalition
- Bay Path University and Smith College Community Advisory Boards

**Professional Development**

As part of NEPM core education services, the station offers professional development workshops to regional educators, highlighting PBS educational resources that include PBS LearningMedia, a powerful platform for teachers and students. Professional development workshops were attended by well over 100 PreK-12 teachers in our region, often to those who serve low-income communities. In partnership with the Harold Grinspoon Foundation and WGBH in Boston, NEPM also provided a free webinar on Project Based Learning for over 300 educators from across the state, including recipients of the Pioneer Valley Excellence in Teaching Awards. In addition, we presented PBS educational resources to regional school superintendents.

Teacher Resource: Diversity in Latino Culture, interactive lesson where teachers can introduce students to the rich diversity of local Latino food, music, and art through the lens of, Presencia (NEPM bilingual television series).
Educational Resources

With the support of WGBH and the Krueger Charitable Foundation, NEPM distributed over 2,400 books and other educational resources to local, high-needs school districts. During the summer, interns were integral to WGBY/CPTV’s *Daniel Tiger Be My Neighbor Day* at the CT. Trolley Museum, where children were able to play PBS KIDS digital learning games and distribute books to take home and parents received educational materials. In addition, we were able to give 500 books and family learning resources to Pre-K children during our weekly visits to Head Start and YMCA classrooms. When invited to attend the YMCA’s kindergarten graduation, we gave each of the 35 or so graduates books and was joined by a special appearance of Curious George! During the school year, the education team also hosted additional character meet and greets and screening events at the Springfield Library featuring *Let’s Go Luna* and *Daniel Tiger*.

Watch: [Western Mass Mom Marie Delimon Uses Daniel Tiger’s Neighborhood as a Parenting Resource](#)

Summer of Fun & Learning

For six weeks in the summer, NEPM staff and education interns from UMass and Putnam Academy visited a total of five pre-K classrooms at a Springfield Head Start site and the YMCA of Greater Springfield. During these visits, we served approximately 100 children with weekly activities that included small group reading, vocabulary building and digital learning with our PBS KIDS Playtime Pads. By summer’s end, interns experienced field trips to WGBH in Boston where staff there introduced them to the production of children’s programming as well as other PBS educational resources, they visited the Eric Carle Museum, and attended YouthWorks 2019 Professional Convening in Worcester.

Watch: [NEPM Produced on air spot of classroom visits at the YMCA](#)

Watch: [Slideshow produced by summer interns.](#)

Education Blog

Posts on the [NEPM’s Education Blog](#) highlight high-quality PreK-12 education resources, trends, professional development opportunities, and more. The blog also provides quick links to sites such as PBS KIDS, PBS Parents, Ready to Learn, and other resources. Resources are primarily from PBS sites such as PBS LearningMedia, which offers vast collections designed to enhance the classroom with engaging content.
NEPM Studio Tours

Staff led several interactive station tours throughout the year. These events enabled area students and interns to learn about career opportunities in the multimedia production industry. Students and interns were also able to explore production processes and, with guidance, even handle some studio equipment.

Educator Ambassadors Program

NEPM collaborated with WGBH again on the 2020-2021 Educator Ambassadors program to recruit and engage innovative teachers from across the Commonwealth to work on the development and dissemination of education resources and advance our roles as public media partners for PreK-12 educators in our state. The four western Massachusetts teachers are from: Pathfinder Regional Vocational High School in Palmer, Stoneleigh-Burnham School in Greenfield, Alice B. Beal Elementary School in Springfield and the High School of Science and Technology in Springfield.

Intern Showcase

In mid-August, 11 interns’ families joined NEPM staff, funders, and community partners at the station to celebrate our summer interns and learn more about the extent of their work. These college and high school interns shared their work, personal experiences and insights about being a part of a local PBS and NPR station and its community outreach. The showcase also gave them an opportunity to reflect on how their experiences might influence their future careers.

Media Lab

Throughout FY20, the education team began unifying two long-standing, complementary, youth media programs, NEPR Media Lab and WGBY Youth Media Institute, under the new organization: New England Public Media. During the Summer of 2020, in-person workshops offered High School students all the basics to get students producing their own audio narratives, from writing and interview skills to audio and video production and editing. During the school year, we partnered with the Latino Education Institute and Springfield Public Schools to pilot a Middle School “Media Lab” program during the school day at two different schools: Duggan and Kennedy with 25 students. However due to the impact of COVID-19, we were forced to postpone all in-person workshops and began to explore remote learning.
NEPM produces many annual events to engage our community, share PBS and NPR content with our audiences and develop connections and partnerships throughout the region. NEPM is also committed to actively participating at many events in the community, including celebrations, information and internship/job fairs, festivals, meetings, etc.

**Country Music with Signature Sounds**

On Sunday, September 8, NEPM and Signature Sounds presented a special evening in celebration of Ken Burns’ Country Music at the Academy of Music Theatre in Northampton. 500 guests enjoyed the evening which included previews of Country Music and spirited conversation led by Signature Sounds’ Jim Olsen with country artist Laura Cantrell, musician and Grammy-award winning producer Jim Rooney and live performances by Laura Cantrell, Jim Rooney and special guests the Piedmont Melody Makers.

**NEPM Kids Fan Day**

NEPM Kids Fan Day is our annual celebration of all things PBS Kids, showcasing award-winning educational content and providing a family-friendly day of creativity and fun for 2500 children and families.

Children are encouraged to come dressed as their favorite PBS Kids characters.

Fourteen area cultural and educational partners provided creative show themed activity stations where children explore how their love for PBS Kids content extends throughout the community. Fans also visit with PBS KIDS characters, Clifford the Big Red Dog, Curious George, and The Cat in the Hat.

This year the event celebrated the launch of two new PBS Kids shows with screenings of Molly of Denali and Xavier Riddle and the Secret Museum and we welcomed special guest Chris Eliopoulos, Co-creator, Executive Producer and Illustrator of Xavier Riddle and the Secret Museum, who led a drawing class for budding artists and talked about his new show.

To meet strategic priorities of diversity, equity and inclusion, we engaged bilingual children’s entertainment, made sure books were available in Spanish and English and worked with area nonprofits to distribute 700 free tickets to low income families.
In 2019, NEPR and The Academy of Music Theatre formed two new partnerships with local organizations in an effort to engage new storytellers from more diverse communities. With Nueva Esperanza, a non-profit organization based in Holyoke, Massachusetts that serves as a hub for community, creation, and culture for the Puerto Rican/Afro-Caribbean community, we hosted a storytelling workshop at the Holyoke Public Library featuring a Holyoke resident as the facilitator, along with a translator. We have continued to build our relationship with Nueva Esperanza and are planning a story slam featuring stories from Holyoke’s Puerto Rican community when it is safe for all to participate in live events again.

Valley Voices also partnered with EmbraceRace, a multiracial community of parents, teachers, experts, and other caring adults who support each other to meet the challenges that race poses to our children, families, and communities. While the organization has national reach, its founders live here in western Massachusetts. We worked directly with EmbraceRace to help launch a new storytelling event in our region called On the Flip. As the project’s website says, “we’re working towards building a culture of live storytelling that features those whose perspectives rarely appear in the public square, and supporting them to tell the stories they want to tell, rather than the stories we think we want to hear. Those may be stories of racism and oppression, bias and hardship; they may also be stories of joy, family, friendship and community, resistance, resilience, and laugh-out-loud humor.” The theme for the first event which was held on February 13, 2020 was “I See Color”, and featured eight storytellers in a non-competitive, community-building environment.

**THIS YEAR, NEPM ATTENDED:**

- Dr. Seuss Read-a-thon, March 2019
- Springfield Puerto Rican Parade, September 2019
- Puerto Rican Cultural Project RAN KAN KAN on Main Street Concert, December 2019
- NoHo Pride Parade, May 2019

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*NEPM in partnership with the Academy of Music produced the sixth season of our popular Valley Voices Story Slam series, that encourages storytelling as a means of connection and inspiration. Our storytellers audition with an opening line on a theme, and are then coached for a live performance story slam. Each event features ten tellers each delivering a five minute story. The winners of each slam go on to compete in our “Best of Valley Voices” event live at the Academy of Music Theatre. Themes this year included Family Ties, In the Mood, TMI, Busted, Open Road, and Love Me Tinder.*
NEPM engaged with a wide range of organizations on various projects and opportunities, including event sponsorship, in-kind trades, media trades, educational partnerships, and outreach initiatives. In addition to public schools throughout western New England, a partial list of community partners includes:

1794 Meetinghouse • Amherst Ballet • Amherst Leisure Services Community Theater • Arcadia Players • Berkshire Bach Society • Berkshire Film & Media Collaborative • Bing Arts Center • Celebrate Holyoke • Celtic Heels School of Irish Dance • Close Encounters with Music • Community Music School of Springfield • Double Edge Theatre • Glasgow Lands Scottish Festival • Hartford Symphony Orchestra • Jacob’s Pillow • Jorgensen Center for the Performing Arts • Ko Festival of Performance • Mass Audubon’s Connecticut River Valley Sanctuaries • Mass MoCA • Mohawk Trail Concerts • Mount Holyoke Jazz Ensembles • Music Worcester • Norfolk Chamber Music Festival • Northampton Arts Council • Northampton Jazz Festival • Panopera • Pioneer Valley Symphony Orchestra • Springfield Jazz & Roots Festival • Springfield Museums • Springfield Public Forum • Springfield Symphony Orchestra • UMass Department of Music and Dance • UMass Fine Arts Center • Valley Classical Concerts • Valley Light Opera • Vermont Jazz Center • WAM Theatre • Yellow Barn Music Festival • Young at Heart Chorus and YWCA.

- 413 Families • Academy of Music, Northampton • MA • Affiliated Chambers of Commerce of Greater Springfield • Amherst College • Bay Path University • Bay State Health • Berkshire Eagle • Berkshire Museum • Beveridge Family Foundation • Boston Symphony Orchestra (Tanglewood) • BusinessWest • Center for Human Development • Chicopee Savings Charitable Foundation • Common Media • Community Foundation of Western Mass. • Community Involved in Sustaining Agriculture • Connecticut Public • Cumulus Radio • Dakin Humane Society • Daily Hampshire Gazette • Dennis Group • Earthlight • El Pueblo Latino • El Sol Latino • Eric Carle Museum of Picture Book Art • Focus Springfield • Hadley Dept. of Parks & Recreation • Hampden County Opioid Task Force • Harold Grinspoon Charitable Foundation • Health New England • Head Start (Holyoke, Chicopee, Springfield) • Hilltown Families • Holyoke Community College • Holyoke Early Literacy Initiative • Holyoke St. Patrick’s Parade • Hood Milk • Irene E. and George A. Davis Foundation • Kestrel Land Trust • Krueger Foundation • La Voz • Latino Education Institute • Massachusetts Teachers Association • Massachusetts Cultural Council • MassHire • Masslive • MLK Family Services • Multicultural Film Festival • UMass Amherst • New England Farm Workers Council • Nourse Growers • Northampton Area Young Professionals • Northampton Center for the Arts • PeoplesBank • Pocumtuck Valley Memorial Association • Precision Dental • Puerto Rican Cultural Project • Putnam Early Education & Care Council • Reader to Reader • Reading Success By 4th Grade • Springfield City Library • Westfield News Group • Westfield State University • GBH • Wilbraham United Church • WMAS • Women in Philanthropy of Western Mass. • Yankee Magazine • YMCA of Greater Springfield • The Zoo at Forest Park
At NEPM, our mission is to provide our community with diverse, high-quality programming that informs, educates, and entertains. We accomplish this with a passionate staff in our regional newsroom, covering stories important to our region, and with extensive national and international coverage from a wide range of programming provided by NPR, American Public Media (APM), Public Radio International (PRI), and other public radio sources. Our local public affairs program, Connecting Point, offers interviews and field pieces on NEPM-TV, and PBS programs like FRONTLINE and PBS NewsHour keep our community connected to the world.

It is also vital to our mission to connect our audience to the wealth of art and culture in western New England. We do this by providing locally produced classical, jazz, and world music programs, and in-depth coverage of local cultural resources by our news department, and the Connecting Point and Precencia teams. In addition to on-air content on both radio and television, NEPM offers a variety of non-broadcast resources, from an impressive line-up of podcasts produced in-house and community outreach initiatives, to our Media Lab program for underserved high school students and a robust college internship program. We strive to meet the needs of our community, reflecting its diverse interests in our programming, creating connections and exploring the world – across continents with NPR reporters stationed in far flung corners, and right here in western New England where our reporters and public affairs team cover state and local politics, our eclectic arts and culture scene, exciting academic pursuits at our many local universities and colleges, and so much more.

Local Journalism & News Reporting

The NEPR news department focuses on stories relevant to the station's diverse listening area, a region that includes major urban centers, struggling post-industrial towns, a large rural area and a vibrant academic community. The local news service produces newscasts, long-form features, interviews, commentaries and three news-focused podcasts. In FY ’20 regional commentators on our air included Andrée Comer, executive director of Educators for Excellence in Hartford, Patricia Byrne, a Sister of Saint Joseph, and writers Tochi Onyebuchi of New Haven, Connecticut, and Jamil Ragland of East Hartford, Connecticut, and Bruce Watson, of Montague, Massachusetts.

In FY20, NEPM brought listeners coverage of major international, national and regional stories. Our newsroom closely tracked the state’s political scene, with major coverage of the issues facing our region, including Covid-19, racial justice and the Black Lives Matter movement, and the 2020 election. Nearly every week, we aired conversations with a State House reporter about legislation under consideration on Beacon Hill in a segment by our Morning Edition host called Beacon Hill in 5. The Short List, our weekly round-table segment, in which a panel of journalists discusses the major regional news stories of the week, helped listeners explore key issues.
In 2020, NEPM became the New England “home base” \textit{for America Amplified} – a collaborative project based at KCUR in Kansas City and funded by CPB. John Dankosky was the New England Engagement Editor, working out of our Springfield studios. While the original intent of the project was to engage communities around the country on issues related to the 2020 election, \textit{America Amplified} quickly pivoted to covering the COVID-19 pandemic. In New England, several live talk shows were produced engaging our audiences in conversations around the pandemic and racial justice. The program wrapped up with a special in January 2021 on environmental issues facing the new administration.

NEPM is a member of the New England News Network Exchange, where material from public radio stations in the six New England states is shared through Public Radio Exchange (PRX). This partnership allows NEPM to broadcast more news relevant to our audience, and to share our content with other stations in the region. Partnerships with local newspapers, \textit{The Springfield Republican} and \textit{The Daily Hampshire Gazette}, have allowed NEPR access to the papers’ photo archives and encouraged their reporters to talk about their stories on the air. These partnerships allow the papers to share NEPM’s audio content on their websites, connecting our reporting to a new audience.

NEPM is a founding member of the CPB-funded New England News Collaborative that shares multimedia coverage focusing on the region’s energy usage, climate, transportation infrastructure, and its people and immigration issues among its nice member stations. This robust partnership produces dynamic reporting projects for on-air broadcast, digital and web presentations, and a series of public Town Hall-style meetings centered on issues facing New England and its residents. We also air \textit{Next}, the program which features work from the collaborative on the NEPM News Network; and host the podcast on our website.

**Music & Cultural Programming**

NEPM’s flagship radio station, 88.5FM features a wide range of music throughout the week, including opera, classical, jazz, world, and Latin music. At a time when many public radio stations across the country are switching to an all-news format, NEPM remains committed to being western New England’s source for high quality music programming. In addition to producing over 3,000 hours of local music programming each year, the station is actively engaged in promoting the region’s vibrant music scene including broadcasting material by the Springfield Symphony Orchestra and the Boston Symphony Orchestra and from both the Marlboro and Yellow Barn Music Festivals. And for decades we have broadcast live concerts from Tanglewood, the summer home of the BSO. This year, due to COVID-19, the Tanglewood season was cancelled, but we aired a complete summer season of archived programming from the BSO to keep the music alive. Though many live concerts were cancelled this year due to COVID-19, our music hosts participated in virtual events with local organizations and our communications team developed a new newsletter called Culture to Do (From Your Couch) to help people connect with virtual events in our community during the pandemic.

NEPM also manages the NEPM News Network, a seven-station network heard throughout western New England and in portions of New York State which offers 27/4 news and talk content to complement 88.5FM’s mix of music and news. NEPM continued its partnerships with Amherst College and American International College which have had a major impact on the station’s ability to serve our region with news and talk programming. The NEPR News Network can be heard on seven stations throughout the region including 91.9 FM in Hampden County, 89.3 FM in Hampshire County, 91.7 FM in Franklin County, 89.5 FM and 98.9 FM in Berkshire County, 88.5 FM HD-3 in Franklin, Hampshire and Hampden Counties, and on AM
640 across western New England and into New York State. Listeners can also stream the station at [nepm.org](http://nepm.org) and through NEPM’s app.

*As Schools Match Wits* (ASMW) is an academic quiz show for high school students from schools across western New England. ASMW is produced by both NEPM and Westfield State University (WSU), which provided the production facilities and student production crew. As it is an actual broadcast television production, ASMW is also a real-world learning environment for the television production students in WSU’s Department of Communication. Broadcast weekly during the school year on NEPM, questions for *As Schools Match Wits* are written in accordance with Massachusetts and Connecticut state high school curriculum guidelines. In FY20, the season was cut short due to the COVID-19 pandemic, but over 245 teachers and students from 36 schools from across western Massachusetts and Connecticut participated in the season.

**Public Affairs for Western New England**

NEPM’s *Connecting Point* is a nightly half-hour, televised newsmagazine-style program that focuses on the stories of the community: the people, places, and ideas that matter most to western New England. In FY20, *Connecting Point* focused its attention on COVID-19, the social justice movement and the impact of the 2020 election on our region. The team produced several special series and web exclusives, including Generation Vote, which shared interviews and profiles of first-time voters, and the First Congressional District Debate between Alex Morse and Richard Neal. Over the course of the year, 250 episodes featured 875 diverse guests, and over 750 unique segments showcasing the demographic, cultural, and geographical diversity of the region. *Connecting Point* is available online at [nepm.org/cp](http://nepm.org/cp) and on social media.

*Presencia* is NEPM’s bilingual (English-Spanish) television series that captures the stories of the Latino community in western New England. Hosted by NEPM’s Veronica Garcia and Zydalis Bauer, *Presencia* keeps a local focus, featuring conversations specifically about the Latino history, diversity, and traditions in the region. It also showcases inspiring true stories, highlights rich cultural heritage, and spotlights local talent.

When *Presencia*’s 5th season was interrupted by COVID-19, and tapings were put on hold, the team sought ways to keep its connection with the region’s Latino community thriving. They quickly partnered with other local Latino journalists and media professionals to launch *Colectivo de Medios Latinos*. This all-Spanish resource provided daily coronavirus news updates and pertinent interviews with local members of the Latino community. *Colectivo* partners include *El Pueblo Latino*, a publication of *The Springfield Republican*, which offers weekly features including comics and puzzles, health articles, recipes and a photo spread of local activities, in addition to local news stories and inspirational columns by area writers and Holyoke Media, the city of Holyoke’s public access television station.
Digital & Podcasts

In response to its growing streaming and smart speaker audiences, NEPM expanded its on-demand offerings on NEPM.org, on the station’s app and through the NPR One app. Listeners can now hear past episodes of our classical music programming, Tertulia, Jazz Safari and Jazz a la Mode for a week following their original broadcast, and access our locally-produced podcasts on Apple Podcasts, Stitcher, Google Podcasts and many other platforms. In 2020, NEPM began livestreaming NEPM TV via video.nepm.org, offering another avenue for engagement with our content. NEPM Kids is also available to stream 24/7 on our website.

In 2020, NEPM partnered with Mirriam Webster to produce Word Matters, a new podcast about words and their meanings hosted by editors at Merriam Webster Dictionary, which is headquartered in Springfield, MA. The podcast has surpassed 420,302 downloads and has been featured in publications from Current to the New York Times.
NEPM’s *Connecting Point*, was nominated by the National Academy of Television and Arts Sciences for Boston/New England Emmy® Awards in four categories. “Holyoke’s Hal Blaine” was nominated for News Specialty Report-Arts/Entertainment, “Avery Saffold: 1 Of 7” for News Specialty Report-Sports News, “From Pittsfield To Pearl Harbor” for Historical/Cultural-Feature/Segment, and “The Climbing Connection” for Video Journalist-No Time Limit. All four segments were produced by *Connecting Point’s* Ross Lippman as “field pieces.”


“Legal Vices: One Year Later — A Community Dialogue,” our primetime special that looked back at the impact of the MGM Casino and legalized marijuana in western Massachusetts won a 2020 Silver Telly Award in the category of “Television Program: Social Impact.”

NEPM won a 2020 Bronze Telly Award for the 2019 Championship episode of *As Schools Match Wits*. *As Schools Match Wits* is New England Public Media’s academic quiz show competition open to both public and private high schools throughout western New England.

And in June of 2020, and for the fourth straight year, a commentary edited and produced by New England Public Media’s Tema Silk won an award from the Public Media Journalists Association. The PMJA awards recognize the best work in public media journalism from across the country. Stations compete against others with similar sized newsrooms. Overall, judges reviewed nearly 1300 entries. Tema's entry, “We Have A Language Problem,” nabbed first place in the Commentary category in the competition's “Division B.”
"Together as NEPM we’re harnessing our collective talents, skills, experience and technology across a critical range of media platforms. This unique enterprise will hear and share the stories that matter to our diverse western New England community in myriad ways for decades to come."

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