

OCTOBER 2026 NEWSLETTER

Funding Opportunity:



The Velocity Fund offers Philly-based artists and collectives \$5,000 to develop and present new projects - particularly in the experimental genre, collaborative practice, grounded in their communities and thoughtful in their impact. Independent artists and collectives are welcome to [apply here](#).



PYMC Celebration:



PhillyCAM Celebrates 10 Years of WPPM 106.5 FM!

Come celebrate a decade of community voices, music, stories, and Philly vibes at WPPM 106.5 FM's free anniversary open house! The celebration will feature a full day of live radio programming, yard games, beverages, and live music from local psychedelic funk band Animal Instincts. Listeners, friends, family, and current and former radio programmers are all welcome to stop by, connect, and celebrate this community-powered station. For accessibility accommodations, email info@phillycam.org and allison@phillycam.org at least one week in advance for language interpretation support.

PYMC Volunteer Opportunity:



Volunteer at the Philadelphia Asian American Film Festival (PAAFF)!

The 19th PAAFF returns November 5–15, and they are looking for volunteers to help bring the festival to life! Opportunities include welcoming audiences at theaters, photographing festival moments, creating real-time social media content, supporting festival administration, and serving as filmmaker liaisons. Get involved, support Asian American storytelling, and help make this year's festival a success!

Learn more at PAAFF.org

<https://phillyyouthmedia.org>

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Oct. 19: Lil' Filmmakers Story to Screen

Register for Lil' Filmmakers Story to Screen, a free five-week filmmaking program for young people ages 13–18! Join weekly workshops every Monday from October 19 to November 16, from 4–6 PM at Roxborough Library (6245 Ridge Avenue). Participants will learn filmmaking basics, including camera work, scriptwriting, and acting in a short scene. No prior filmmaking experience is necessary, but participants must be able to attend in person each week.

Oct. 22: Big Picture Alliance (BPA) Screenwriting Workshop

Register for BPA's Third Thursday workshop focuses on screenwriting, where participants will explore treatments, three-act story structure, & screenwriting software while creating their own work. This workshop is offered to young people ages 14–24 and takes place from 4–6 PM at GroundFloor Studios (1315 Walnut Street, Philadelphia).

Last week of October: Center for Information Literacy (CMIL)

Celebrate Global Media & Information Literacy Month! October is UNESCO's Global Media & Information Literacy Month, & the CMIL is compiling a citywide list of related events & activities. Hosting an event, workshop, classroom activity, or screening connected to media literacy? All activities are welcomed whether public or invitation-only, & can take place any time in October. Topics include misinformation, AI, journalism, social media, news literacy, algorithms, privacy, & more.

Add your event to the list by filling out this short form.

Oct. 31: Deadline – Scribe Video Center's Philadelphia Student Mediamaker Fund

Scribe Video Center is accepting applications for its Philadelphia Student Mediamaker Fund through October 31! Undergraduate students & makers affiliated with media-making training institutions can apply for awards of up to \$1,000, while graduate students can apply for awards of up to \$1,500 to support audio or video projects this semester.

Nov. 3: Video Competition Deadline – participate in KHSa's media literacy video challenge (cash prize)!

Read here for rules to create a nonpartisan video, two minutes or less, that encourages people to think critically about online info before voting. Videos must include the F.A.C.T.S. acronym and help viewers think for themselves when making voting decisions. A total of \$6,000 in prizes will be awarded across class/advisory and individual/small group categories. **Submissions due**

Nov. 3. Send your video & required media release forms to neren@philasd.org

Nov. 4: BPA Founding Further: Reclaim The Past, Reimagine The Future Premiere Screening

Join BPA on Wednesday, November 4, from 6–9 PM at the Philadelphia Film Society Center (1412 Chestnut St.) for the premiere of Founding Further, a doc series celebrating underrepresented Philadelphians who have shaped our city and nation. Produced by intergenerational teams of local filmmakers, the series highlights community leaders, entrepreneurs, scholars, and activists whose stories have often been overlooked or erased. The free public event will feature screenings of 5 new films, followed by a panel discussion with filmmakers and partners. Doors open at 5:30 PM, with the screening at 6:30 PM & panel discussion at 8:30 PM.

PYMC KEY UPDATES:

In this section, we provide a readout of the key discussions and takeaways from our recent PYMC meetings. It's your go-to spot for quick updates on important topics, action items, and upcoming initiatives that are shaping our collaborative efforts.

RESOURCE BANK:

Ongoing Newsletter Submissions

This newsletter submission form will always be open for the next newsletter. [Submit for the November newsletter here!](#)

Educator Resource: Student Press Law Center (SPLC)

SPLC supports & defends the First Amendment & press freedom rights of high school & college journalists. [Check out their hotline + educator resources.](#)

ONGOING PYMC PROJECTS:

Re-vamping PYMC Website

We are updating to Wix and have an intern for support!

PYMC Instagram: Like, share & Follow us!

New Instagram posts going up this month!
Follow [@phillyyouthmedia](#)

Events Working Group Seeking Members

After the [PYMC yearly activity survey](#), it has become clear that there are a few different types of events that people want. I'm curious if anyone has capacity to work on these events.

Creating a form for requesting student media coverage.

This is in progress!

Points of Focus:

Events Working Group

● **Have Something to Share? Submit to Youth Media Reporter!**

Youth Media Reporter is a digital publication that amplifies youth voices and shares insights, stories, and best practices from the youth media field. [Youth media educators, practitioners researchers, & young media makers are encouraged to contribute pieces about their work, ideas, and experiences.](#) New pieces are published on Tuesdays, with themed issues released every three to four months. **Interested in contributing? Check out the [submission guidelines](#) or contact Yonty Friesem: yonty@mediaeducationlab.com.**

● **We received funding from the People's Media Fund for a year of PYMC gatherings!**

Freedom Dreaming Through Media: Building Relationships, Sharing Strategies, and Growing Community Power aims to strengthen youth-centered community media networks through a year-long series of virtual, hybrid, and in-person workshops, dialogues, and peer-learning exchanges.

[See proposal here](#) & [proposed workshops here](#). If interested in supporting this, please reach out!

Please submit the yearly PYMC membership application and interest form here.