

New Wave Corporation
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Local Content & Services Report
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The New Wave Corporation was incorporated, February 18, 1972, for the purpose of providing an educational, non-commercial communication service for and by citizens of our area that would stimulate the listeners' awareness of our community and world, and promote a better understanding of our neighbors—next door and across the oceans.

To accomplish this purpose the New Wave Corporation started KOPN in March 1973. Our mission is to educate and enrich the lives of our membership and the communities that we serve, especially those otherwise under-represented in the commercial or other non-profit media sectors.

We do this by remaining free from direct constraints of commercial, political, or religious interests; by encouraging participation by all segments of the community; by training individuals in radio production and giving access to our facilities and airwaves for the local production of quality radio programs; by providing a diversity of viewpoints and musical genres through programs that enhance the quality of life of our membership and the community at large; by providing a neutral forum for the discussion of issues important to our membership and the community at large; by fostering democracy and social justice; and by archiving selected recorded materials acquired or produced by KOPN.

We continue to recruit and train volunteers to assist with established out-reach projects and programs, so as to enhance our existing outreach programs. We continue to train, in production and broadcast techniques, community members wanting to share their interests with our audience.

We continue in our effort to build a large pool of able, advocate volunteers capable of communicating the purpose, mission and programs of KOPN to new audience. Success will be measured by the acquisition of new additional volunteer activity resulting in increased presence out in the community; increased local program production and distribution; increased listener based; and increased donor support.

We are continuing to expand our self-educational collaborative service efforts to more of our broadcast coverage area, by developing more out-of-studio presence in the smaller communities outside of Columbia. We are recruiting from our donor base, community contacts through whom we can create more information booth presence at public events; We are conducting more live remotes from these areas. And we are cultivating more producers and seeking stories and collaborations in our greater broadcast area.

We continue to develop our online presence through our website, our stream, our podcasts, and through social media.

KOPN continues to participate in the annual month long "One Read" community-wide reading program coordinated by the Daniel Boone Regional Library—<http://oneread.dbrl.org/task-force/>. KOPN aired the reading of the featured book and broadcast numerous tie-in programs by our volunteer programmers.

KOPN participates in the North Village Arts District's monthly First Night Art Walk—<https://www.facebook.com/NorthVillageArtsDistrict/>—through promotion of the event and by hosting performances & displays of the work of local artists include art by students.

KOPN participates in semiannual Artrageous Gallery Crawls—<http://www.artrageousfridays.com/>—through promotion of the event and by hosting the display of the work of local artists include art by students.

KOPN also participates in the annual Art in the Park sponsored by the Columbia Art League—<http://artinthepark.missouri.org/>.

KOPN broadcasts and streams the annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Celebration live on location.

KOPN collaborates with the League of Women Voters' forums—<http://lwv.columbia.missouri.org/>.

KOPN participates in annual Earth Day celebrations—<http://www.columbiaearthday.org/members.html>—in the planning process; in logistics; in promotions; and through live broadcast.

KOPN collaborates with the local cable access video channel, CATV—<http://columbiaaccess.tv/>.

KOPN is a Columbia Public Schools Partner in Education with Lee Expressive Arts Elementary School—<http://www.cpsk12.org/Page/11334>—conducting a participatory audio theater workshop for students during their annual Fall Festival, amongst other collaborative efforts.

KOPN continues to sponsor and have a presence at the annual Roots, Blues and Barbeque Festival in Columbia—<http://www.rootsnbluesnbbq.com>.

KOPN continues to inform our community about nutrition and the provisioning of food, fiber and fuel with locally produced regular weekly and special programs featuring authors, scholars, practitioners as individual guests, in panel discussions and as broadcast lectures. KOPN has partnered with the local farmers' markets, community gardens, and urban agricultural projects.

KOPN provides opportunities for and benefits from interns from the University of Missouri (MU)'s Office of Service Learning and from MU's Asian Affairs Center: Missouri International Training Institute.

Once a month, University of Missouri Extension Community Development Specialists interview guests featuring local area activities and organizations.

KOPN has a presence at many other public events and does many other live remotes.

KOPN does not have resources sufficient to formally assess the impact that KOPN has on our community. Anecdotal responses; continuing solicitations for collaboration; continuing volunteer donations of time, talent and treasure; and the expectation that KOPN will be there, are our most common and continuing indicators of success.

New Wave Corporation continues to broadcast and webcast 3 hours of Spanish language programming every Saturday morning from 9AM to noon.

KOPN also continues to broadcast and webcast "Jewish Spectrum"—a one hour weekly exploration of Jewish culture; "Arab Culture, Arab Music"—a one hour weekly exploration of Arab culture;

“Straight Talk” —a weekly hour-long call-in discussion of issues starting from a black perspective. All these programs are produced by KOPN volunteers.

KOPN’s call-in talk show “Straight Talk” has been serving our listening audience for decades, with discussions about—but not limited to—issues of special concern to the African-American community.

KOPN collaborates with several the University of Missouri-Columbia Asian Affairs Center programs including internships in their English and Professional Immersion (EPI) and International Leadership, Excellence, and Professionalism (I-Leap) programs.

KOPN's volunteer programmers, producers, out-reach personnel and support staff range in age from elementary school students to retirees. We believe that the participation by the whole generational spectrum of our community best enables us to fulfill our mission.

KOPN broadcasts live readings by elementary school children of their original work every Tuesday at 3PM during the school year. KOPN is a “Partner in Education” with Lee Expressive Arts Elementary School— <http://service.columbia.k12.mo.us/lee> —collaborating on special projects during the school year.

A weekly local program, Penguin Tracks—frequently features live performances of original compositions by local teens. Our youngest regular programmer at this time is a 17 year old high school junior. Other youth participate frequently.

KOPN has from our conception embraced gender equality. Participation in all aspects of the New Wave Corporation / KOPN by women is actively encouraged. Programming specifically for, by and about women always has and always will be a basic and integral part of KOPN.

We welcome the participation of anyone regardless of their sexual orientation. KOPN broadcasts informational and educational programming regarding issues concerning sexual orientation.

CPB funding is essential to our community service. It enables KOPN to provide national and international programming, as well as train and support our community volunteers who produce our excellent local programs.

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