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## How Much Does It Cost to Cover the News?

It's been a busy winter and spring for NPR News -- especially when it comes to breaking news from NPR reporters covering stories here at home and overseas.

So far this year, there has been extensive reporting on the spread of Isis in Iraq and Syria, the shooting at Charlie Hebdo headquarters in Paris, and the ongoing conflict in the Ukraine. Each report requires funding; Spokane Public Radio pays its share of costs to NPR and we ask listeners to donate their share to SPR. But how much does NPR need to continue serving news?

NPR of course pays for staff -- professional reporters who take the time to understand a story and how to convey that to the world, plus editors and producers to help get the information on the air. For example, to cover the fallout from the shooting in Ferguson, NPR paid local Missouri reporters almost \$8,950 for use of their stories between October and mid-February, and an additional \$6,500 to bring NPR reporters to the area.



During that same time period, NPR spent \$500,000 covering education issues, including the brain's processes while teaching and learning, and how the U.S. military assists children of servicemen and women.

NPR News Investigations has been busy producing series. Reporter Joe Shapiro continued to bring us stories about the poor paying the price of rising court fees in his series "Guilty and Charged." Last year, Howard Berkes's series on Grain

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# Coming up with Spokane Public Radio



## KPBX Kids' Concert: Western Reunion

**Saturday, April 11, 2015, 1 p.m. – FREE at the Bing, 901 W. Sprague Ave.**

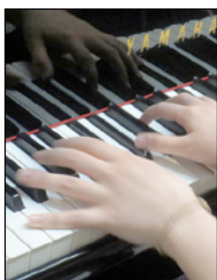
Cowboy Music & a Cowboy Poetry Rodeo! Great harmonies & hot pickin' with Dawn Holladay, Bill Siems, Don Thomsen, and Michael Gifford.



## SPR Presents: Cokie Roberts

**Thursday, May 14, 2015, 7:30 p.m. at the Bing, 901 W. Sprague Ave.**

NPR political commentator and best-selling author Cokie Roberts continues exploring women in American History with *Capital Dames*. Help celebrate SPR's 35th Anniversary and enjoy an evening of current events and historical perspective. *Capital Dames* will be available as well as book signing. Tickets available through TicketsWest.



## KPBX Kids' Concert: MusicFest NW Judges' Choice

**Saturday, May 16, 2015, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. – FREE at the Bing, 901 W. Sprague Ave.**

MusicFest Northwest Adjudicators select some of the region's best young musicians to perform on stage. Verne Windham hosts. Audience members are invited to come and go as needed throughout the concert. PLUS listen to other young MusicFest performers live on KPBX 91.1 FM or [kpbx.org](http://kpbx.org) on Wednesday, May 13 from 10 a.m.-noon.



## Spokane Bikes/Bike to Work Week Energizer Station

**Wednesday, May 20, 2015, 7-9 a.m. – FREE at 2319 N. Monroe St.**

The SPR Team ditches four-wheeled vehicles on Bike to Work Week from May 18-22. On Wednesday, SPR hosts an energizer station to give all bike riders some extra energy.



## SPR Presents: Too Slim & The Taildraggers Unplugged

**Thursday, June 11, 2015, 7 p.m. – at the Bing, 901 W. Sprague Ave.**

Tim "Too Slim" Langford and his band perform a special acoustic blues concert with a rock edge. Tickets available later this Spring at TicketsWest. *As a thank-you, those who have volunteered or underwritten programs in the past 12 months receive a pair of free tickets. Call the SPR Front Desk at (800) 328-5729 by May 19.*



## SPR Goes to the Movies: 2001 A Space Odyssey

**Wednesday, June 17, 2015, 6 p.m. – at the Bing, 901 W. Sprague Ave.**

The *Movies 101* crew discusses Stanley Kubrick's films, followed by a showing of the innovative 1968 science fiction film. Presented with Friends of the Bing, tickets available later this Spring at TicketsWest.



## KPBX Kids' Concert: The Canote Brothers

**Friday, June 19, 2015, Noon – FREE at the Bing, 901 W. Sprague Ave.**

Double the silliness! Identical twins Greg (fiddle) and Jere (guitar) specialize in vintage American music and hilarious novelty tunes and sing-along songs from the 1920s and '30s.



## KPBX Kids' Concert: Ol' Timey Jam

**Friday, July 17, 2015, Noon – FREE at the Bing, 901 W. Sprague Ave.**

Musician and *Nacho Celtic Hour* host Carlos Alden hosts a jam session with regional musicians and folksy tunes played on fiddle, banjo, spoons, and whatever comes on stage!

More Event Information Online at [SpokanePublicRadio.org](http://SpokanePublicRadio.org)

## KPBX Program Grid / April - June 2015

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
Mid	BBC World Service					Brazilian Hour	Live Wire
1a						BBC World Service	
2a							
3a							
4a							
5a	NPR's Morning Edition  Local News 6:44a, 7:04a, 7:44a, 8:04a, 8:44a  Weekday Arts Calendar 6:20a, 7:20a, 8:20a, 2p, 6:29p					NPR's Weekend Edition  Sunday Morning Essay 9:34a	
6a							
7a						Weekend Arts Calendar 6:18a, 7:18a, 8:18a, 9:18a, 11:55a	
8a							
9a	Morning Classical with Verne Windham					Classical Music	Classical Music
10a						Jan Munstedt	Leonard Oakland
11a	Harmonia	Piano Bench	Footlight Parade	Guitar Hour	This American Life  Jazz for a Friday Afternoon with Brian Flick	From the Top  Radiolab	
Noon	Living on Earth	Public Forums	Zorba Paster	Public Forums			
1p	Fresh Air with Terry Gross					Fascinatin' Rhythm	Front Porch Bluegrass
2p	Performance Today					Wait Wait Don't Tell Me	Nacho Celtic Hour
3p						A Prairie Home Companion	Inland Folk
4p	Marketplace					Selected Shorts	
5p	NPR's All Things Considered Local News 4:44p, 5:04p, 5:44p, 6:04p						
6p	The Bookshelf					Car Talk	A Prairie Home Companion
7p						Concert of the Week	L.A. Theatre Works
8p	This American Life	The Score	Chicago Symphony Orchestra	Friday Night Jazz	Michael Patoray	Inland Folk	
9p			Johnson's Improbable History of Pop	with Dan Maher			
10p	Jazz 'til Midnight	Jazz 'til Midnight	Jazz Time	Jazz Night in America	Jazz Odyssey	Backwater Blues	Soundspace with Zan
11p	Jan Munstedt	Brian Flick	Night Lights Jazz Review	Jazz-O-Rama		Beale St. Caravan	Hearts of Space



*Short Nights of the Shadow Caster* is Timothy Egan's biography of Edward Curtis and his compelling and controversial photographs of Native Americans. Tune in to *The Bookshelf* beginning Monday, April 27, read by Susan Creed.



*Concerts from the Library of Congress* returns to KPBX Thursdays 7 p.m. with host Bill McGlaughlin.

### NPR News Costs Continued from Front

Bin Deaths led to an Illinois jury awarding nearly \$17 million in the deaths of two teenagers and the entrapment of a third in grain bin accidents. The U.S. Army changed guidelines on PTSD Purple Heart awards in part due to an NPR investigation, reported on by Daniel Zwerdling in his piece, "Once Denied A Purple Heart, A Soldier Gets Her Medal."

International news, which often has impacts on current events at home, comes with a larger price.

NPR provides two kinds of body armor for reporters in hostile environments -- one to wear under the clothes, and a higher-level protection to wear outside of clothes. These suits cost up to \$1300. Helmets are an additional \$500, and each reporter or correspondent needs this.

**Listeners help support 18 NPR news bureaus across the world and 18 domestic news bureaus in the United States.**

## KSFC Program Grid / April - June 2015

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
Mid	World Radio Network					World Radio Network	
1a							
2a							
3a							
4a							
5a	BBC World Service					Weekend Edition Saturday	Weekend Edition Sunday
6a	NPR's Morning Edition Local News 6:06a, 7:06a						
7a	On Point					Living on Earth	It's Your World
8a						Travel w/ Rick Steves	TED Radio Hour
9a						Car Talk	Interfaith Voices
10a	Native America Calling					NPR's Weekend Edition	
11a	The Takeaway				Science Friday	Wait, Wait Don't Tell Me	You Bet Your Garden
Noon	BBC Newshour					On the Media	Zorba Paster
1p	NPR's All Things Considered					Movies 101 Treatment	People's Pharmacy
2p						Take Five	New Show in May
3p	BBC World Service					This American Life	America's Test Kitchen
4p	On Point - Repeat of 9a hour					NPR's All Things Considered	
5p	BBC World Service					BBC World Service	
6p	Marketplace						
	NPR's All Things Considered					Director's Choice	Write Question Cambridge Forum
7p	Fresh Air with Terry Gross					Fresh Air Weekend	City Arts & Lectures
8p	As It Happens					Live Wire	A Way w/ Words
9p	On the Media	Common-wealth Club	Philosophy Talk	Human-kind	Alternative Radio	Snap Judgment	Selected Shorts
10p	On Point - Repeat of 8a hour				Science Friday	Big Picture Science	Wait, Wait Don't Tell Me
11p	BBC World Service					Tech Nation	Le Show



**Ira Flatow engages listeners and scientists in conversation each Friday from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. during *Science Friday* on KSFC.**



***As It Happens* features journalist Carol Off's interviews with newsmakers from around the globe. Tune in KSFC weekdays at 8 p.m. for this talk show from the CBC.**

Each person heading to Afghanistan or Pakistan for NPR News goes through Hostile Environment Training, costing about \$6,000 per person.

Many times, the reporters' only link to the outside world is a satellite phone. Each phone kit costs \$5,500.

Office leases, translators, fixers and security details are all part of the cost of gathering worldwide news, and the context SPR listeners rely on.

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A Pew Research Center survey last year showed that NPR News is still one of the most-trusted sources of news. While headlines seem to be everywhere online (including NPR's own mobile app), NPR News provides context.

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