

# KIOS

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## KIOS Antenna Replacement

In late December, KIOS finished its antenna replacement – a project which took longer than anticipated to complete. We appreciate your patience during this project, and want to give you a little bit of background on why it took so long to finish.

From late October through late December, KIOS was broadcasting via our auxiliary transmitter, due to a necessary upgrade to our aging antenna. While the majority of our listeners were still able to hear the station with no problem throughout this process, there were a significant number of listeners who were impacted.

On October 23, during what should have been a brief outage while we replaced the antenna, a piece of equipment was damaged during that process, which caused a delay in the project. Even after that initial problem, the project took longer than anticipated to complete. This was in large part due to scheduling issues at the tower, which is located between Monroe Middle School and Benson High School. In the

past, this hasn't caused much of a problem, but for this project the tower crews we hired required a 250-foot area around the tower to be cleared before work could be done.

There were several days when the schedules worked, but the weather did not cooperate. High winds, extreme cold, and rain all caused delays. In a spat of especially bad timing, we had problems with our live streaming intermittently during the antenna replacement process. In late September, we were forced to change streaming providers, which resulted in a few transitional problems.

While the delays in this project were unavoidable, we recognize that we could have done a better job of communicating with our listeners during this time. We would like to take your feedback into consideration as we improve our communication plan - please send your

thoughts and recommendations to [listener@kios.org](mailto:listener@kios.org) or call 402-557-2777.

Thank you again for your patience and support.



The arrow indicates the location of the recently replaced antenna.

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## Volunteer Spotlight – Mary McNeill

by Katy Simmons

Our semi-annual pledge drives run largely on volunteer power, but KIOS also benefits year-round from hours and hours of filing and letter stuffing done by long-time volunteer Mary McNeill. Originally from Kimball, Nebraska, Mary has been a KIOS listener for as long as she can remember. She started helping out with pledge drives years ago and, since about 2008, has been coming in almost weekly to assist Membership staff.

Mary has lived in Omaha intermittently since 1984. She is an active member of St Francis Cabrini,

Catholic Daughters at St. Cecilia's, and volunteers with the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Mary loves to read and write and at one time worked in radio and was a freelance journalist.

The Thistle and Shamrock is Mary's favorite KIOS program and she gets her news from NPR, which, "provides the best news to be had," in her opinion. Mary claims it is a privilege to volunteer at KIOS, but we recognize how fortunate we are to have Mary and so many other generous volunteers who help us bring public radio to Omaha!

# KIOS Annual Report: What We Accomplished Together

With your help, KIOS was able to bring *news, jazz, and so much more* to listeners across the Omaha metro area and beyond in 2016, including:

About 2,080 local newscasts

132 in-depth Events Calendar interviews

52 locally recorded lectures and discussions

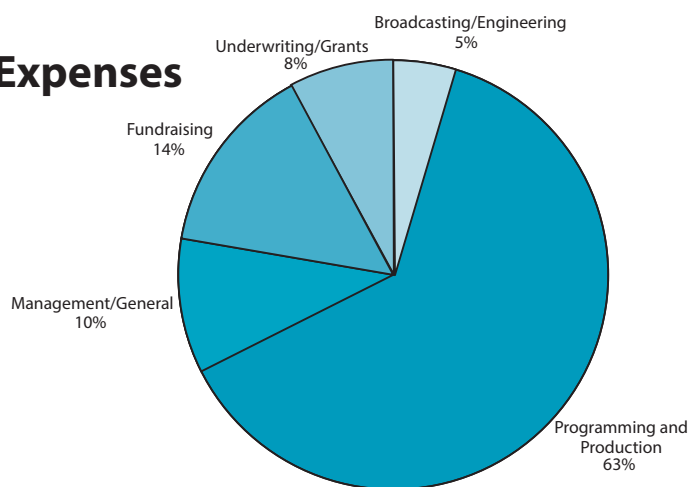
Omaha Public Radio News brought you an in-depth look at the environment

last summer, plus stories on the election including a focus on Latino voters and the ballot initiative on the death penalty. We covered healthcare stories from the Zika virus to the Ebola vaccination, in addition to stories on education and the business sector. We also aired several interviews with the OPS Superintendent, who talked about the district's challenges and achievements.

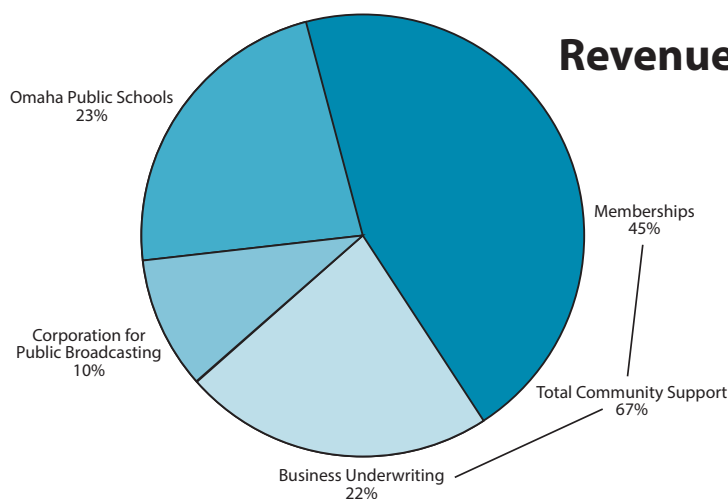
A breakdown of income and expenses for the 2016 fiscal year (September 2015 – August 2016) appears below. A more detailed financial statement is available at [kios.org/about](http://kios.org/about).

We are excited to continue to partner with you in 2017 to bring more great news, information, music, and entertainment to our community. Thank you for making it all possible!

## Expenses



## Revenue



## Want More?

Want more KIOS news and information? Sign up for our e-newsletters! KIOS Connections and KIOS Jazz Journal are each emailed monthly. They'll keep you up to date on what's new at Omaha Public Radio, including the scoop on upcoming special programs and events. Sign up at [www.kios.org](http://www.kios.org) today. Also at [www.kios.org](http://www.kios.org) you'll find descriptions and links to all of the programs you hear on KIOS-FM.

And, you can connect with KIOS on Facebook and Twitter - search for KIOS Omaha.

## Student Voices on KIOS

You may have noticed more OPS student voices on the air lately – that is due to the return of Jazz From Studio One and a new addition to our local programming roster.

The OPS Student Spotlight is a brand new feature on KIOS that started in October. The series is meant to highlight Omaha Public Schools' high school students who are doing extraordinary things while they attend school. We have already heard from North High's Grace Erixon and Alec Rome from Central High. Next up will be a Bryan High student who is not only learning to be an EMT, but is also a volunteer firefighter, and then a Northwest High Magnet student who was recently named to the Federal

Reserve Bank's Student Board of Directors for the 2016-2017 school year. OPS Student Spotlight airs mid-month and can be found on our Facebook page or at: <http://kios.org/term/ops-student-spotlight>. Spots can also be heard the day they air on our news feed.

Jazz From Studio One has returned to the first Thursday of the month at 8:00p.m. Tune in to hear Omaha Public Schools Career Center students host an hour long program with themes such as a year in jazz history, the birthday of a legendary artist, or a classic album. February's featured student host was KJ White and next up on March 2nd, Jazz From Studio One will present women in jazz for Women's History Month.

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	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY		
4 AM	MORNING EDITION					BBC World Service			
6 AM						Only a Game		Inside Europe	
7 AM						Weekend Edition			
9 AM									
10 AM	ON POINT					Car Talk	Krista Tippett on Being		
11 AM						Wait, Wait ... Don't Tell Me!	On the Media		
NOON	THE TAKEAWAY					This American Life	Marketplace Weekend		
1 PM	NOON FORUM					Studio 360	Thistle and Shamrock		
2 PM	Blues in the Afternoon	JAZZ IN THE AFTERNOON				The Splendid Table	Folk Sampler		
3 PM						A Way With Words	River City Folk		
4 PM	ALL THINGS CONSIDERED					Travel With Rick Steves	Bluegrass Review		
5 PM						All Things Considered			
5:30 pm						A Prairie Home Companion		American Routes	
6 PM									
7 PM	FRESH AIR								
8 PM	AS IT HAPPENS					Jazz Happening Now	Conversations from the World Cafe		
9 PM	Beale Street Caravan	Latin Perspective	Night Lights	Jazz Profiles*	Jazz Night in America	Jazz Junction	Sound Opinions		
10 PM	WFMT JAZZ NETWORK				WFMT JAZZ NETWORK		Mundo Latino		
11 PM							AfroPop Worldwide		
MIDNIGHT							Last Call	Music from the Hearts of Space	
1 AM (to 4 AM)	BBC WORLD SERVICE				BBC World Service		BBC World Service		

\*Jazz From Studio One airs the 1st Thursday of the month.

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