



New animated series ‘Carl the Collector’ is first to feature central characters on the autism spectrum

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This month, KET premieres a new animated children’s program that breaks ground as the first PBS KIDS series to feature central characters on the autism spectrum.

Developed for children ages 4-8, *Carl the Collector* follows Carl, a warm-hearted, neurodiverse raccoon who enjoys collecting things and solving problems with his friends and family in Fuzzytown, their home community. As a perfectionist, when Carl does something, he wants to do it well. He sometimes struggles with anxiety in new situations and has difficulty when things don’t go according to plan.

Through its relatable stories, characters, and messages – and with a production team that includes neurodiverse writers, production staff, animators, advisors and voice talent – *Carl the Collector* “spotlights neurodiverse characters while exploring and celebrating the entire spectrum of humanity,” said Zachariah OHora, the series creator and executive producer.

Carl the Collector

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Watch on-demand at [KET.org](https://ket.org) and the PBS App

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