

QUEER AIR

Queerifying the Archives through a Podcast
@ University of Washington Libraries Special Collections



PROJECT CONTEXT

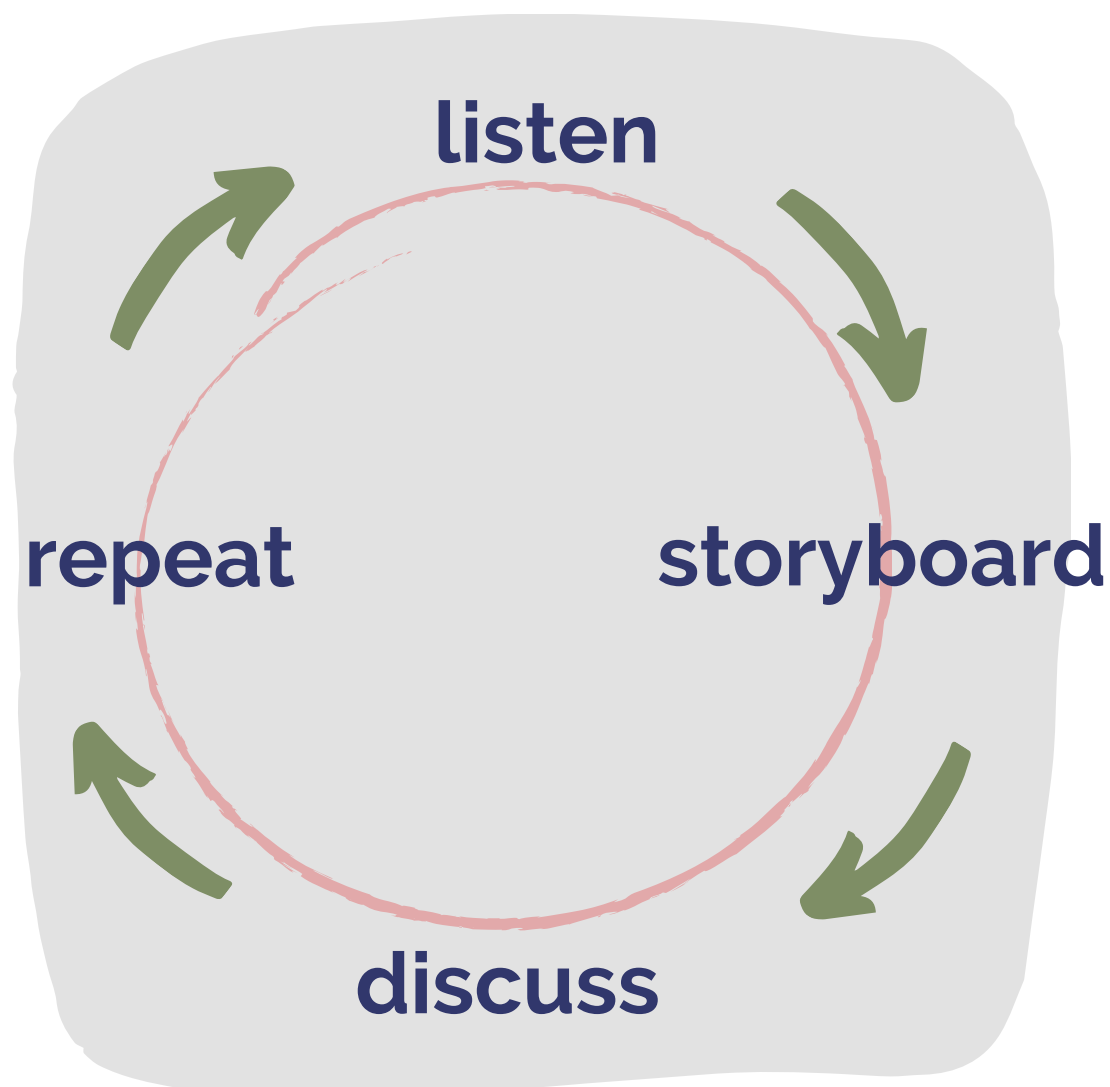
KRAB FM Lesbian-Feminist Radio Program was originally broadcast through the 1970s and 1980s in Seattle, and was one of the earliest American gay and lesbian radio shows in the United States. After a political separation in 1975, Amazon Media and Lesbian Feminist Media Collective was created. Programs frequently provided live music, interviews, and deep analysis of topics of day that included women in prison, ageism, racism, classism, animal oppression, feminist economics and prostitution.

This capstone creates an opportunity to engage with and explore local historical archival material in a different and more accessible way while also highlighting materials in special collections.



PROCESS

* Step 1: Planning



* Step 2: Recording

Conducted four in person interviews, meeting with library and information science professionals, members of the queer community & a guest of the original show.

* Step 3: Going Live!

Edited & transcribed episodes, and published on our website:
tinyurl.com/queerair2020



IMPACT

Increased visibility and accessibility to special collections:

- Highlights materials in Special Collections
- Engages with local Seattle Queer Community
- "Queerifys" the archive & spotlights marginalized voices
- Aids in exploration and discovery opportunities

Future Steps:

- More Queer Air podcast episodes
- Full transcriptions of original broadcasts
- Recorded interviews with original broadcast guests & creators