

The Depiction of Libraries, Librarians and the Book Arts in Film and Television

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The current issues of our professional journals are replete with articles discussing the role of the librarian in today's world. Are we information specialists or teachers? Professionals or clericals? Researchers, managers, or baby-sitters? These questions are not new. For over a century a lot of time and ink has been spent trying to define the image and role of the librarian.

If we have that much trouble trying to define ourselves from within the profession, then what does the rest of the world think of us? That was the question which popped into my mind when I stumbled across a message on a listserv discussing the way librarians were treated in a couple of recent films. That message was the seed from which ultimately grew this filmography.

To the world at large, anyone who works in a library is a librarian, so I began watching and collecting suggestions. It quickly became evident that the terms "library" and "librarian" could not be defined too precisely. In an effort to capture the broadest range of characters and settings, three fairly broad categories quickly evolved. Each title included in this list must meet at least one of the following criteria:

1. Features or mentions a person who works in a library, archives, or book-oriented setting.
2. Features or mentions a setting which is identifiable as a public, academic, special, or personal library.
3. Features or mentions a book as an important part of the plot or character development.

To date, I have identified 221 titles based upon this criteria. The programs run all across the spectrum, from **It's a Wonderful Life** to **Debbie Does Dallas**. The characters depicted range from "Conan the Librarian" to the penultimate "Marion the Librarian." Our profession has been well repre-

sented by Hollywood, with no less luminaries than Betty Davis, Katherine Hepburn, Goldie Hawn, Christopher Lloyd, Rip Torn, and Jason Robards playing librarians. But the actor only brings the screen writer's words and the director's actions to life. So it is important to note that some of the characters we see on the screen came from the pens of Thornton Wilder and William Faulkner. Directors of these films are also from among the best, among them, Orson Welles, Francois Truffaut, Sidney Lumet, and Francis Ford Coppala.

Libraries appear to be popular settings for a filmmakers. Regretfully, the reason often includes poking fun at the library's image or inhabitants, such as **You're a Big Boy Now**, **Breakfast at Tiffany's**, or **Debbie Does Dallas**. Other films take a more symbolic approach, offering the library as a refuge in a storm, as in **Pagemaster**, or **Wings of Desire** where the library becomes a clearing house for private thoughts and dreams. Quite often, the setting is simply a reflection of reality. Most lawyer movies seem to feature at least one scene in a law library, or at least a shot of someone pouring over stacks of law books.

There are a small number of films which I felt honor-bound to include, hence the third criteria listed above. For the most part, these features make no mention of libraries or librarians, but they make such a powerful statement about the importance of the written word, that they seemed to fit naturally. Examples of this group of titles include **Book Revue**, **Creature Comforts**, and **Prospero's Books**.

This is very much a work in progress. Regular updates can be found at the Web site: http://www.iupui.edu/it/libref/lib_film.html. All suggestions and additions to this list are welcomed. Other related projects include the compilation of similar lists dealing with the representation of libraries and librarians in fiction (short and long), in cartoons, and library-related quotations. Please send suggestions of other inclusions for the depiction of libraries, librarians, and the book arts in film and television to:

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Filmography

Format:

Title (Release date - Nationality) MPAA Rating

Principle Cast.

Annotation.

Adventure (1945 - USA) NR

Clark Gable, Greer Garson, Joan Blondell.

Harry Patterson (Gable) is a seagoing roustabout who marries Emily Sears (Garson), a meek librarian before returning to sea.

All the President's Men (1976 - USA) PG

Dustin Hoffman, Robert Redford, Jack Warden, Hal Holbrook, Jason Robards.

Reporters Carl Bernstein (Hoffman) and Bob Woodward (Redford) uncover the dirty tricks campaign and the White House cover-up of the Watergate break in which led to the resignation of President Richard Nixon. A library clerk shows circulation records to the reporters.

Amazons (1984 - USA) TV Movie

Tamara Dobson, Jack Scalia, Stella Stevens, Madeleine Stowe, Peter Scolari.

A secret society of women medics ruthlessly kill men who stand in their way. There is a brief scene where a doctor uses microfilm in the library to find out about patients who have died under mysterious circumstances.

Amityville II: The Possession (1982 - USA) R

Burt Young, Rutanya Alda, James Olson, Jack Magner, Diane Franklin, Moses Gunn.

When a dysfunctional family moves into the notorious Long Island house, all hell breaks loose. Father Adamsky (Olson) uses local archives to find out about the house where possessed Sonny (Magner) is wreaking havoc. He is helped by an elderly archivist/librarian who says "I've worked here for 25 years".

Angel at My Table (1991 - New Zealand) R

Kerry Fox, Alexia Keogh, Karen Fergusson, Iris Churn.

A stunning autobiography about Janet Frame, a repressed little girl who grew up to become New Zealand's most famous novelist/poet. The film, which was originally produced as a three part television series, beautifully captures

the writer's inner world. As a young girl, Frame wins a prize at school — a free trip to the local athenaeum. She wanders the stacks selecting books for her family. This film is a testimony to the power of libraries and books in an otherwise harsh existence. Directed by Jane Campion.

Back To The Future II (1989 - USA) PG

Michael J. Fox, Christopher Lloyd, Lea Thompson, Elisabeth Shue, Thomas F. Wilson.

The second part of a trilogy begins as Doc (Lloyd), Marty (Fox) and Jennifer (Shue) take the time-traveling DeLorean into the year 2015 to straighten out the future of the McFly family. Biff (Wilson) steals the time machine and gives his younger self a book containing 50 years of sports statistics, which he uses to amass an enormous gambling fortune and transform idyllic Hill Valley into a living hell. To restore the present, Doc and Marty must retrieve the book.

Backfield in Motion (1991 - USA) TV Movie

Roseanne Barr, Tom Arnold, Colleen Camp.

Nancy Seavers (Barr) attends a PTA meeting in the school library where she tries to organize a mother/son football match.

Bangkok Hilton (1989 - Australia) TV Movie

Nicole Kidman, Denholm Elliott, Ric Carter, Lewis Fiander, Norman Kaye.

A daughter (Kidman) searching for her soldier father (Elliott) makes use of the library of the Ministry of Defense.

Beauty and the Beast (1991 - USA) G

Paige O'Hara, Robby Benson, Jerry Orbach, David Ogden Stiers, Angela Lansbury.

Belle (O'Hara) is the prisoner who becomes the friend of the Beast (Benson). In order to gain her trust, the Beast offers her the use of his immense personal library.

Bell, Book and Candle (1958 - USA) NR

James Stewart, Kim Novak, Jack Lemmon, Ernie Kovacs, Hermione Gingold.

Gillian (Novak) is just your average, modern-day witch, living in a New York apartment with her Siamese familiar, Pyewacket. When a handsome publisher (Stewart) walks into her life she casts a spell over him.

Beyond The Valley Of The Dolls (1970 - USA) NC-17 [Originally Rated X]

Dolly Read, Cynthia Meyers, Marcia McBroom, David Gurian, Edy

Williams.

This film traces the rise of an uninhibited all-girl rock group, the Strawberry Alarm. The drummer (McBroom) falls for a law student (Page). Because he spends most of his time studying, he slips her a pass for the law library. Here they develop their affair and she even manages to do drug deals in the stacks! When asked when they will "shack up" by her band members, McBroom responds "as soon as he can move me into the law library." A bizarre and wonderful film directed by Russ Meyer. Also known as: **Hollywood Vixens.**

Beyond This Place (1959 - UK) NR

Van Johnson, Bernard Lee, Leo McKern, Vera Miles.

Twenty years after being evacuated to America, Paul (Johnson) returns to England to find that the war hero father (Lee) he thought was dead, is actually in jail for murder. With the aid of a librarian (Miles), Paul sets out to prove his father's innocence. Also released as **Web of Evidence.**

Big Sleep, The (1946 - USA) NR

Humphrey Bogart, Lauren Bacall, Dorothy Malone, Martha Vickers.

Detective Philip Marlowe (Bogart) is hired to stop a blackmailer, but the victim's sister (Bacall) has her eyes on Marlowe. Marlowe stops by a library to do some research, later he uses a bookstore to watch one of the bad guys. Based on novel by Raymond Chandler. Screenplay by William Faulkner and directed by Howard Hawks.

Blot, The (1921- USA) NR

Philip Hubbard, Margaret McWade, Claire Windsor, Louis Calhern, Marie Walcamp.

In this silent feature, Professor Griggs (Hubbard) and his family are well educated, but dirt poor. His daughter Amelia (Winsor) works in the public library until a wealthy young man (Calhern) falls in love with her.

Body in the Library (1987 - USA) NR

Joan Hickson, Andrew Cruickshank, Keith Drinkel, Raymond Francis, Frederick Jaeger.

Miss Marple (Hickson) is called in to solve a very unpleasant discovery — a body in their library.

Book Revue (1946 - USA) NR

The ultimate Warner Brothers "books come to life" cartoon. Parodies and caricatures of Harry James, Frank Sinatra, Benny Goodman, Tommy Dorsey, Gene Krupa, Jimmy Durante, and a wild take-off on Danny Kaye.

Born Yesterday (1993 - USA) PG

Melanie Griffith, John Goodman, Don Johnson, Edward Herrmann.

A businessman (Goodman) shows up in Washington to lobby agendas that are friendly to his construction plans. Billie, His ex-showgirl bimbo (Griffith) proves to be an embarrassment in social situations, so he hires a reporter (Johnson) to teach her how to appear more intelligent. One scene shows Billie and the reporter in the reading room of the Library of Congress. Remake of **Born Yesterday** (1950)

Boy Who Had Everything (1984 - USA) R

Jason Connery, Diane Cilento, Laura Williams, Lewis Fitz-Gerald.

The story of a gifted and sensitive student (Connery) at a posh Australian college as he suffers through the relationships with his (real-life mother, Cilento) and girlfriend (Williams). One of the university initiation ordeals include taking a college history exam in the library.

Brazil (1985 - UK) R

Jonathan Pryce, Robert De Niro, Katherine Helmond, Bob Hoskins, Kim Greist.

In this Orwellian tale of the future, Sam Lowry (Pryce) is a harried technocrat working in Information Storage who longs to move up to Information Retrieval. He escapes the overpowering bureaucracy by dreaming about rescuing a damsel in distress (Greist). The best quote of the film is: "There are those who maintain that the Ministry of Information has become too large and unwieldy. But in a free society, information is the name of the game."

Breakfast at Tiffany's (1961 - USA) NR

Audrey Hepburn, George Peppard, Patricia Neal, Buddy Ebsen, Mickey Rooney.

Charming film by Blake Edwards, based upon Truman Capote's story. Holly Golightly (Hepburn) and her new neighbor (Peppard) pay a visit to the New York Public Library to find the book he has written. They use the card catalog and take the book to the circulation desk. A spinsterish librarian shushes them several times and asks them to leave because they want to autograph the book.

Breakfast Club, The (1985 - USA) R

Emilio Estevez, Paul Gleason, Ally Sheey, Molly Ringwald, Judd Nelson.

Five teenagers with nothing in common, sit and talk together as they spend a Saturday detention together in their high school library.

Bridge Across Time (1985 - USA) TV Movie

David Hasselhoff, Stephanie Kramer, Randolph Mantooth, Adrienne Barbeau.

History has it that Jack the Ripper died in the Thames river under London Bridge over a hundred years ago. But when a millionaire moves the bridge to Arizona some strange murders begin as soon as the bridge is reconstructed. The policeman (Hasselhoff) asks the librarian (Barbeau) for some help researching the bridge.

Browning Version, The (1994 - UK) R

Albert Finney, Greta Scacchi, Matthew Modine, Julian Sands, Michael Gambon.

Andrew Crocker-Harris (Finney) is an embittered and disliked teacher of Greek and Latin at a British prep school. After nearly 20 years of service, he is being forced to retire on the pretext of his health, and perhaps may not even be given a pension. The boys regard him as a Hitler, with some justification. His wife Laura (Scacchi) is unfaithful, and lives to wound him any way she can. Andrew must come to terms with his failed life and regain at least his own self-respect. One scene features Frank Hunter (Modine) in the library.

Burglar (1987 - USA) R

Whoopi Goldberg, Bob Goldthwait, G.W. Bailey, Lesley Ann Warren, John Goodman.

Bernice Rhodenbarr (Goldberg) is a woman who works in a library. But she has a strange hobby: In her spare time she dedicates herself to breaking into the villas of the rich and robbing them.

Cain and Mabel (1936 - USA) NR

Marion Davies, Clark Gable, Allen Jenkins, Roscoe Karns.

When heavyweight champion Larry Cain (Gable) and Broadway musical star Mabel (Davies) start courting more than sparks fly. Cain kisses his wife in the stacks of the public library under the watchful gaze of the librarian.

Cal (1984 - UK) R

Helen Mirren, John Lynch, Donal McCann, John Kavanagh.

The love story of Cal (Lynch) and Marcella (Mirren) is set against the violence in Northern Ireland. Cal has helped to kill a policeman, now he falls in love with the policeman's widow, who works in the local library.

Carolina Skeletons (1991 - USA) TV Movie

Louis Gosset Jr., Bruce Dern, Melissa Leo, Paul Roebing.

Marine officer (Gosset) returns to his home town to discover that an older brother he never knew existed was executed 30 years ago for murdering two white children. Gosset attempts to clear his brother's name and is helped by the local archivist/librarian -- the local sheriff's daughter -- who helps him find the trial records.

Carrie (1976 - USA) R

Sissy Spacek, Piper Laurie, William Katt, John Travolta, Amy Irving, Nancy Allen.

High school misfit (Spacek) uses her telepathic powers to get revenge against the people who have mocked her. In the beginning of the film, Carrie is trying to locate books using a card catalog.

Chances Are (1989 - USA) PG

Cybill Shepherd, Robert Downey Jr., Ryan O'Neal, Mary Stuart Masterson.

Corinne's (Shepherd) husband is killed on their first anniversary. He is reincarnated as Alex Finch (Downey) and meets the girl of his dreams (Masterson) in the Yale Library as she argues with a librarian about a fine. He distracts the librarian long enough to erase the fine. Everything is rosy, until he realizes that she's his daughter.

Cheers For Miss Bishop (1941- USA) NR

Martha Scott, William Gargan, Edmund Gwenn, Sterling Holloway.

Sentimental story about a schoolteacher (Scott) who devotes her life to teaching in a Midwestern town. In one scene, she suggests that a student with a photographic memory should become a librarian.

Chinatown (1974 - USA) R

Jack Nicholson, Faye Dunaway, John Huston, John Hillerman, Diane Ladd.

Jake Gittes (Nicholson) follows a complicated trail of murder, corruption, and incest through Los Angeles. To complicate matters, he is in love with Evelyn (Dunaway), the daughter of the chief suspect (Huston). Jake receives assistance from a sullen clerk in the county archives.

Christine (1983 - USA) R

Keith Gordon, Alexandra Paul, Harry Dean Stanton, Kelly Preston, Jan Burrell.

When high school misfit Arnie (Gordon) begins to restore a bright red 1957 Plymouth Fury, the car is not the only thing that changes. Arnie develops a new cocky arrogance. In one scene he and the librarian (Burrell) have an argument. Based on a novel by Stephen King.

Citizen Kane (1941 - USA) NR

Orson Welles, Joseph Cotton, Everett Sloane, Agnes Morehead, Ruth Warrick.

Welles first and best film is the story of a Hearst-like publisher's rise to power. While researching a biography of Kane, the writer visits a tomb-like archives. Complete with a dragon-lady at the gate.

City Slickers II: The Legend of Curly's Gold (1994 - USA) PG-13

Billy Crystal, Daniel Stern, Jon Lovitz, Jack Palance, Patricia Wettig, Helen Siff.

Mitch (Crystal) discovers a treasure map on his 40th birthday. He and his friends use microfilm at the library to research the treasure. An elderly, hair-in-a-bun librarian (Siff) shushes them.

Client, The (1994 - USA) PG-13

Susan Sarandon, Tommy Lee Jones, Mary-Louise Parker, Brad Renfro.

A street-wise kid, Mark Sway (Renfro), sees the suicide of a prominent Mafia lawyer. Before shooting himself, he tells Mark where the body of a senator is buried. Mark escapes, and the Mafia lawyer shoots himself. Both the FBI and the Mafia quickly realize that Mark probably knows more than he says. Mark decides he needs a lawyer, and finds Reggie Love (Sarandon). Scene in a law library

College (1927 - USA) NR

Buster Keaton, Anne Cornwall, Florence Turner, Harold Goodwin, Grant Withers.

Ronald's (Keaton) high school valedictory address praises books and condemns sports. His girlfriend Mary (Cornwall) condemns his attitude. He fears losing her to rival Jeff (Goodwin), decides to go to college and pay more attention to sports.

Coma (1978 - USA) PG

Genevieve Bujold, Michael Douglas, Elizabeth Ashley, Rip Torn, Richard Widmark.

A doctor (Bujold) suspects that patients are being murdered and stolen from the hospital. She uses computerized hospital records (okay, so its not a library, it is information) to help find out the reasons for the mysterious occurrence of unexplained comas in the hospital.

Comfort of Strangers, The (1990 - Italy) R

Christopher Walken, Rupert Everett, Natasha Richardson, Helen Mirren.

Mary (Richardson) and Colin (Everett) have come to Venice to repair their

relationship. An older couple (Walken and Mirren) are like spiders, waiting for the right victims to come along. Mary describes herself as "an American mother and librarian, . . . an intelligent, strong woman who is also vulnerable and a survivor." Based on a novel by Ian McEwan, with a screenplay by Harold Pinter.

Coming Through (1985 - UK) NR

Kenneth Branagh, Helen Mirren, Alison Steadman, Norman Rodway.

A middle aged woman (Mirren) goes to Nottingham to study DH Lawrence, there she meets a young man obsessed with the author. We also see flash-backs of the life of DH Lawrence (Branagh) and his relationship with his wife, Frieda (Mirren). One brief scene takes place in a library.

Confessions of a Nazi Spy (1939 - USA) NR

Edward G. Robinson, Francis Lederer, George Sanders, Paul Lukas.

Fast-paced story of the FBI's investigation of a Nazi spy ring in the US. Schneider (Lederer) uses the New York Public Library and a book called *German Espionage in the Last War*. He falsely pretends to be a former officer in the US Air Corps and offers his services to the Nazis as a spy.

Conspiracy of Silence (1991 - Canada) TV Movie

Lawrence Bayne, Maury Chaykin, Christopher Marren, Bruce McFee, Neil Munro.

A policeman goes to a reference desk for information in relation to the murder of an Indian girl several years previously.

Cook, The Thief, His Wife And Her Lover, The (1989 - France / Netherlands / UK) NC-17 & R

Helen Mirren, Michael Gambon, Tim Roth, Richard Bohringer, Alan Howard.

A horrifying and funny tale of greed, love, and revenge set in a posh restaurant. Georgina (Mirren) is having an affair with "the bookkeeper" (Howard). He takes her to an amazing book depository to hide from her husband (Gambon). Howard explains he is cataloguing the French Revolution. He is killed by being forcibly stuffed with books.

Creature Comforts (1990 - UK) NR

This animated claymation short consists of a series of interviews with animals in an English zoo. The animals comment on their accommodations, food, and the English weather. The turtle comments that he doesn't get out much, so he escapes into books. Directed and animated by Nick Park. Won the 1990 Academy Award for short animated film. Available on the video **Aardman Animation's**.

Cybill: Rachel's Baby (1995 - USA) TV Program

Cybill Shepherd, Christine Baranski, Alan Rosenberg, DeDee Pfeiffer, Alicia Witt.

In the opening sequence, Cybill plays a librarian in a beer commercial. She complains to the director about the stereotyped character. In the final scene, she is dancing with abandon on the desk top.

Day of the Jackal, The (1973 - UK) PG

Edward Fox, Michel Auclair, Alan Badel, Tony Britton, Cyril Cusack, Derek Jacobi.

A British assassin (Fox) is employed by the OAS to kill Charles de Gaulle while a dedicated gendarme follows the assassin's trail in this political thriller. The film uses the perspectives of the ultra-professional assassin as he prepares his work and that of the harried but humble French detective as he uncovers the plot. The Jackal is shown using the main reading room in the British Museum (Library) to research his target. Both the police and the Jackal utilize archives, the Jackal to lay a confusing trail, the police to ferret him out.

Debbie Does Dallas (1978 - USA) X

Bambi Woods, Robin Byrd, Eric Edwards, Christie Ford, Arcadia Lake.

A group of high school cheerleaders raise money to go to the national cheer-leading tryouts. A male librarian hires one of the cheerleaders as a shelver, and seduces her in his office. Not quite in the main stream, but this film generated quite a bit of talk at the time.

Desk Set (1957 - USA) NR

Spencer Tracy, Katherine Hepburn, Joan Blondell.

Computer expert Richard Sumner (Tracy) is hired to install a new computer in the reference department of a TV network. Misunderstandings lead to a marvelous interplay among the employees. Librarians, although all single women, are presented as knowledgeable professionals. A search is done on the EMERAC computer using Boolean logic. Also released under the title: **His Other Woman.**

Donor (1990 - USA) TV Movie

Melissa Gilbert-Brinkman, Jack Scalia, Pernell Roberts, Hari Rhodes.

Dr. Kristine Lipton (Gilbert-Brinkman) uses the library to check out a drug that she suspects may be responsible for deliberate premature aging.

Dream Trap (1990 - USA) NR

Kristy Swanson, Sasha Jenson, Jeanie Moore, Christina Leardini, Chantal Alvin (Jenson), a college student, has a rich imagination. The only problem is that his daydreams are so real he can't tell which are fantasy and which are reality. The girl of his dreams (Swanson) tries to lead him astray every time he tries to win her real-life look-alike's attention. Sue (Swanson) also has a strong imagination. One sequence shows Alvin and Sue in the library laughing together after sharing a daydream.

Dunwich Horror, The (1970 - USA) NR

Sandra Dee, Dean Stockwell, Ed Begley, Lloyd Bochner, Sam Jaffe, Talia Shire.

A sinister warlock (Stockwell) stalks a girl (Dee) who works in the college library. Toby Russ portrays the librarian. Adapted from a story by H.P. Lovecraft.

Educating Julie (1984 - UK) NR

Gail Ward, Miles Taylor, Phil Banyard, Anthony Schaeffer, Gar Willock.

College student (Ward) is assigned to write a term paper about "Nudity in the 80's." When she can't find enough information in the library, she joins a nudist organization and travels to nudist resorts around the world. **Educating Julie** was the first feature film produced by a nudist organization.

Entertaining Mr. Sloan (1970 - UK) NR

Beryl Reid, Harry Andrews, Peter McEnery, Alan Webb.

The story of a young man who becomes involved with both a brother and sister. When Ed (Andrews) first encounters Mr. Sloan (McEnery) he is under the misapprehension that he is a librarian. When Sloan says that he hasn't got a girlfriend, Ed responds "no you're a librarian."

Evil in Clear River (1988 - USA) TV Movie

Lindsay Wagner, Michael Flynn, Thomas Wilson Brown, Randy Quaid.

Brief scene where a mother (Wagner) speaks to a librarian to ask about her son's teacher, whom she suspects of teaching anti-Semitism.

Eyes of Julia Deep, The (1918 - USA) NR

Mary Miles Minter, Alan Forest.

Forest portrays a librarian in this early silent film.

Fahrenheit 451 (1966 - UK) NR

Oskar Werner, Julie Christie, Cyril Cusack, Mark Lester.

From the Ray Bradbury novel, Fahrenheit 451 is the temperature at which

paper will burst into flame. Montag (Werner) is a fireman who does not put out fires, but who searches out books and burns them. Books make people unhappy. In a parody of social correctness, all discordant strains are removed. The world is a lonely one in which Werner begins to read the books before burning them. Directed by Francois Truffaut, his only film in English.

Field Of Dreams (1989 - USA) PG

Kevin Costner, Amy Madigan, James Earl Jones, Burt Lancaster, Ray Liotta.

An Iowa Farmer (Costner) is inspired by a mysterious voice to build a baseball diamond in his cornfields. Costner researches one-time activist writer Terence Mann (Jones) in a college library. While attending a PTA meeting, Annie (Madigan) speaks out strongly against censorship.

Final Analysis (1992 - USA) R

Richard Gere, Kim Basinger, Uma Thurman, Eric Roberts, Keith David, Robert Harper.

Stylist film about a San Francisco psychiatrist (Gere) who becomes involved with a patient's sister. Gere uses the library (the outside is UCLA's Powell Library) to check a dream in the works of Freud. He even uses the book's index.

Firm, The (1993 - USA) R

Tom Cruise, Gene Hackman, Hal Holbrook, Wilford Brimley, Ed Harris, Holly Hunter.

Mitch (Cruise) is a young man with a promising future in law. Seduced by the money, he joins "The Firm," which has a large spacious law library/conference room. Mitch uses online newspaper files to search for information on two lawyers who died under suspicious circumstances.

Footloose (1984 - USA) PG

Kevin Bacon, Lori Singer, John Lithgow, Sarah Jessica Parker, Brian Wimmer.

A city kid (Bacon) moves to a small town so concerned with preventing permissiveness, that dancing has been outlawed. At one point, the townsfolk start burning books from the library. The minister (Lithgow) realizing that he's gone too far, finally stops them and allows a dance to take place.

Forbidden (1932 - USA) NR

Barbara Stanwyck, Adolph Menjou, Ralph Bellamy.

Lulu Smith (Stanwyck) is a small town librarian who abandons all for a life of romance. On a cruise to Havana she falls for the married Menjou. We see

her first on the way to the library, where's she's taunted by the local kids as "old lady four eyes". She declares "I wish I owned this library. . . I'd get an ax and smash it to a million pieces, then I'd set fire to the whole town and play a ukulele while it burned." Later on, she works in a newspaper library where she meets Ralph Bellamy.

Forever Young (1992 -USA) PG

Mel Gibson, Jamie Lee Curtis, Elijah Wood, George Wendt.

In 1939, a test pilot (Gibson) volunteers for a cryogenics experiment after his girl friend (Curtis) is critically injured in an auto accident. Fifty years later, he uses newspapers on microfiche to catch up on the years he has been "frozen". His young friend (Wood) also uses the library to talk to a girl.

Foul Play (1978 - USA) PG

Goldie Hawn, Chevy Chase, Burgess Meredith, Dudley Moore, Billy Barty.

When a librarian (Hawn) gets wrapped up in a murder plot, no one believes her story except for the detective (Chase) who's falling in love with her.

Friends: The One After the Superbowl (1996 - USA) TV Program

Jennifer Aniston, Courteney Cox, Matthew Perry, David Schwimmer, Brooke Shields.

Ross (Schwimmer) goes off in search of Marcel, his monkey. The quest for Marcel leads to a movie set; Monica tries to go after Jean-Claude Van Damme; Chandler (Perry) meets a make-up artist. One scene takes place in the library. Special one hour episode aired after the Superbowl, 1/28/96.

Funny Face (1957 - USA) NR

Audrey Hepburn, Fred Astaire, Kay Thompson, Suzy Parker, Ruta Lee.

When an ultra-chic magazine editor (Thompson) and her fashion photographer (Astaire) invade a beatnik bookstore, the clerk (Hepburn) tries to protect the books from their callous mistreatment. Paris is the backdrop for this wonderful blend of Gershwin music and Givenchy fashions. Still photos by Richard Avelon.

Genesis II (1973 - USA) TV Movie

Alex Cord, Mariette Hartley, Ted Cassidy, Bill Striglos, Majel Barrett.

The year is 2133. Star Trek's Gene Roddenberry produced this story of rival factions after a nuclear holocaust. One group lives below ground in caves preserving the best of the old civilization, including libraries. Brief glimpses of shelves of books.

Ghostbusters (1984 - USA) PG

Bill Murray, Dan Ackroyd, Harold Ramis, Sigourney Weaver, Rick Moranis, Annie Potts.

Three flaky "paranormal investigators" rid New York City of ghosts and spirits. Their first job is to remove the ghosts from the New York Public Library. The library administrator who hires them is played by John Rothman, the surly librarian from **Sophie's Choice**.

Gideon's Trumpet (1980 - USA) TV Movie

Henry Fonda, Jose Ferrer, John Houseman, Fay Wray, Sam Jaffe, Dean Jagger.

True story of Clarence Gideon's (Fonda) fight to have legal counsel appointed for him at the expense of the state. This landmark case led to the Supreme Court's decision which extended this right to all criminal defendants. Brief scene takes place in the prison library.

Girl Rush, The (1955 - USA)

Rosalind Russell, Eddie Albert, Fernando Lamas, Frances Lansing, Marion Lorne.

Librarian Kim Halliday (Russell) lives a quiet life until she inherits a Las Vegas hotel.

Goldeneye (1996 - UK/USA) PG-13

Peirce Bronson, Sean Bean, Izabella Scorupco, Famke Janssen, Joe Don Baker.

This time, 007 (Bronson) goes up against someone who knows him all too well: Agent 006. The bad guys chase Bond through a Russian military archive.

Goodbye Columbus (1969 - USA) PG [Originally Rated R]

Richard Benjamin, Ali McGraw, Jack Klugman.

Philip Roth's stinging portrait of a young library assistant (Benjamin) who pursues a Jewish country club heiress (McGraw). A scene at the beginning of the story shows him helping a small boy find a book.

Good News (1947 - USA) NR

June Allyson, Peter Lawford, Joan McCracken, Mel Torme.

In this musical comedy set in the 1920's, coed and school librarian Connie Lane (Allyson) falls for football hero Tommy Marlowe (Lawford). Unfortunately, he has his eye on gold-digging vamp Pat McClellan (McCracken). Features the song "The Best Things in Life Are Free."

Goosebumps: The Girl Who Cried Monster. (1995 - USA) TV Program
Lucy, a young girl who loves telling scary stories, discovers that Mr. Mortman the librarian is secretly a spider eating monster— only no one believes her. While he stalks the girl, her parents invite him over for dinner.

Gospel According to Vic (1986 - UK) PG-13

Tom Conti, Helen Mirren, David Hayman, Jennifer Black.

A Catholic school teacher (Conti) has had so much success in teaching children with learning difficulties that some view it as miraculous. Conti and Mirren have a love scene in the school library. Also released under the title: **Heavenly Pursuits.**

GhostWriter: Just in Time (1992 - USA) TV Program

Todd Alexander, Blaze Berdahl, David Lopez, Tram Ahn Tran, Sheldon Turnipseed.

Ghostwriter travels back in time to help Frank, a boy wrongly accused of stealing, in 1928. The Ghostwriter team uses the library research in old newspapers to solve the case.

Gun in Betty Lou's Handbag (1992 - USA) PG-13

Penelope Ann Miller, Eric Thal, Alfre Woodward, Cathy Moriarty, Julianna Moore.

A mousy, small town librarian (Miller), after stumbling across the murder weapon, confesses to having committed a murder in order to put some spice in her otherwise dull life. In the opening, her boss says that the goal of a library book is to return to the shelf unmutilated. The library open house scene is a wonderful teaser for libraries.

Hammett (1983 - USA) PG

Frederic Forrest, Peter Boyle, Marilu Henner, Roy Kinnear, Elisha Cook Jr.
The film adaptation of Joe Gore's tale about the real-life adventures of novelist Dashiell Hammett (Forest) centers on the investigation of the disappearance of a beautiful Chinese actress in San Francisco. Henner plays twin roles, one a sexy librarian who assists Hammett.

Happy Days: Fonzie Drops In (1974 - USA) TV Program

Ron Howard, Henry Winkler, Tom Bosley, Marion Ross, Anson Williams, Erin Moran.

Fonzie (Winkler) returns to high school. This show was so popular that when "The Fonz" got a library card, thousands of viewers were encouraged to do the same.

Happy Days: Hard Cover (1974 - USA) TV Program

Ron Howard, Henry Winkler, Tom Bosley, Marion Ross, Anson Williams, Erin Moran.

Richie (Howard) heads for college. "The Fonz" (Winkler) takes him to the library to show him how to pick up girls.

Happy Together (1989 - USA) PG-13

Patrick Dempsey, Helen Slater, Kevin Hardesty, Brad Pitt.

A computer error assigns Chris (Dempsey), a serious college freshman, to the same room as party girl Alexandra (Slater). While Chris is studying in the library Alex comes in on roller skates. She skates around the reference room drawing shushes from the librarian.

Harry and the Hendersons (1987 - USA) PG

John Lithgow, Melinda Dillon, Kevin Peter Hall, David Suchet, Peggy Platt.

The Henderson family's car hits a "bigfoot" as they return from a hunting trip. They decide to take it home. George (Lithgow) and his family ask the librarian (Platt) for books about "bigfoot".

Has Anybody Seen My Gal? (1952 - USA) NR

Charles Coburn, Piper Laurie, Rock Hudson, James Dean (bit).

A rich old man (Coburn) plans to leave his fortune to the family of a woman who turned down his marriage proposal years earlier. At one point, someone says of the library "I haven't been in there in ages."

Hear My Song (1991 - UK) R

Ned Beatty, Adrian Dunbar, Shirley Ann Field, Tara Fitzgerald, David McCallum.

Micky O'Neill (Dunbar) is a sleazy Irish promoter of books. Josef Locke (Beatty) is an Irish tenor who fled England 25 years earlier leaving behind the girl he loved and the mother of Micky's girlfriend. To win Nancy (Fitzgerald) back, Micky travels to Ireland in search of the real Josef Locke. Micky and Nancy charm a librarian into loaning them the original sheet music they need for his performance.

Heavenly Pursuits (1985) see **Gospel According to Vic**

Her Alibi (1989 - USA) PG

Tom Selleck, Paulina Porizkova, William Daniels, James Farentino, Ronald Guttman.

Detective novelist Phil Blackwood (Selleck) is suffering from writers' block. He pretends to be the alibi of Nina (Porozkova), a beautiful Romanian

woman arrested for murder. At first he thinks she is innocent, but as he has more and more close calls with death, he is not so sure. Blackwood and his editor (Daniels) discuss this relationship in the stacks of the local library.

Hidden Room of 1,000 Horrors, The see **Tell-Tale Heart.**

Himmel Uber Berlin, Der see **Wings of Desire.**

Hospital (1971 - USA) PG

George C. Scott, Diana Rigg, Barnard Hughes, Richard Dysart, Nancy Marchand.

A sardonic tale about a chaotic hospital. Herbert Block (Scott) is head of surgery in a major teaching hospital. At one stage, the harassed administrators listen to the local community at a meeting in the hospital library.

Hotel (1982 - USA) TV Movie

James Brolin, Connie Sellecca, Bette Davis, Jack Gilford, Shirley Jones.

The trainee manager (Sellecca) explains to her boss (Brolin) that after falling in love with a hotel, she read all the books in the public library on how to manage hotels.

"I, Claudius" (1976 - UK) TV Program

Derek Jacobi, Sian Phillips, Brian Blessed, John Hurt, Patrick Stewart, John Truscott.

This acclaimed mini-series follows the history of the Roman Empire from the death of Marcellus, to Claudius' own death in 54 AD. In one scene, the librarian (Truscott) remembers seeing a scroll like the one Claudius (Jacobi) is looking for on the top shelf near the back about fifteen years ago. He offers to get it for him since "I don't expect it's been moved since then."

I Love You To Death (1990 - USA) R

Tracy Ullman, Kevin Kline, Joan Plowright, River Phoenix, William Hurt, Keanu Reeves.

Joey (Kline) works with Rosalie (Ullman) in their pizza parlor. Her world dissolves when she finds that he has been fooling around. Being Catholic, divorce is out of the question, so Joey, her mother, and her best friend decide to kill him. Rosalie discovers her husband's infidelity while she's in the public library.

In Search of Dr. Seuss (1994 - USA) TV Movie

Kathy Najimy, Matt Frewer, Christopher Lloyd, Patrick Stewart, Robin

Williams.

A nosy reporter (Najimy) wants to find out all she can about Dr. Seuss, a.k.a. Ted Geisel. The story of his life is told by the fantastic characters he invented. This film is a marvelous tribute to the man and to the power of books, reading, and imagination.

Incident At Dark River (1989 - USA) NR

Mike Farrell, Tess Harper, Helen Hunt, Arthur Rosenberg, Nicolas Coster.

When his daughter dies as a result of pollution in the river at the back of his house, a blue collar worker (Farrell) takes on the local battery factory. He uses the university library to trace information on pollution and is told about a local environment group.

Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade (1989 - USA) PG-13

Harrison Ford, Sean Connery, Denholm Elliott, John Rhys-Davies, River Phoenix.

When his father (Connery) disappears while searching for the Holy Grail, Indiana Jones (Ford) sets out to find him. Dr. Henry Jones tells his son that "half of anthropology is done in the library." Also, the final clue to the location of the Holy Grail turns up in a library in Venice.

Interlude (1957 - USA) NR

June Allyson, Rossano Brazzi, Marianne Koch, Jane Wyatt.

While working in the American Cultural Center Library in Berlin, Helen Banning (Allyson) falls hopelessly in love with Tonio (Brazzi). The only problem is that he is married and his wife (Koch) refuses to leave him.

Invisible Stripes (1939 - USA) NR

George Raft, William Holden, Humphrey Bogart, Jane Bryan.

A parolee (Raft) is trying to go straight to protect his brother (Holden) from the gangster (Bogart). Holden meets his girlfriend in the New York Public Library.

Ironweed (1987 - USA) R

Jack Nicholson, Meryl Streep, Carroll Baker, Fred Gwynne, Nathan Lane, Bethel Leslie.

After years of living on the street, Phelan (Nicholson) is trying to come to terms with his past. Helen (Streep) is his only friend, but she is stuck on the bottle. In one scene a homeless woman takes refuge in the library to try and get warm. The reference librarian (Leslie) tells her that she is welcome to use the library, but she can't sleep there. A dark and haunting adaptation of William Kennedy's Pulitzer prize winning novel.

It Happened Tomorrow (1944 - USA) NR

Dick Powell, Linda Darnell, Eddie Acuff, Marion Martin, Jack Oakie, John Phillip.

Before he dies, the old newspaper librarian (Philliber) promises to give a young reporter (Powell) copies of tomorrow's newspapers, giving him the scoop on the competition.

It's a Wonderful Life (1946 - USA) NR

James Stewart, Donna Reed, Lionel Barrymore, Henry Travers.

George Bailey (Stewart) is given the opportunity to see what life would have been like if he had never been born. In this dark alternate life, his wife Mary (Reed) is depicted as a shy, timid, spinster librarian.

Katherine (1975 - USA) TV Movie

Art Carney, Sissy Spacek, Henry Winkler, Julie Kavner, Jane Wyatt, Hector Elias.

An absorbing tale chronicling a young woman's (Spacek) development from innocent activist to terrorist through the 1960s and '70s. At one stage, in the mid-'60s, she and Winkler are helping to run a school for black children in the South. She takes them to the local library where some older white boys harass them. She gets little help from the librarian. Released on video as **The Radical**.

Katie Did It (1951 - USA) NR

Ann Blythe, Mark Stevens, Jesse White.

The librarian (Blythe) in a small New England town shocks everyone by posing in scanty attire for a New York commercial artist (Stevens).

Kes (1969 - UK) NR

David Bradley, Freddie Fletcher, Lynne Perrie, Colin Welland, Brian Glover.

Poor boy Billy Casper (Bradley) goes to the local library to find out more about the kestrels, but can't borrow the books because he is not a member. His mother will not sign for him so he tries to get around the young librarian by saying he has never damaged a book. The librarian responds by checking his hands and saying he will make the books dirty. Billy protests that he never reads dirty books! In frustration he asks if there is any where else he could try. He is directed to a local second-hand book shop where he steals a book on kestrels.

Kingsajz (1988 - Poland) NR

Jarek Chmielnik, Kataryzna Figura, Grzegorz Herominski, Maciej Kozlowski.

A Polish comedy about a young scientist in the contemporary world, who actually came from the world of dwarves, thanks to a magic potion. The dwarf kingdom, Shuflandia, exists in a cellar of a library, and only the most obedient get the chance to grow to king size and inhabit the larger world.

Kiss Before Dying, A (1991) R

Matt Dillion, Sean Young, Max von Sydow, Diane Ladd, Adam Horowitz.

When her sister dies, Ellen (Young) suspects her brother-in-law (Dillion) of murder. Once he discovers her suspicions, he tries to kill her as well. Ellen pays two library visits, one to a law library to talk to her sister's former boyfriend and later to the main library to check the yearbook for to see if he really was in class with her sister. Supposedly filmed at the University of Pennsylvania. Remake of **A Kiss Before Dying** (1956).

Lamb (1986 - UK) NR

Ian Bannen, Liam Neeson, Hugh O'Connor, Frances Tomelty, Ronan Wilmot.
Brother Sebastian (Neeson) asks for books on epilepsy in the public library.

Letter from an Unknown Woman (1948 - USA) NR

Joan Fontaine, Louis Jourdan, Mady Christians, Marcel Journet, Art Smith.
Lisa Berndt's (Fontaine) love for the dashing but self-obsessed pianist (Jourdan) is unrequited. There is a brief library scene.

Life Story see **Race for the Double Helix, The**

Likely Lads, The (1976 - UK) NR

Rodney Bewes, Brigit Forsyth, James Bolam, Mary Tamm, Zena Walker, Ronald Lacey.

A full-length feature spin-off from the BBC television series. Bob (Bewes) turns up at the local library to meet his wife Thelma (Forsyth) at work. He is drunk and distressed (his first local pub has just closed down) and causes a disturbance, to be met only with "Shhhs" from readers and staff alike.

Logan's Run (1976 - USA) PG

Michael York, Peter Ustinov, Jenny Agutter, Farrah Fawcett-Majors.

Futuristic film about a place where no one is allowed to live beyond 30. Logan (York) and Jessica (Agutter) escape to the ruins of Washington DC where they find an old man (Ustinov) living in the ruins of the Library of Congress.

Lords of Discipline, The (1983 - USA) R

David Keith, Mark Breland, Judge Reinhold, Jason Connery, Matt Frewer, Sophie Ward.

Wil (Keith), a student in a Southern military academy, is asked to keep an eye on Pearce (Breland), the first black cadet. Pearce communicates with Wil by leaving notes in a book in the library.

Lorenzo's Oil (1993 - USA) PG-13

Nick Nolte, Susan Sarandon, Peter Ustinov, Kathleen Wilhoite.

Real life story of the Augusto & Michaela Odone (Nolte and Sarandon) who fight to find a way to keep their son alive. At first, Augusto uses the library to find out about the child's disease, while Michaela searches *Index Medicus* on microfiche. Later, the library helps them to find information on the oil that forms part of the cure. All in all, the library is a major and empowering force in their struggle.

Love Lies Bleeding (1993 - UK) NR

Mark Rylance, Elisabeth Bourgine.

Conn (Rylance) tries to find information about his girlfriend who has been killed under mysterious circumstances. He traces her friend Sophie (Bourgine), an academic at Queen's University Belfast, and meets her in the library.

Love, Mary (1985 - USA) TV Movie

Matt Clark, Piper Laurie, Kristy McNichol, David Paymer, Rachel Ticotin.

A dyslexic woman in prison is sent to college on a special program. A number of scenes take place in a college library.

Lucky Jim (1957 - UK) NR

Ian Carmichael, Terry-Thomas, Hugh Griffith, Sharon Acker, Jean Anderson.

The comic misadventures of a new university lecturer (Carmichael) based upon a novel by Kingsley Amis. At the university, the lecturer has to do the bidding of absent-minded and boring Professor Welch (Terry-Thomas) to have any hope of keeping his job. Several scenes are set in the college library.

MacGyver: Lost Treasure of Atlantis (1994 - USA) TV Movie

Richard Dean Anderson, Brian Blessed, Sophie Ward, Christian Burgess.

MacGyver (Anderson) and his former college professor (Blessed) are first hunting some artifacts attributed to an ancient scientist from the lost city of Atlantis. Thanks to a platinum book, they find that the treasure of Atlantis is knowledge.

Mackintosh Man (1973 - USA) PG

Paul Newman, Dominique Sandra, James Mason, Harry Andrews, Nigel Patrick.

Joseph Rearden (Newman) takes the fall for a robbery and winds up in prison. He escapes with a convicted spy and is taken to a remote manor. There is a brief scene in the prison library.

Major League (1989 - USA) R

Tom Berenger, Charlie Sheen, Rene Russo, Wesley Snipes, Rachel Phelps.

When an exotic dancer (Phelps) inherits a baseball team, she tries to field the worst team she can find so she can move it to a warmer climate. The players rally together and fight back. Over-the-hill catcher Jake (Berenger) is dating a librarian (Russo). They have a big shouting match in the middle of the library.

Man In The White Suit, The (1951 - UK) NR

Alec Guinness, Joan Greenwood, Cecil Parker, Michael Gough, Vida Hope.

An inventor (Guinness) creates a fabric which won't soil or wear out. Dismayed garment manufacturers plan to bury both the inventor and his invention. The manufacturer's daughter (Greenwood) checks their personal library to find out about long-chained molecules.

Man Who Never Was, The (1956 - UK) NR

Stephen Boyd, Cyril Cusack, Michael Hordern, Gloria Grahame, Clifton Webb.

The story of how British Intelligence tricked the German High Command into shifting it's forces away from Italy prior to the invasion. Lucy (Grahame) is a librarian who must convince the Nazis that the planted documents are real. Based on a true story.

Maxie (1985 - USA) PG

Glenn Close, Mandy Patinkin, Ruth Gordon, Barnard Hughes, Valerie Curtin.

The spirit of a flapper era starlet inhabits the body of a dull, but hard-working secretary (Close). Her husband (Patinkin), a rare books librarian, is alternately confused and titillated by her. A couple of scenes are shot in the San Francisco Public Library.

Martha, Ruth & Edie (1988 - Canada) NR

Margaret Langrick, Andrea Martin, Lynne Gorman, Helen Hughes, Lois Maxwell.

Three women attend a self-awareness seminar. Ruth is a timid public librarian who's favorite film is *Gone with the Wind*. She wants to be Scarlet but fears she will only be Ashley. Her two crazy aunts come back from Hollywood after the death of her mother and they help her to liberate herself and find happiness with one of her readers, a garage owner who borrows Shakespeare tragedies.

Missionary, The (1982 - UK) R

Michael Palin, Maggie Smith, Phoebe Nicholls, Trevor Howard, Denholm Elliott.

When a young missionary (Palin) returns from Africa, he is recruited to run a home for fallen women. His fiancé (Nicholls) reveals a penchant for classification. She has classified his letters: 663 letters and 143 postcards into 8 general boxes with subsections. His marriage proposal is in Box 3 section 11. "I love filing" she says.

Morning Glory (1993 - USA) PG-13

Christopher Reeve, Deborah Raffin, Nina Foch, Helen Shaver.

Ex-con Wil Parker (Reeve) answers a pregnant widow's ad for a husband. He does some research on bees in the public library. Librarian (Foch) won't give him a library card unless he can prove residency. Later, Reeves becomes the library custodian and is accused of murdering the town floozy (Shaver).

Mr. Sycamore (1974 - USA) NR

Sandy Dennis, Jason Robards, Jean Simmons, Mark Miller.

John Gwilt (Robards) is a postman with a nagging wife (Dennis), a crush on the local librarian (Simmons), and unusual dream. He wants to be a tree.

Murder at the Gallop (1963 - UK) NR

Margaret Rutherford, Stringer Davis, Robert Morley, Charles 'Bud' Tingwell.

Miss Marple suspects murder when a wealthy recluse dies. The village librarian (Davis) assists her partner in her crime solving. Based on the novel *After the Funeral* by Agatha Christie.

Murder Ahoy (1964 - UK) NR

Margaret Rutherford, Lionel Jeffries, William Mervyn, Stringer Davis.

Miss Marple (Rutherford) investigates a murder on a navel training ship. Librarian Mr. Stringer (Davis) is her partner in crime solving.

Murder Most Foul (1964 - UK) NR

Margaret Rutherford, Stringer Davis, Charles 'Bud' Tingwell, Francesca

Annis.

Miss Marple (Rutherford) is the only jury member who believes the defendant is innocent. Librarian Mr. Stringer (Davis) is her partner in crime solving. Based on Agatha Christie's *Mrs. McGinty's Dead*.

Murder, She Said (1961 - UK) NR

Margaret Rutherford, Charles 'Bud' Tingwell, Joan Hickson, Stringer Davis.

Miss Marple witnesses a murder in a passing train, but no body can be found. With the help of the village librarian (Davis) she begins her own investigation. This was the first of four films featuring Rutherford as Miss Marple and Stringer Davis as her librarian partner, Mr. Stringer. Based upon Agatha Christie's story *4:50 From Paddington*.

Murders In The Rue Morgue, The (1986 - USA) TV Movie

George C. Scott, Rebecca de Mornay, Ian McShane, Val Kilmer.

Inspector Auguste Dupin (Scott) uses the library of the Society of Explorers to find books on apes to help match a hand print he has found at the scene of the crime. A better than average retelling of the classic tale by Edgar Allan Poe.

Music Man, The (1962 - USA) NR

Robert Preston, Shirley Jones, Buddy Hackett, Paul Ford, Ron Howard.

Super salesman/con man Harold Hill (Preston) mesmerizes a small Iowa town with his vision of a uniformed marching band. Marion the Librarian (Jones) makes scandalous works available, such as Balzac and Chaucer, and sings while she stamps book slips.

My Fair Lady (1964 - USA) G

Rex Harrison, Audrey Hepburn, Stanley Holloway, Wilfrid Hyde-White, Theodore Bikel.

Professor Henry Higgins (Harrison) teaches a cockney flower girl (Hepburn) to speak like a duchess. Much of the story takes place in Higgin's personal library.

My Fellow Americans (1996 - USA) PG-13

Jack Lemmon, James Garner, Dan Aykroyd, Sela Ward, Wilford Brimley.

Two former presidents, Republican Russell Kramer (Lemmon) and Democrat Matthew Douglas (Garner) are framed by the current president (Aykroyd). The two dash cross country to Kramer's presidential library where his official papers will exonerate them.

Name of the Rose (1986 - Italy / France / West Germany) **R**

Sean Connery, F. Murray Abraham, Christian Slater, Ron Perlman.

A series of mysterious deaths in a 14th century monastery leads William of Baskerville (Connery) to the brother who supervises the scriptorium and the library. A suspenseful scene in the library has him trying to learn the arrangement of the collection and leads to a confrontation with the librarian, and a fire which destroys the library.

Necronomicon (1993 - USA) **NR**

Jeffrey Combs, Tony Azito, Juan Fernandez, Brian Yuzna, Bruce Payne.

H.P. Lovecraft (Combs), the well-known horror writer, is looking in the late '30s for the book *Necronomicon*. He finds it guarded by monks in an old library.

Never-Ending Story III, The (1994 - Germany / USA) **G**

Jason James Richter, Melody Kay, Jack Black, Carole Finn, Freddie Jones.

Bastian's (Richter) dream to have a sibling comes true when his father remarries. But soon he has trouble with his new step-sister Nicole (Kay) and with a gang of school bullies, the Nasties. Slip, the gang leader, finds the book *The Never-Ending Story*. The latter recognizes the power of the book and begins to form Fantasia, a land based upon his evil design.

No Man of Her Own (1932 - USA) **NR**

Clark Gable, Carole Lombard, J. Farrell MacDonal.

Babe Stewart (Gable) is a heel on the lam to avoid a pesky cop. He meets and marries a lonely, but slightly wild, librarian (Lombard).

Off Beat (1982 - USA) **PG**

Judge Reinhold, Meg Tilly, Harvey Keitel, Jaques D'Amboise.

Joe Gower's (Reinhold) job is skating through library shelves, fetching books. A police officer friend of his is chosen to participate in a charity dance performance. Gower agrees to take his place in the show by posing as a police officer, and falling for a female officer (Tilly) in the show.

One Hundred and One Dalmatians (1996 - US) **PG**

Glenn Close, Jeff Daniels, Joely Richardson, Joan Plowright.

In this live action remake of the 1961 animated classic, Cruella (Close) kidnaps puppies to make herself a Dalmatian skin coat. The puppies are kept in the library of a decaying mansion.

Only 38 (1923 - USA) NR

May McAvoy, Lois Wilson.

With two teenagers to support, a new widow (McAvoy) must accept a job as a librarian. But she shocks the community by dancing with an admirer at the college ball in this silent feature.

Only Two Can Play (1962 - UK) NR

Peter Sellers, Mai Zetterling, Virginia Maskell, Richard Attenborough.

Ambitious and lecherous assistant librarian (Sellers) flirts with the wife of a prominent library board member (Zetterling) in order to land the position of Head Librarian. Based upon a novel by Kingsley Amis.

Ordeal by Innocence (1984 - UK) PG-13

Donald Sutherland, Faye Dunaway, Ian McShane, Christopher Plummer, Diana Quick.

Dr. Arthur Calgary (Sutherland) plays amateur sleuth in a small English hamlet. He uses newspapers in the local library while an elderly librarian checks in books. Based on a story by Agatha Christie.

Pagemaster (1994 - USA) G

Macaulay Calkin, Christopher Lloyd, Patrick Stewart, Whoopi Goldberg.

A timid boy (Calkin) seeks refuge in the library from a storm where he is swept away into the magical animated world of the Pagemaster. Interesting example of a librarian (Lloyd) who doesn't listen to his patrons.

Party Girl (1995 - USA) R

Parker Posey, Sasha von Scherler, Anthony DeSando, Guillermo Diaz, Donna Mitchell.

Free spirited Mary (Posey) is jailed for staging a wild party on Manhattan's trendy lower east side. Her godmother (von Scherler), a librarian, bails her out and puts her to work in the library. Dismayed at first, Mary is bewitched by the Dewey Decimal System, and ultimately decides to go to library school. Overall a positive image for librarians. In one powerful speech, Von Scherler remarks that Dewey hired women as librarians because they couldn't be expected to think too much.

Passport To Pimlico (1949 - UK) NR

Stanley Holloway, Margaret Rutherford, Hermione Baddeley, Basil Radford.

Some friends find an ancient treaty which allows them to create their own country in the middle of London. Two of the characters go to the public library to look up details of a coat of arms they have found.

Pelican Brief, The (1993 - USA) PG-13

Julia Roberts, Denzel Washington, Sam Shepherd, John Heard, Robert Culp.

A law student (Roberts) writes a brief implicating the White House in the murder of a Supreme Court judge. She spends a lot of time in libraries both researching the brief and later hiding from various bad guys. Lots of use of computer-based information, possibly an on-line catalog and *Lexis*.

Personals (1990 - USA) TV Movie

Stephanie Zimbalist, Jennifer O'Neill, Barry Stevens.

By day, Heather Moore (O'Neill) is an insignificant librarian, but at night she becomes a mysterious dark lady who uses the personal ads to meet men and kill them. These murders last until the wife of one victim (Zimbalist) decides to investigate.

Phantom, The (1996 - USA) PG

Billy Zane, Treat Williams, Kristy Swanson, Catherine Zeta Jones.

A mysterious crusader for justice, The Phantom (Zane), has defended the helpless and innocent against criminals and evil-doers for 400 years. There are two library related scenes in this film. First, the Phantom uses his personal library to research an important clue in "The Phantom Chronicles." Secondly, the evil Xander Drax (Williams) blinds the librarian for leaking information about the research he has been doing in the New York Public Library.

Philadelphia (1993 - USA) PG-13

Tom Hanks, Denzel Washington, Jason Robards, Mary Steenburgen, Antonio Banderas.

Andrew Beckett (Hanks), an AIDS infected lawyer sues to regain his job after he is fired on trumped up charges. In one crucial scene Beckett is asked by a librarian if he would be more comfortable in a private study room. He responds: "No, but would you be more comfortable?" The scene becomes more tense as the confrontation grows. It is finally diffused by the intervention of Joe Miller (Washington). This scene beautifully illustrates the public fear of AIDS. It is too bad that they had to pick the librarian to give a really negative image.

Philadelphia Story (1940 - USA) NR

Katherine Hepburn, Jimmy Stewart, Cary Grant.

A fast-talking reporter (Stewart) falls for a society girl (Hepburn). She goes to the town library, which her grandfather founded, to look for a book he has written.

Plain Clothes (1988 - USA) PG

Arless Howard, Suzy Amis, George Wendt, Diane Ladd, Abe Vigoda, Robert Stack.

A cop (Howard) goes back to high school to solve a murder of which his brother is accused. He uses the library to make connections with the evidence.

Postcards From the Edge (1992 - USA) R

Meryl Streep, Shirley McLaine, Dennis Quaid, Gene Hackman, Richard Dreyfuss.

Story of a young actress's life in the shadow of her famous show business mother. Based on a novel by Carrie Fisher. Suzanne's mother (McLaine) throws a surprise party for her return from the hospital. Suzanne Vale (Streep) comments about one of the guests "the last time I saw him he was vomiting an omelet through his nose in the library."

Prospero's Books (1991 - France / Italy / Netherlands / UK) R

Sir John Gielgud, Michael Clark, Erland Josephson, Isabelle Pasco.

Adapted from Shakespeare's *The Tempest*, this film marries the art of film, literature, and dance into a sumptuous, erotic mix. The pages of the books in this library are really magical special effect masterpieces.

Quiet Please, Murder (1942 - USA) NR

George Sanders, Gail Patrick, Richard Denning, Lynne Roberts, Margaret Brayton.

Based on the story "Death walks in marble halls" by Lawrence G. Blochman about a murder in the New York Public Library.

Race for the Double Helix, The (1987 - UK) TV Movie

Tim Piggott-Smith, Jeff Goldblum, Alan Howard, Juliet Stevenson, Betsy Brantley.

In the race to find DNA, Crick (Piggott-Smith) and Watson (Goldblum) race to find the structure of DNA before Linus Pauling, Maurice Wilkins, or Rosalind Franklin can find the key to unlocking the secret. They use the library to find a paper by Linus Pauling, charming the librarian and sitting on the floor in the stacks. Alternate title: **Life Story**.

Radical, The see **Katherine**.

Resting Place (1986 - USA) TV Movie

John Lithgow, Richard Bradford, Morgan Freeman, Frances Sternbergen, Emmet Walsh.

Major Kendall Laird (Lithgow) is assigned to help the family of a black officer killed in Vietnam. The local community refuse to let him be buried in the "white" graveyard. Laird finds out about the gifted officer, including a story of how when he was aged about 8, he wanted to borrow a book from the library. The librarian wouldn't let him because he was black. He said he would wait until she changed her mind. He stayed all day until she finally gave in and let him have the book.

Rising Sun (1993 - USA) R

Sean Connery, Wesley Snipes, Harvey Keitel, Cary-Hiroyuki Tagawa, Tia Carrere.

An L.A. Cop (Snipes) is assigned to a sensitive murder case involving a powerful Japanese corporation. With a Japanese expert (Connery), they unravel a multi-layer mystery. A brief scene shows where a rival journalist is getting information.

Rollerball (1975 - USA) R

James Caan, John Houseman, Maud Adams, Moses Gunn, Ralph Richardson.

In a futuristic society the violent game of Rollerball is used to control the populace by demonstrating the futility of individuality. The champion player Jonathan (Caan) uses the library to find out more about the game. The librarian (Richardson) assists him in his search for information.

Rome Adventure (1962 - USA) NR

Suzanne Pleshette, Troy Donahue, Angie Dickinson, Rossano Brazzi, Chad Everett.

A school librarian (Pleshette) learns about love the hard way when she is torn between two lovers, Roberto (Brazzi) and Don (Donahue).

Runaway Father (1991 - USA) TV Movie

Donna Mills, Jack Scalia, Chris Mulkey, Jenny Lewis.

A confrontational scene between runaway father (Scalia) and his grown-up daughters takes place in a library.

Running On Empty (1988 - USA) PG-13

Judd Hirsch, Martha Plimpton, Jonas Arby, Ed Crowley, Steven Hill.

A one-time student radical (Hirsch) has been on the run from the FBI for seventeen years. He uses the library newspapers on microfilm for obituary notices to find a new identity. Directed by Sidney Lumet.

Salmonberries (1991 - Germany) NR

K. D. Lang, Rosel Zech, Chuck Connors, Christel Merian.

Orphan Kotzebue (Lang) goes to the public library to find out who her parents were. She befriends Roswitha, the librarian (Zech). Roswitha is an East German immigrant who lost her husband while escaping from behind the Iron Curtain. Together they help each other find closure in their past. Kotzebue throws books to attract Roswitha's attention. This is a good example of a film which has a fully rounded librarian whose role as a librarian is also essential to the plot. She is knowledgeable, competent, and committed, if bad-tempered at times.

Scandal Street (1938 - USA) NR

Louise Campbell, Roscoe Karns, Lew Ayres.

Nora Langdon (Campbell) is a stereotyped small town librarian in this slapstick murder mystery.

Scent of a Woman (1992 - USA) R

Al Pacino, Chris O'Donnell, Gabrielle Anwar.

A timid prep school student Charlie Simms (O'Donnell) becomes a weekend companion for a blind ex-Army Officer (Pacino). Charlie also works in the library. When a classmate asks him to borrow a book that's on reserve, Charlie lets the book go out overnight.

Secret of the Chateau (1934 - USA) NR

Claire Dodd, William Faversham, Ferdinand Gottschalk.

While attending an auction of rare books, Inspector Marotte (Gottschalk) hopes he can catch his a murderer and book thief. More murders occur when it is learned that a rare first edition of the *Gutenberg Bible* is hidden on the premises.

Seven (1995 - USA) R

Morgan Freeman, Brad Pitt, Gwyneth Paltrow, Kevin Spacey.

Somerset, a seasoned veteran policeman (Freeman), and a new detective Mills (Pitt) are teamed up to track down a psychopathic serial killer who is fashioning his murders after the seven deadly sins. Somerset uses the library after hours to research the seven deadly sins in order to understand the murderer.

Seventh Coin (1993 - USA) PG-13

Alexandra Powers, Navin Chowdhry, Peter O'Toole, John Rhys-Davies, Ally Walker.

Two teenagers, Ronnie (Powers) and Salim (Chowdhry), run from a British Officer who believes himself to be the reincarnation of Herod (O'Toole). A rookie police officer (Walker) uses newspaper microfilm for clues about the murders surrounding the "seventh coin." Working in the library, Walker wonders how to find out if one of the people mentioned in the newspaper article is still alive. The librarian suggests, "have you tried the telephone book?" Also released under the title **Worlds Apart**.

Sex Shop, Le (1974 - France / Germany) NR

Gregoire Aslan, Claude Berri, Juliet Berto, Luisa Colpeyn, Francesca Romana Coluzzi.

Claude (Berri), the owner of a book shop in Paris, decides to convert his store into a sex-shop but the only thing that really changes is himself.

Shadow of a Doubt (1942 - USA) NR

Joseph Cotton, MacDonald Carey, Teresa Wright, Wallace Ford, Hume Cronyn.

When Uncle Charlie (Cotton) comes to visit a sleepy California town in this suspenseful Hitchcock classic, his niece (Wright) suspects him of being the Merry Widow murderer. She visits the library to read about the murders. Script written by Thornton Wilder.

Shadows in the Storm (1988 - USA) NR

Ned Beatty, William Bumiller, Michael Madsen, Mia Sara.

After being fired because of his drinking, a librarian (Beatty) moves into a cabin in the woods where he becomes involved in a murderous affair.

Shawshank Redemption, The (1994 - USA) R

Tim Robbins, Morgan Freeman, Bob Gunton, William Sadler, James Whitmore.

After the murder of his wife, hotshot banker Andrew Dufresne (Robbins) is sent to Shawshank Prison. Over the years, he retains hope and eventually gains the respect of his fellow inmates, especially longtime convict "Red" Redding (Freeman). Several scenes are set in the prison library.

Silence of the Lambs, The (1991 - USA) R

Jodie Foster, Anthony Hopkins, Scott Glenn, Ted Levine.

FBI trainee (Foster) researches the serial killer's (Hopkins) activities on microfilmed newspapers in the library. Based upon the novel by Thomas Harris.

Sisters: War & Peace (1994 - USA) TV Program

Noelle Parker, Paul Stephen Rudd.

A young woman comforts her near comatose mother by telling her she would have made a great librarian. "You love quiet, books, and you would have been great at collecting overdue fines."

Sleeping with the Enemy (1991 - USA) R

Julia Roberts, Patrick Bergin, Kevin Anderson, Elizabeth Lawrence, Kyle Secor.

Laura (Roberts) and Martin (Bergin) seem to be the perfect, happiest and most successful couple. The reality however, is very different. Martin is an abusive and brutally obsessed husband. Laura lives in constant fear and waits for a chance to escape. She finally stages her own death, and flees to a new own and new identity. There is one scene where Laura gets a job in a library, and is shown working with overdue books.

Sleepless In Seattle (1993 - USA) PG

Tom Hanks, Meg Ryan, Bill Pullman, Rosie O'Donnell, Rob Reiner, Cary Lowell.

A woman who has just gotten engaged (Ryan) hears a widower (Hanks) on a call-in radio show. There is a brief scene in the Peabody Library.

Snapper, The (1993 - UK) R

Colm Meaney, Tina Kellegher, Ruth McCabe, Colm O'Byrne, Eanna Macliam.

Comedy about a working class Irish family with a pregnant daughter. Dessie (Meaney) borrows a book on pregnancy from the public library. "Its for the wife" he tells the assistant.

So Well Remembered (1947 - USA) NR

John Mills, Martha Scott, Trevor Howard, Patricia Poc, James Hilton.

The film opens with a public hearing on whether the daughter of an ex-convict (Scott) should be appointed town librarian. A newspaperman (Mills) defends her, and after a scene where she breaks down in the stacks, he eventually marries her. Only later does he discover that she is an aggressive and ruthless woman, not the meek librarian he knew before. The film is narrated by author James Hilton.

Something Wicked This Way Comes (1983 - UK) PG

Jason Robards, Jonathan Pryce, Diane Ladd, Pam Greir, Royal Dano.

A meek librarian (Robards) has some dark secrets, but he is the only person in town with the courage to confront the evil brought to town by Mr. Dark's (Pryce) traveling carnival.

Somewhere in Time (1980 - USA) PG

Christopher Reeve, Jane Seymour, Christopher Plummer, Teresa Wright, Bill Erwin.

Richard Collier (Reeve) travels back in time to the turn of the century industrial era to find his one true love (Seymour). Collier uses the library to research the life of a turn-of-the-century actress. The librarian is somewhat put out by his closing time requests.

Sophie's Choice (1982 - USA) R

Meryl Streep, Kevin Kline, Peter MacNicol, Rita Karin, Josh Mostel, John Rothman.

Poignant adventures of a recent polish immigrant in America. Sophie (Streep) visits the library to find a book by her favorite poet, Emily Dickinson. But in her heavy accent she asks the librarian for a book by the American Poet "Emil Dickins." A surly young librarian (Rothman) lambastes her ignorance because "we all know that Charles Dickens was neither a poet nor American". *This segment should be shown in every reference class in as an example of the worst reference interview of all time.*

Soul Man (1986 - USA) PG-13

C. Thomas Howell, James Earl Jones, Leslie Nielson, Julia Louis-Dreyfuss. White law student Mark Watson (Howell) masquerades as a black man in order to get a scholarship to law school. Several scenes were shot in the Harvard Law School Library.

Soylent Green (1973 - USA) PG

Charlton Heston, Edward G. Robinson, Chuck Connors, Joseph Cotton, Dick Van Patten.

In the year 2022, a homicide cop (Heston) investigates a murder and finds an explosive secret. His partner (Robinson) researches the victims, using a handful of reference books. In this future world, knowledge is power. Librarians rule the world because they are the only ones who have information or know how to get it.

Spy Who Came In from the Cold, The (1965 - UK) NR

Richard Burton, Claire Bloom, Cyril Cusack, Robert Hardy, Bernard Lee.

Alec Leaman (Burton) is a former spy who struggles back from the dehumanization of his fall from grace. He gets a job in an occult library under the watchful eye of Nan Perry (Bloom).

Stanley & Iris (1990 - USA) PG-13

Jane Fonda, Robert De Niro, Swoosie Kurtz, Martha Plimpton, Dortha

Duckworth.

Iris (Fonda) helps Stanley (De Niro) learn to read at the library. Near the end of the movie, Stanley proudly parades through the library, picking up books and reading passages from them out loud. When the stereotyped librarian (Duckworth) tries to quiet him by saying "This is the library," Stanley proclaims "This is my library!"

Star Trek: The Trouble With Tribbles (1967 - USA) TV Program

William Shatner, Leonard Nimoy, DeForrest Kelley, James Doohan.

Captain Kirk (Shatner) must put up with Federation bureaucrats and hoards of hungry Tribbles, while protecting a shipment of quadrottricale wheat against Klingon sabotage. Engineer Scott (Doohan) takes advantage of being confined to his quarters to catch up on reading his of professional journals on-line.

Steamboat Bill Jr. (1928 - USA) NR

Buster Keaton, Ernest Torrence, Marion Byron, Tom Lewis.

A timid Keaton must prove his manhood to his steamboat captain father (Torrence). He is caught in a torrential wind storm. One of the buildings which blows away around him is the public library.

Stephen King's It (1990 - USA) TV Movie

Tim Curry, Harry Anderson, Richard Masur, Annette O'Toole, Tim Reid, John Ritter.

A series of murders prompts Mike Hanlon (Reid) to suspect the return of a supernatural menace that he and a group of friends battled as children. He reminds his friends of the oath they swore: if "It" returned again, they would come do battle again.

Stephen King's Sometimes They Come Back (1991 - USA) TV Movie

Tim Matheson, Brooke Adams, William Sanderson, Nicholas Sadler.

A school teacher (Matheson) returning to the town where he grew up is haunted by the ghosts of two high school thugs who were killed in a freak accident along with his brother 30 years before. The boys had been walking to the library to pay for fines for three overdue books.

Stepping Out (1991 - Canada / USA) PG

Liza Minnelli, Shelley Winters, Sheila McCarthy, Nora Dunn, Andrea Martin.

In this amateur night version of A Chorus Line, Mavis (Minnelli) is a tap-dance instructor who helps the students face their individual problems while

rehearsing for the big show. One of the students, Dorothy (Martin), is a mousy librarian who is allergic to everything.

Storm Center (1956 - USA) NR

Bette Davis, Brian Keith, Kim Hunter, Paul Kelly.

A fiery small town librarian Alicia Hull (Davis) fights censorship and suppression of free speech by refusing to expurgate a book on communism. A very strong, positive image of a librarian.

Strangler, The (1940 - UK) NR

Judy Campbell, Henry Edwards, Cameron Hall, George Hayes, Sebastian Shaw.

A crime reporter (Campbell) links up with a mystery writer (Shaw) to catch a strangler. A brief scene takes place in the library. Original British title: **East of Picadilly.**

Striptease (1996 - USA) R

Demi Moore, Armand Assante, Burt Reynolds.

When Erin Grant (Moore) loses her daughter in a divorce, she becomes a stripper in order to earn enough money to appeal her daughter's custody. Detective Garcia (Assante) questions her after a customer is killed. They get off to a bad start when he assumes that she is a hooker. "This isn't exactly a library you're working in," he tells her.

Summer School (1987 - USA) PG-13

Mark Harmon, Kirstie Alley, Robin Thomas, Courtney Thorne-Smith, Dean Cameron.

A totally forgettable movie about a high school teacher (Harmon) who gets stuck teaching remedial English to a bunch of misfits in summer school. In one scene, he takes them to the school library so they can do book reports.

Superman (1978 - USA) PG

Christopher Reeve, Margot Kidder, Marlon Brando, Gene Hackman, Ned Beatty

An entertaining retelling of the Superman saga. Arch-villain Lex Luthor (Hackman) utilizes a personal library (located in an abandoned subway station) to research a kryptonite meteorite.

Sure Thing, The (1985 - USA) PG-13

John Cusack, Daphne Zuniga, Anthony Edwards, Tim Robbins, Nicollette Sheridan.

College freshman Gib Gibson (Cusack) decides to visit his friend in Califor-

nia during winter break. A girl at Gib's college decides head west too, so she can visit her boyfriend. The two are thrust together on a road trip from hell, and somewhere along the way they find each other's company tolerable. There is a brief library scene.

Suspect (1987 - USA) R

Cher, Dennis Quaid, Liam Neeson, John Mahoney.

A public defender (Cher) is trying to get a deaf mute (Neeson) out of a murder charge. One of the jurors (Quaid) provides some unexpected help. They spend time together in a law library.

Tales from the Crypt: Maniac at Large (1992 - USA) TV Program

Blythe Danner, Salome Jens, Clarence Williams III, Adam Ant.

With a serial killer making headlines, Margaret, a neophyte librarian (Danner), wants to head home. Her supervisor (Jens) assures her that the papers are just drumming up the story to sell more papers, but Margaret is convinced that the danger is real.

Tale of a Vampire (1992 - USA) R

Julian Sands, Suzanna Hamilton, Kenneth Cranham, Michael Kenton, Catherine Blake.

A vampire (Sands) seduces a librarian (Hamilton) who resembles his lost love in contemporary London.

Tell-Tale Heart, The (1963 - UK) NR

Laurence Payne, Annette Carell, Adrienne Corri.

Poe (Payne) dreams that he is a crippled librarian who falls in love with the girl living across the street. Very loosely based on the story by Edger Allen Poe. Also released under the title **The Hidden Room of 1,000 Horrors**.

They Might Be Giants (1971 - USA) NR

Murray Abraham, Jack Gilford, George C. Scott, Joanne Woodward.

A psychotic paranoid (Scott) believes that he is Sherlock Holmes and his psychiatrist (Woodward) is Dr. Watson. Wilbur Peabody (Gilford), an archivist/librarian who helps "Holmes" with his research, is also the sanest person in the film.

This Happy Breed (1944 - UK) NR

Robert Newton, Celia Johnson, John Mills, Stanley Holloway, Alison Leggatt.

This adaptation of a Noel Coward play presents the saga of a British family

from 1919 through 1939. Aunt Sylvia (Leggatt) is a librarian, although she has decided to give up her career. Directed by David Lean.

Three O'Clock High (1987 - UK) **PG-13**

Casey Siemaszko, Anne Ryan, Richard Tyson, Jeffery Tambor, Phillip Baker Hall.

A high school journalist (Siemaszko) has to fight a tough new kid in school (Tyson). He tries several ruses to avoid the fight, including getting another kid to confront him in the library. Tyson knocks this kid into the shelves which collapse domino fashion.

Time Machine (1962 - USA) **NR**

Rod Taylor, Yvette Mimieu, Alan Young, Sebastion Cabot, Whit Bissell.

H.G. Well's tale about a scientist (Taylor) who invents a time machine and travels into a future where books are forgotten.

Tiny Toon's Music Television (1990 - USA) **G**

This collection of animated cartoons for the TV Series Tiny Toon's Adventures features parodies of music videos. In the segment titled Respect, Babs dances up a storm in the library to the beat of Aretha Franklin's R-E-S-P-E-C-T.

Transylvania Twist (1990 - USA) **PG-13**

Monique Gabrielle, Jay Robinson, Angus Scrimm, Brinke Stevens, Robert Vaughn.

A librarian asks his nephew (Robinson) to recover a 200 year overdue book. During his trip to the castle he meets Marissa (Gabrielle), a gorgeous rock star and heir to a castle in Transylvania. There they must confront the other heir, the person who checked out the book, Uncle Byron (Vaughn).

Traxx (1988 - USA) **R**

Shadoe Stevens, Priscilla Barnes, Robert Davi, Hugh Gillin, John Hancock. Ex-mercenary and would-be cookie baker Traxx (Stevens) turns to crime busting to raise money for his cookie business. Traxx and the mayor (Barnes) meet one evening in the library where she seduces him. As they embrace, the catalog cards stream out of the drawers like a fountain.

Tree Grows in Brooklyn, A (1945 - USA) **NR**

Dorothy McGuire, Joan Blondell, Lloyd Nolan, Peggy Ann Garner, Lillian Bronson.

In turn of the century Brooklyn, the Nolan family enjoys life despite their

poverty and Papa's alcoholism. Francie (Garner) gets assistance from the librarian (Bronson) in her quest to read everything in the card catalog in order.

True Colors (1991 - USA) R

John Cusack, James Spader, Mandy Patinkin, Richard Widmark, Dina Merrill.

Ambitious law student (Cusack) has to spend Christmas at law school and uses the library to read magazines about his roommate's (Spader) rich, influential friends. Set in the University of Virginia Law School.

Twilight Zone: Time Enough At Last (1957 - USA) TV Program

Burgess Meredith.

A nearsighted bank teller (Meredith) spends his lunch hours in the back vault reading. When he becomes the only survivor of a nuclear attack he suddenly has all the time world to read.

Two Jakes, The (1990 - USA) R

Jack Nicholson, Harvey Keitel, Meg Tilly, Madeleine Stowe, Eli Wallach.

This sequel to Chinatown has private eye Jake Gittes (Nicholson) digging into the background of an adulterer (Tilly). During a visit to the library, the librarian give Jake a hard time.

UHF (1989 - USA) PG-13

"Weird Al" Yankovic, Kevin McCarty, David Bowie, Anthony Geary, Billy Barty.

The manager of a small TV station (Yankovic) hits it big with a mix of crazy programs. A trailer for **Conan the Librarian** features a patron asking for a book on astronomy. Conan picks him up and asks threateningly "Don't you know the Dewey Decimal Classification?" Later, Conan slices a borrower in half for returning an overdue book.

Unnamable II: The Statement of Randolph Carter, The (1992 - USA) R

Mark Kinsey Stephenson, Maria Ford, John Rhys-Davies, Julie Strain, David Warner.

The last half hour of this film takes place in the library where the Randolph (Stephenson) and Alyda (Ford) are chased by a monster (Strain) all through the stacks. They end up in the Rare Book Room where they find the missing pages of a manuscript that helps them defeat the creature. A policeman gets killed in the stacks. Best quote: "My god, its gone into the stacks. You can get lost there even in the daytime."

Verdict, The (1982 - USA) R

Jack Albertson, Paul Newman, James Mason, Charlotte Rampling.

A down-and-out Boston lawyer (Newman) fights for justice and his own self-esteem in a medical negligence case. The lawyers spend a lot of time researching in law books.

Very Good Young Man, A (1919 - USA) NR

Bryant Washburn, Helene Chadwick, Julia Faye, Anna Q. Nilsson.

When a young librarian's (Washburn) marriage proposal is turned down because he is "morally faultless", he tries to tarnish his reputation with gambling, stealing, and carousing. He fails miserably at all three tasks in this early silent feature.

War of the Worlds, The (1953 - USA) NR

Gene Barry, Ann Robinson, Les Tremayne, Robert Cornthwaite.

H.G. Well's classic novel about an alien invasion of earth. Sylvia (Robinson) is a library science instructor.

Web of Evidence see **Beyond This Place.**

Wet Gold (1984 - USA) TV Movie

Deborah Atkinson, Tom Byrd, Brian Kerwin, Burgess Meredith, Brooke Shields.

Laura (Shields), a waitress, meets a drunken old man (Meredith) who fills her with exciting stories of a sunken treasure boat. Although her boyfriend (Byrd) keeps telling her that the old man's stories are all false, she believes him. Laura goes to the library, where she finds an old newspaper article describing the wreck.

Wetherby (1985 - UK) R

Vanessa Redgrave, Ian Holm, Judi Dench, Tim McInnerny, Suzanna Hamilton.

When a stranger commits suicide in the small town of Wetherby, his life does not go unnoticed. This film centers on an examination of the people who were touched by his death. One of those touched by him is Mrs. Pilboroughs (Dench), a librarian.

What's New Pussycat? (1965 - France / USA) NR

Peter Sellers, Peter O'Toole, Romy Schneider, Paula Prentiss, Woody Allen.

A deranged fashion editor (O'Toole) visits an even crazier psychiatrist (Sellers). Victor (Allen) is chased around the library by a bad guy who wants

his girlfriend's book. She eventually hits the bad guy with the book and knocks him unconscious.

When Worlds Collide (1951 - USA) NR

Richard Derr, Barbara Rush, Peter Hanson, Larry Keating.

A scientist (Derr) tries to convince the world that a rogue planet is on a collision course with the earth. A group of scientists build a rocket so some people can escape to safety. All of the essentials of civilized life are packed to go including a small library of books which are microfilmed. Titles include: *The Bible, Anatomy of the Human Body, Practical Mathematics*, an encyclopedia, *Standard Agriculture, The Story of Mankind*, and *Shakespeare*.

Wicker Man, The (1973 - UK) R

Edward Woodward, Christopher Lee, Diane Cilento, Britt Ekland, Ingrid Pitt.

Police Sgt. Howie (Woodward) is asked to investigate the disappearance of a young girl on a remote Scottish island. He discovers a secretive, tightly knit pagan society, and asks the librarian (Pitt) to help him learn more about them.

Wife on Trial, A (1917 - USA) NR

Mignon Anderson, Leo Pierson, L. Wells.

Phyllis Narcissa (Anderson) is an underpaid children's librarian who agrees to marry a rich, but paralyzed, young man. When she is attacked by a burglar near the end of this silent feature, he leaps from the bed miraculously cured, to save her.

Wings of Desire (1988 - Germany) PG-13

Bruno Ganz, Peter Falk, Solveig Dommartin, Otto Sanders, Curt Bois.

The story of an angel who longs to be mortal. A large library in Berlin is the setting for an early scene in which the angels are at work comforting people. The angels can hear the often despairing thoughts of the patrons as they sit in the carrels. In an unusual twist, the crowded library is the noisiest place in the city. This is one of the most interesting and touching library scenes ever to be found in a film. Original title: **Der Himmel Uber Berlin**.

With Honors (1994 - USA) PG-13

Joe Pesci, Brendan Fraser, Moira Kelly, Gore Vidal, Patrick Dempsey.

When the only copy of Monty's (Fraser) senior thesis slips through the basement window of the library, his college career changes forever. The homeless man who finds it (Pesci) will give it back, one page at a time.

Woman of Desire (1993 - USA) R

Jeff Fahey, Bo Derek, Steven Bauer, Robert Mitchum, John Matshikiza.

Jack, a yacht captain (Fahey), is accused of murdering his boss and raping the victim's wife (Derek), but nothing is how it first appears. Jack seeks the help of veteran attorney Walter J. Hill (Mitchum) to help prove his innocence. A brief scene takes place in a law firm library.

Wonder Man (1945 - USA) NR

Danny Kaye, Huntz Hall, Otto Kruger, Virginia Mayo, Vera-Ellen.

After being killed by a gangster, the ghost of nightclub entertainer, Buzzy (Kaye), teams up with his bookish twin Edgar Dingle (Kaye) to help the police nail his murderer. While researching in the library, Edger meets and falls in love with Ellen, the librarian (Mayo).

Worlds Apart see Seventh Coin

X-Files: Conduit (1993 - USA) TV Program

David Duchovny, Gillian Anderson.

When teenager Ruby Morris disappears one night during a camp-out, no one but her mother seems to care. Mulder (Duchovny) suspects she was abducted by extra-terrestrials and searches for signs of alien involvement, while Scully (Anderson) maintains that the girl ran away. The opening scene takes place in a library.

You're a Big Boy Now (1967 - USA) NR

Peter Kastner, Geraldine Page, Rip Torn, Julie Harris.

Bernard (Kastner) is a 19-year old page in the New York Public Library who is trying to make his way through the usual rites of passage in a series of rather unusual encounters. His mother (Page) tries her best to retain his innocence, but his rare books librarian father (Torn) has other ideas. The film reaches a bizarre climax when the father tries to seduce their landlady in the incunabula vault by showing her rare volumes of illustrated erotica. Many scenes were shot on location in the New York Public Library. This film was Francis Ford Coppala's master thesis for the UCLA Film School.

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