Books on the Big Screen
Inspire New Library Group

Love books AND movies? Consider joining “Print Goes to the Movies,” where members select the titles they want to read AND watch.

Participants are expected to read the books and see the movies before the discussion group meets under the tutelage of Assistant Branch Manager Pat Selkowitz. Coffee and snacks are served. See library staff for copies of the book and/or DVDs.

The award-winning films scheduled for this summer are:

“The Thin Man” at 2 p.m., Friday, June 12.
“Being There” at 2 p.m., Friday, July 11.
“No Country for Old Men” at 2 p.m., Friday, Aug. 14.

Based on a story by Dashiell Hammett, “The Thin Man” was one of the most popular movies of 1934, perhaps because depression-weary Americans embraced its fun-loving style. The mystery/comedy garnered four Academy Award nominations (picture, actor, director and screenplay) and inspired five sequels.

Throughout the film, co-stars William Powell and Myrna Loy, as Nick and Nora Charles, are constantly upstaged by their dog, Asta, another cast member who found fame. Although Powell never took home the golden statue, his portrayal of the carefree retired detective Nick Charles is one of his best.

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Jennifer Runge

Josh Mitchell

Actor Peter Sellers campaigned for eight years to bring “Being There” to the screen in 1979. His efforts playing Chance the gardener and Chauncey Gardiner eventually won him a Golden Globe for best actor, although he lost the Oscar race to Dustin Hoffman for “Kramer Vs. Kramer.”

Polish-born American author Jerzy Kosinski co-wrote the screenplay based on his own novella published in 1970. This black comedy, much of it filmed at the Biltmore estate in Asheville, N.C., also stars Shirley MacLaine, Melvyn Douglas and Jack Warden.

“No Country for Old Men” is based on Cormac McCarthy’s 2005 novel set in the 1980s in west Texas near the Mexican border. The 2007 Oscar-winning best picture stars Tommy Lee Jones, Javier Barden, Woody Harrelson and Josh Brolin.

Directors Ethan and Joel Coen also took home Oscars, along with Bardem, who won for his supporting role as the brutal hit man.

What’s the major challenge for a children’s librarian?

“Putting the right book with the right child,” says Jennifer Runge. “You want them to have a love for books and associate the library with being a fun, happy place to be.”

That’s fairly easy to do in the summer, says Josh Mitchell, because the Summer Reading Challenge seems like a two-month party in the library.

Ms. Runge, who has split her time between the Del Mar and Cardiff branches, is moving on to another position in the country library system. She is being replaced by Mr. Mitchell, who’s been with the library for 13 years.

Ms. Runge’s favorite part of the job is story time, where she can read, sing, dance and play with puppets. Not only do the children have fun, story time gives her the opportunity to observe the children’s reactions and determine which books are most likely to inspire her young readers.

Mr. Mitchell started out as a library page shelving books and quickly transitioned to youth services. He, too, enjoys story time, and likes to select interactive books that engage his audience, like “It’s a Tiger,” by David LaRochelle.

He says the best part about the Summer Reading Challenge is that it keeps children engaged in reading throughout the summer in a fun way and helps them ease back into school in the fall.

If you’re looking for a new book for your child or grandchild, niece or nephew, you can’t go wrong with these choices:

**Picture books, beginning readers (K-2):**
- Eric Carle, The Grumpy Ladybug, The Hungry Caterpillar, etc.
- Ian Falconer, the Olivia series
- Nancy O’Connor, Fancy Nancy series
- Maurice Sendak, Where the Wild Things Are
- Mo Willems, Elephant and Piggie books

**Chapter Books:**
- Erin Hunter, Warrior series
- Daisy Meadows, Rainbow Magic series
- J.K. Rowling, Harry Potter books
- Geronimo Stilton, Diary of a Wimpy Kid series
- J.R.R. Tolkien, The Hobbit

Do you have your own favorites you’d like to share with other Friends members? Send us the titles of your favorite children’s books, and we’ll publish them in our next newsletter. Email your submissions to lynncox1964@gmail.com with Friends books in the subject line.
President’s Corner

Dear Friends,

In May, we elected our board for the coming year. We have three new members: Lynn Cox, Joe Jelley and Sean Wheatley. Returning members are Kathy Finnell, Bill Michalsky, Mary Murrell, Marion Perlman and Randy Stoke. Retiring from our board are Barbara Anderson and Anne Benckendorff, and I will continue as FDML president.

Among the amazing things happening at the library are programs for adults and children to do together. Until I saw the class, I didn’t know babies could do yoga. We also have more musical programs and author “greets” than ever. Our bookshelves on wheels enable the staff to create a space in the main library for these events. And the acoustics are wonderful because our building began as a Catholic Church.

As I look around our library I see needs for improvement. The red chairs with the conference table are looking rather shabby and will need to be replaced or recovered. I am always surprised at the cost of furniture for public spaces. This table and chairs were donated to our library 25 years ago and patrons enjoy using them.

In the coming year FDML will continue to buy Friends Express Books, as well as various newspapers and magazines, and continue our support of the many programs for children, teens and adults.

We particularly want to thank all of you who financially support the FDML, volunteer in our library and help us continue to make this a special place for young and old alike.

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