PSYC 2216: Spring 2020 Film Selection Guide

Lady Bird



Trailer: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cNi HC839Wo

Description

Christine "Lady Bird" MacPherson is a high school senior from the "wrong side of the tracks." She longs for adventure, sophistication, and opportunity, but finds none of that in her Sacramento Catholic high school. LADY BIRD follows the title character's senior year in high school, including her first romance, her participation in the school play, and most importantly, her applying for college. (Source: IMDB)

Rating: Rated R for language, sexual content, brief graphic nudity and teen partying (MPAA)

Available from:

Prime Video: Free with Amazon Prime Membership; \$3 rental without membership

West Haven Library/NHFPL: on shelf at multiple locations

Vudu: \$3 rental

YouTube: \$4 rental

Google Play Store: \$4 rental

Boyhood



Trailer: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y0oX0xiwOv8

Description

Filmed over 12 years with the same cast, Richard Linklater's BOYHOOD is a groundbreaking story of growing up as seen through the eyes of a child named Mason (a breakthrough performance by Ellar Coltrane), who literally grows up on screen before our eyes. Starring Ethan Hawke and Patricia Arquette as Mason's parents and newcomer Lorelei Linklater as his sister Samantha, BOYHOOD charts the rocky terrain of childhood like no other film has before. Snapshots of adolescence from road trips and family dinners to birthdays and graduations and all the moments in between become transcendent, set to a soundtrack spanning the years from Coldplay's Yellow to Arcade Fire's Deep Blue. BOYHOOD is both a nostalgic time capsule of the recent past and an ode to growing up and parenting (Source: IMDB)

Rating: Rated R for language including sexual references, and for teen drug and alcohol use

(Source: MPAA)

Available from:

Prime Video: Free w/ IFC Films Unlimited Membership (7-day free trial, or \$6 per month); \$3 rental without membership

West Haven Library/NHFPL: on shelf at multiple locations

Vudu: \$3 rental

YouTube: \$3 rental

Google Play Store: \$3 rental

iTunes: \$4 rental

The Florida Project



Trailer: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WwQ-NH1rRT4

Description

In the shadow of Walt Disney World's Magic Kingdom, the Magic Castle--a garishly painted rundown motel crammed with the imperceptible homeless who can't afford a proper accommodation--is the unenchanting world the struggling ex-stripper single mother, Halley, and her fearless six-year-old daughter, Moonee, call home. But for the mischievous Moonee and her riotous gang of best friends, this place is also a magical playground of endless adventure and a blissful Utopia nestled inside innocence's protective bubble; nevertheless, the illusion of a carefree life comes at a high price, as young Halley takes increasingly greater risks to make ends meet. Over the course of a single summer, childhood's wide-eyed moments of wonder together with the reckless transgressions of youth and an inevitable ugly confrontation will attempt to blemish the mother-and-daughter idyll. However, do shadows exist in the realm of fantasy? (Source: IMDB)

Rating: Rated R for language throughout, disturbing behavior, sexual references and some drug material. (Source: MPAA)

Available from:

Prime Video: Free w/ Prime membership; \$3 rental without membership

NHFPL: on shelf at multiple locations (limited availability West Haven Library)

Vudu: \$3 rental

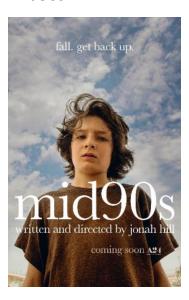
YouTube: \$4 rental

Google Play Store: \$4 rental

iTunes: \$4 rental

Redbox: \$2 rental (Streaming via website or physical copy via kiosk)

Mid90s



Trailer: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w9Rx6-GaSIE

Description

This movie follows a teenager named Stevie growing up in Los Angeles. He's struggling with his family, including his co-dependent single mom and his abusive older brother, and at school, where his richer friends seem to overlook him. When Stevie befriends a crew of skateboarders, he learns some tough lessons about class, race, and privilege. (Source: IMDB)

Rating: Rated R for pervasive language, sexual content, drug and alcohol use, some violent behavior/disturbing images - all involving minors (Source: MPAA)

Available from:

Prime Video: Free w/ Prime membership; \$1 rental without

West Haven Library/NHFPL: on shelf at multiple locations

Vudu: \$3 rental

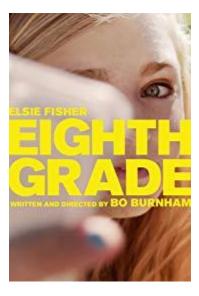
YouTube: \$4 rental

Google Play Store: \$4 rental

iTunes: \$1 rental

Redbox: \$2 rental (Streaming via website or physical via kiosk)

Eighth Grade



Trailer: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y8lFgF_ljPw

Description

An introverted teenage girl tries to survive the last week of her disastrous eighth grade year before leaving to start high school. (Source: IMDB)

Rating: Rated R for language and some sexual material (Source: MPAA)

Available from:

Prime Video: Free w/ Prime membership; \$1 rental without

NHFPL: on shelf at Mitchell Branch (available at other libraries throughout the area)

Vudu: \$3 rental

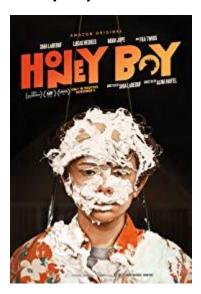
YouTube: \$4 rental

Google Play Store: \$4 rental

iTunes: \$1 rental

Redbox: \$2 rental (Streaming via website or physical via kiosk)

Honey Boy



Trailer: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5RR8WTQzwSk

Description

From a screenplay by Shia LaBeouf, based on his own experiences, award-winning filmmaker Alma Har'el brings to life a young actor's stormy childhood and early adult years as he struggles to reconcile with his father through cinema and dreams. Fictionalizing his childhood's ascent to stardom, and subsequent adult crash-landing into rehab and recovery, Har'el casts Noah Jupe and Lucas Hedges as Otis Lort, navigating different stages in a frenetic career. LaBeouf takes on the daring and therapeutic challenge of playing a version of his own father, an ex-rodeo clown and a felon. Artist and musician FKA Twigs makes her feature-film debut, playing neighbor and kindred spirit to the younger Otis in their gardencourt motel home. Har'el's feature narrative debut is a one-of-a-kind collaboration between filmmaker and subject, exploring art as medicine and imagination as hope. (Source: IMDB)

Rating: Rated R for pervasive language, some sexual material and drug use (Source: MPAA)

Available from:

Prime Video: Free w/ Prime membership (Starting Feb 7th)

Available for rental elsewhere (likely \$4)

Inside Out



Trailer: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yRUAzGQ3nSY

Description

Growing up can be a bumpy road, and it's no exception for Riley, who is uprooted from her Midwest life when her father starts a new job in San Francisco. Like all of us, Riley is guided by her emotions - Joy, Fear, Anger, Disgust and Sadness. The emotions live in Headquarters, the control center inside Riley's mind, where they help advise her through everyday life. As Riley and her emotions struggle to adjust to a new life in San Francisco, turmoil ensues in Headquarters. Although Joy, Riley's main and most important emotion, tries to keep things positive, the emotions conflict on how best to navigate a new city, house and school. (Source: IMDB)

Rating: Rated PG for mild thematic elements and some action (Source: MPAA)

Available from:

Disney Plus: Free w/ membership

West Haven Library: on shelf; NHFPL: currently checked-out, may be available later at Mitchell Branch

Prime Video: \$3 Rental

YouTube: \$3 Rental

Google Play Video: \$3 rental

iTunes: \$3 rental

Room



Trailer: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yRUAzGQ3nSY

Content Warning: This film deals with issues of domestic abuse, assault, mental illness, and kidnapping. These depictions are not graphic, but please watch the trailer and/or visit the website below if you have concerns about whether or not you should watch this film. I am also happy to share my own opinions of content with anyone who is interested. https://www.imdb.com/title/tt3170832/parentalguide

Description

ROOM tells the extraordinary story of Jack, a spirited 5-year-old who is looked after by his loving and devoted mother. Like any good mother, Ma dedicates herself to keeping Jack happy and safe, nurturing him with warmth and love and doing typical things like playing games and telling stories. Their life, however, is anything but typical--they are trapped-confined to a 10-by-10-foot space that Ma has euphemistically named Room. Ma has created a whole universe for Jack within Room, and she will stop at nothing to ensure that, even in this treacherous environment, Jack is able to live a complete and fulfilling life. But as Jack's curiosity about their situation grows, and Ma's resilience reaches its breaking point, they enact a risky plan to escape, ultimately bringing them face-to-face with what may turn out to be the scariest thing yet: the real world. (Source: IMDB)

Rating: Rated R for language (Source: MPAA)

Available from:

Netflix: Free w/ membership

West Haven Library: on shelf at West Haven Main

Prime Video: \$1 Rental

YouTube: \$4 Rental

Google Play Video: \$4 rental

iTunes: \$1 rental

Moonlight



Trailer: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9NJj12tJzqc

Description

A young, African-American, gay man deals with his dysfunctional home life and comes of age in Miami during the "War on Drugs" era. The story of his struggle to find himself is told across three defining chapters in his life as he experiences the ecstasy, pain, and beauty of falling in love while grappling with his own sexuality. (Source: IMDB)

Rating Rated R for some sexuality, drug use, brief violence, and language throughout

(Source: MPAA)

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Prime Video: \$3 Rental

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