

Port Colborne Library
Presents

Films for Seniors 2007-2008

Films for Seniors is presented
the first Wednesday of the month,

October to May,
at 1:30 pm.

Free Refreshments!
Free Admission!

Port Colborne Public Library

310 King St., Port Colborne, ON

905-834-6512



The Auditorium is fully accessible to the handicapped.

October 3, 2007

The Haunted History of Halloween

Discover how trick or treat originated in ancient Ireland's harvest festivals, when food and sweets were offered to entice the dead to stay in the spirit world. See how Christianity tried to co-opt the celebration by turning it into All Saints Day, but how the underlying dark elements have survived, inspiring debate to the present day.

The Salem Witch Trials

In 1693, the village of Salem, Massachusetts, was overcome with superstitious hysteria. At the peak of the madness, some 150 people, male and female, were accused of being witches. Twenty of them were killed. Drawing extensively on Colonial documents and accounts, and with testimony from leading scholars, the documentary exposes the truth about one of the most infamous events in American history.

November 7, 2007

Fly Girls

During WWII, more than a thousand women signed up to fly with the U.S. military. Wives, mothers, actresses and debutantes who joined the Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASPS) test-piloted aircraft, ferried planes and logged 60 million miles in the air. Thirty-eight women died in service. But the opportunity to play a critical role in the war effort was abruptly canceled by politics and resentment, and it would be 30 years before women would again break the sex barrier in the sixties.

November 7, 2007

Navajo Code Talkers

This documentary tells the incredible story of the only unbroken code in modern military history. Navajo soldiers weaved their ancient language into a cipher that the enemies were unable to break. Numerous interviews with surviving code talkers illuminates their role, heroism and motivations. See how their legacy affects the Navajo people today and how the code they devised has served America since WWII.

December 5, 2007

White Christmas

Two talented song-and-dance men and reserve officers, team up after the war with a sister act and trek to Vermont for a white Christmas. Shenanigans begin when they discover that the inn they've chosen is run by their old army general, who's in financial trouble. This holiday favourite stars Bing Crosby, Danny Kaye, Rosemary Clooney, and Vera-Ellan.



January 2, 2008

When Giants Roared: The Golden Age of Steam

In the first half of the 20th century, America's railroads were transformed by the coming of giants. Pushed by the need to haul ever longer and heavier trains, the nation's locomotive works responded with the awe-inspiring articulated engines. Delivering up to 7,500 horsepower, these steel giants could haul trains a mile long and weighing over 15,000 tons. The documentary journeys back to the golden age of steam for an up-close look at these legendary locos.

Modern Marvels: The Telephone

The development of the telephone has changed the way we live, and how we communicate with each other. The History Channel offers a look at the history of Alexander Graham Bell's remarkable innovation, offering some startling insights into how the telephone became such a commonly used object. Among the revelations are facts and figures about Bell's original design, and how he almost lost out in the race to patent his invention. Also included is a look at how the use of the telephone has developed over the years, especially in relation to the internet.

February 6, 2008

Curse of the Hope Diamond

It is the most famous and valuable gemstone in the world. It has been the plaything of kings and sultans. It has decorated the throats of heiresses and empresses. It is called the Hope Diamond, and at 45 and a half carats, it is the largest blue diamond in the world. They say the Hope Diamond is not only beautiful...but cursed. According to the legend, it was stolen from the eye of a Hindu idol. But it came with a price: a curse that destroyed careers, lives, marriages, and empires in its long journey through time. Does it still carry its infamous curse?

February 6, 2008

The Tiffanys: the Mark of Excellence

This well-made A&E television show examines the fascinating life of Charles and Louis Tiffany, a father-and-son, businessman-and-artist team who together created one of America's most influential and romanticized brands.

March 5, 2008

The Mummy who Would be King

It is a tantalizing idea: a shriveled mummy that has lain neglected on a dusty museum shelf at Niagara Falls could be the remnants of a long-lost Egyptian pharaoh. While a trail of clues hints at how the looted mummy made its way to North America a century and a half ago, archaeologists go to Emory University to employ the latest imaging and DNA techniques in hopes of confirming the body's hidden identity. Their results provide compelling evidence that the mummy may indeed be that of Ramses I, founder of ancient Egypt's most illustrious dynasty. This amazing story of historical intrigue and forensic science concludes as the mummy takes its rightful place alongside royal relatives in an Egyptian museum, a fitting solution to a 3,000 year-old puzzle.

In Search of History: The Greek Gods

Their exploits were recorded and passed down through countless generations. Their images inspired some of the most beautiful art ever created. Their names echo throughout history. From their mythical home atop Mount Olympus, the Greek gods played an integral part in Ancient Greek life. The History Channel explores the fascinating history of these enduring figures through period accounts, interviews with renowned historians and classicists, and stunning location footage, including glimpses into the god's phenomenal temples.

April 2, 2008

The Rosetta Stone

In 1799 an ancient artifact was uncovered in Egypt that eventually came to be known as the Rosetta Stone--an invaluable piece of history that revealed many secrets about Egypt's past. This program takes a look at the Rosetta Stone and analyzes what it has revealed, and at some of the failed attempts at describing its complex hieroglyphs.

Sacred Waters of Lourdes

The documentary searches for modern medical explanations for the seemingly inexplicable collision of reason and religion. It documents many of the miracles that have supposedly occurred to people who have visited the French town. These pilgrimages started in 1858 when a teenage girl claimed she saw the Virgin Mary.

May 7, 2008

Around the World in 72 Days

At the age of nineteen, Nellie Bly talked her way into an improbable job on a newspaper, then went on to become known as "the best reporter in America." The daring Bly continually risked her life to grab headlines. To expose abuse of the mentally ill, she had herself committed. When she traveled around the world in just 72 days, beating Jules Verne's fictional escapade, she turned herself into a world celebrity .

The Von Trapp Family Singers

The Sound of Music is one of the most spectacularly successful films of all time. But the story the world fell in love with is not the same as what really happened to the Von Trapps. Learn the often-surprising truth behind the story everyone knows.