

LIBRARY NEWS

By Christine Renaud

Having recommended a few fiction books in January and non-fiction titles in February, the next logical step is to recommend another diversion to make life enjoyable through the doldrums of winter.

The library has over 2500 movies on DVD, including classics, children's films, documentaries and many new releases as well as popular television series.

I have favourites in the hundreds, so I have chosen three here at random.

The Visitor is what I call a quiet film. It's about a college professor who travels to his seldom-used New York City apartment to attend a conference and finds that a young couple has taken up residency in his place. The two are undocumented immigrants who have fallen victims to a real-estate scam and have no place to call home. The professor, Walter, allows them to stay and the young man, Tarek, insists on repaying Walter's kindness by teaching him to play an African drum. A crisis heightens the tension later in the film, but the story's beauty has more to do with laying bare the redemptive powers of trust and relationships and how they change and enrich us. It's a 'feel good' film with depth.

The second DVD I'd recommend is **Grey Gardens**. Set in the 1970s, it's a drama based on the true story of two eccentric, reclusive socialites who live at Grey Gardens, a dilapidated mansion. Drew Barrymore and Jessica Lange deliver stellar performances as the mother and daughter who are an aunt and cousin of Jackie Kennedy-Onassis.

The plight of the women made headlines when the health department was set to raid their racoon and flea-ridden manor in East Hampton, New York. The news drove Kennedy-Onassis to get involved, hoping to save the family name from further negative coverage in the press. It's a movie both fascinating and sad, but totally engaging.

My third choice is the Spielberg romantic comedy **The Terminal**, starring Tom Hanks. It focuses on an Eastern European man by the name of Viktor Navorski who is planning to immigrate to the U.S., but due to a bureaucratic glitch, finds himself stuck in a JFK airport terminal, in limbo between countries. As time passes, from days to weeks with no resolution, a relationship develops between an airline attendant played, by Catherine Zeta-Jones, and Viktor. Consequently, the terminal becomes a

living space, a microcosm of the outside world forced by circumstances. Hanks is lovable in the role, and the film delivers both big laughs and humanity in the humour. It's a film I didn't expect to like as much as I did.

While you're in the Milford branch checking out movies and books, please have a look at our bulletin board for upcoming events. The Empty Nesters group continues to meet on alternate Tuesday evenings. Those interested are asked to contact Valencia Logan at 613-476-5409 to confirm dates and times of upcoming meetings.

And a very special event is planned for Tuesday, March 18 at 7:00 p.m. Ann McLurg will read from her novel, *No Angel*. Come hear an excerpt from the book, which is set in South Bay, and chat with Ann about her writing. Refreshments will be served.

Lastly, if anyone is interested in one-on-one computer help, including understanding social media, blogging, or web design, as well as basic help, please let us know. We are happy to provide these sessions by appointment in the Milford branch.

Library Winter Hours

Tuesday	10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Wednesday	3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. NEW
Thursday	10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Friday	2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
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