

WMRLS WEB WATCH: FILM PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

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On December 9, WMRLS hosted an Adult Library Programming Roundtable facilitated by Karen Demers and Lisa Downing of the Wilbraham Public Library and Forbes Library (Northampton) respectively. Librarian participants shared a wealth of outstanding program ideas that we have summarized on our WMRLS Workshop Notes website - <http://www.wmrls.org/ce/notes/index.html> A segment of our roundtable program focused upon film programs for adults. The websites that are listed below were recommended by roundtable participants:

Boston Public Library Media Booking Catalog - http://www.bpl.org/catalogs/frame_viscnsl.htm - Search the Boston Public Library's Media Collection by subject, keyword, and title. This webpage provides instructions on how to book 16mm films and videocassettes for library and nonprofit group programming.

Film Movement Foreign Films – <http://www.filmmovement.com> – Libraries that subscribe to this service receive everything needed to run a monthly film club: a new award-winning film each month on DVD, discussion guides, images, and a press kit.

Movie Licensing USA - <http://www.movlic.com/> - Subtitled "show copyrighted movies in your school or library - legally!" Movie Licensing USA provides public performance site licenses to libraries wishing to show home use only feature films. The license fee is determined by the number of registered patrons that the library serves.

National Video Resources (NVR) Film and Discussion Series - <http://www.nvr.org/> - NVR sells a complete package to conduct a library film series on a number of topics including the videos, downloadable support materials, program planner's manual, posters and publicity materials.

Sy Becker's Movie Reviews - <http://www.wwlp.com/video/moviereviews.html> - WWLP/Channel 22 Movie Reviewer - Western Massachusetts libraries that have hosted programs featuring "Sy Becker's Look At the Movies" have rated his presentations "Two Thumbs Up".

BOOKMOBILE DONATIONS APPRECIATED!

by Mary King, Regional Librarian, WMRLS

The supplemental collection service which provides materials to the Bookmobile Program has been underfunded for several years. When the supplementary collection last had adequate money for books and audio-visuals several years ago, we earmarked \$150,000 for new library materials. This year there is \$15,000 for the bookmobile collection, and that small amount is an improvement over last year!

WMRLS serves about 70 small public libraries with the bookmobile, so we have been most appreciative of the donations from member libraries and from individuals of new books and AV, and of money given to buy new materials. The Friends of WMRLS group has raised \$17,000 for the Bookmobile Program so far, and we have also been successful in receiving grants for materials from several businesses and foundations in our four counties. In addition, the Durkan Fund is an endowment set up from the estate of Rena Durkan, a library supporter, whose generosity and foresight enabled WMRLS to buy books with the accrued interest.

WMRLS acknowledges the donations and grants that help fund our Bookmobile Program in the following ways: a letter of thanks to the donor, whether it be an individual, group, foundation or business; an article in **WRapper** so that all of our supporters and members will know of this generosity; and an acknowledgement of the gift on the bookmobile, with a copy for an individual donor's library to post.

Sometimes libraries send us copies of new novels to add to the bookmobile collection. Too often we eagerly put these individual gifts into the collection but fail to thank the library. Please know that we appreciate everything that our member libraries are doing to support the bookmobile in these challenging times.
