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<p><u>12 Angry Men</u> The Criterion Collection, produced in 1957, 96 minutes.</p> <p>A behind-closed-doors look at the American legal system as riveting as it is spare, the iconic adaptation of Reginald Rose's teleplay stars Henry Fonda as the initially dissenting member of a jury of white men ready to pass judgment on a Puerto Rican teenager charged with murdering his father. What results is a saga of epic proportions that plays out in real time over ninety minutes in one sweltering room. One of the most radical big-screen courtroom dramas in cinema history.</p>	<p>CLASSIC DVD 13,356 [T]</p>
<p><u>Alien</u> 20th Century Fox Home Entertainment, produced in 1979, 116 minutes.</p> <p>When the crew of the space-tug Nostromo responds to a distress signal from a barren planet, they discover a mysterious life form that breeds within human hosts. The acid-blooded extraterrestrial proves to be the ultimate adversary as crew members battle to stay alive and prevent the deadly creature from reaching Earth..</p>	<p>DVD 3483 [A]</p>
<p><u>All Quiet on the Western Front</u> Not rated. Universal Studios Home Entertainment, produced in 1930, 132 minutes.</p> <p>Seven patriotic German youths go together from school to the battlefields of World War I. The center of this drama is a young man who goes from being an enthusiastic war endorser to battle-weary veteran.</p>	<p>CLASSIC DVD 616 [A]</p>
<p><u>Bad Day at Black Rock</u> Not rated. Warner Bros., produced in 1954, 81 minutes.</p> <p>A one-handed stranger comes to a tiny town possessing a terrible past they want to keep secret, by violent means if necessary.</p>	<p>CLASSIC DVD 4230 [B]</p>

<p><u>Big Kahuna</u> Rated R. Trimark, produced in 2000, 91 minutes.</p> <p>Three industrial lubricant salesmen at a convention must put their trust in a greenhorn sales rep as they pursue the ultimate sale, The Big Kahuna.</p>	<p>Available from other BCCLS libraries</p>
<p><u>Blade Runner</u> Rated R. Warner Bros., produced in 1982, 117 minutes.</p> <p>21st-century detective Rick Deckard brings his masculine-yet-vulnerable presence to this stylish noir thriller. In a future of high-tech possibility soured by urban and social decay, Deckard hunts for fugitive, murderous replicants, and is drawn to a mystery woman whose secrets may undermine his soul.</p>	<p>DVD 5400 [B]</p>
<p><u>Blazing Saddles</u> Rated R. Warner Bros., produced in 1974, 93 minutes.</p> <p>A hilarious spoof of every western film cliché in which a black man is appointed sheriff of a frontier town.</p>	<p>DVD 4999 [B]</p>
<p><u>Bottle Rocket</u> Rated R. Columbia Pictures, produced in 1995, 91 minutes.</p> <p>A trio of inexperienced but aspiring criminals attempt to make their mark on the world in suburban Dallas.</p>	<p>Available from other BCCLS libraries</p>
<p><u>Bridge on the River Kwai</u> Rated PG. Columbia Pictures, produced in 1957, 155 minutes.</p> <p>British soldiers are forced to build a railway bridge for their WWII Japanese captors, unaware of an Allied mission to blow it up. Based on the novel by Pierre Boulle.</p>	<p>CLASSIC DVD 14,577 [B]</p>
<p><u>Broadcast News</u> Rated R. The Criterion Collection, produced in 1987, 132 minutes.</p> <p>A caustic inside look at the Washington news media, stars Holly Hunter in her breakout role, as a feisty television producer torn between an ambitious yet dim anchorman and her closest confidant, a cynical veteran reporter. James L. Brooks' witty, gently prophetic entertainment is a captivating transmission from an era in which ideas on love and media were rapidly changing.</p>	<p>CLASSIC DVD 14,418 [B]</p>

<p><u>Caddyshack</u> Rated R. Warner Bros., produced in 1980, 99 minutes.</p> <p>Greenskeeper Carl Spackler is about to start World War III against a gopher. Pompous Judge Smalls plays to win but his nubile niece Lacey Underall wants to score her own way. Playboy Ty Webb shoots perfect golf by becoming the ball. And country club loudmouth Al Czervik just doubled a \$20,000 bet on a 10-foot putt. Insanity? No. Caddyshack.</p>	<p>DVD 6690 [C]</p>
<p><u>Chinatown</u> Rated R. Paramount Home Entertainment, produced in 1974, 130 minutes. sales rank:</p> <p>A private detective finds himself in over his head as he takes on a case involving the most rich and powerful people in Chinatown.</p>	<p>CLASSIC DVD 811 [C]</p>
<p><u>Citizen Kane</u> Rated PG. Warner Bros., produced in 1941, 119 minutes.</p> <p>Alone at his fantastic estate known as Xanadu, 70-year-old Charles Foster Kane dies, uttering only the single word Rosebud. So ends the odyssey of a life, and begins a fabulous tale of the rise to wealth and power, and ultimate fall, of a complex man.</p>	<p>CLASSIC DVD 10,204 [C]</p>
<p><u>Conversation</u> Rated PG. Lions Gate Home Entertainment, produced in 1974, 113 minutes.</p> <p>A routine wiretapping job turns into a nightmare when Harry, a surveillance man, hears something disturbing in his recording of a young couple in a park. His investigation of the tape and how it might be used, sends Harry spiraling into a web of secrecy, murder, and paranoia.</p>	<p>DVD 9436 [C]</p>
<p><u>Cool Hand Luke</u> Not rated. Warner Bros., produced in 1967, 126 minutes.</p> <p>A man sentenced to sweat out a term on a prison farm refuses to compromise with authority.</p>	<p>CLASSIC DVD 5076 [C]</p>
<p><u>Dawn of the Dead</u> Not rated. Aberle-Media, 139 minutes.</p> <p>A group of people seek refuge from a zombie horde in a deserted shopping mall.</p>	<p>Available from other BCCLS libraries</p>

<p><u>Dirty Harry</u> Rated R. Warner Bros., produced in 1971, 102 minutes.</p> <p>A rock-hard cop attempts to track down a psychopathic killer before a kidnapped girl dies</p>	<p>DVD 8919 [D]</p>
<p><u>Do the Right Thing</u> Rated R. Universal Studios Home Entertainment, produced in 1989, 120 minutes.</p> <p>Story of the racial tensions that surround a white-owned pizzeria in the Bed-Stuy section of Brooklyn on the hottest day of the summer.</p>	<p>DVD 5425 [D]</p>
<p><u>Down by Law</u> The Criterion Collection, produced in 1986, 107 minutes.</p> <p>Two innocent men and one semi-harmless Italian tourist are thrown in jail, only to break out and attempt to find their way through the Louisiana swampland.</p>	<p>Available from other BCCLS libraries</p>
<p><u>Dr. No</u> Rated PG. 20th Century Fox Home Entertainment, produced in 1962, 110 minutes.</p> <p>His name is Bond, James Bond. And here, in his explosive film debut, Ian Fleming's immortal action hero blazes through one of his most spectacular adventures. The suave yet lethal cool of Agent 007, battles the mysterious Dr. No, a scientific genius bent on destroying the U.S. space program</p>	<p>Available from other BCCLS libraries</p>
<p><u>Fast Times at Ridgemont High</u> Rated R. Universal Studios Home Entertainment, produced in 1982, 90 minutes.</p> <p>A comedy that chronicles the trials and tribulations of several high school students.</p>	<p>DVD 9063 [F]</p>
<p><u>Fatal Attraction</u> Rated R. Paramount Home Entertainment, produced in 1987, 119 minutes.</p> <p>Dan Gallagher, a New York attorney, has a tryst with seductive Alex Forrest while his wife is away. Dan later shrugs off the affair as a mistake and considers it over. But Alex won't be ignored. Not now, not tomorrow, not ever. Even if it means destroying Dan's family to keep him.</p>	<p>DVD 503 [F]</p>

<p><u>First Blood</u> Rated R. Artisan Entertainment Inc., produced in 1982, 96 minutes.</p> <p>A mentally unstable Vietnam vet has a one-man war with the police force of a small town after they abuse him. Includes a never-before-seen alternate suicide ending, deleted scenes, and commentary with Sylvester Stallone.</p>	<p>Available from other BCCLS libraries</p>
<p><u>Fitzcarraldo</u> Rated PG. Aberle-Media, 157 minutes.</p> <p>Fitzcarraldo is a 1982 West German surreal adventure-drama film written and directed by Werner Herzog and starring Klaus Kinski as the title character. It portrays would-be rubber baron Brian Sweeney Fitzgerald, an Irishman known in Peru as Fitzcarraldo, who is determined to transport a steamship over a steep hill in order to access a rich rubber territory in the Amazon Basin. The film is derived from the historic events of Peruvian rubber baron Carlos Fitzcarrald.</p>	<p>Available from other BCCLS libraries</p>
<p><u>French Connection</u> Rated R. 20th Century Fox Home Entertainment, produced in 1971, 104 minutes.</p> <p>Two narcotics detectives start to close in on a vast international narcotics ring when the smugglers strike back. Following an attempt on his life, Jimmy 'Popeye' Doyle sets off a deadly pursuit that takes him far beyond New York City.</p>	<p>CLASSIC DVD 3484 [F]</p>
<p><u>Ghostbusters</u> Rated PG. Columbia Pictures, produced in 1984, 105 minutes.</p> <p>The paratroopers of the paranormal face their greatest challenge when a woman discovers that her refrigerator leads directly to the gates of Hell! With the whole world watching, it's up to the Ghostbusters to keep Manhattan from becoming a madhouse!</p>	<p>DVD 4905 [G]</p>
<p><u>Giant</u> Rated G. Warner Bros., produced in 1956, 201 minutes.</p> <p>Based on Edna Ferber's epic novel of a wealthy Texas cattle rancher who marries a strong-willed Virginia woman and the problems they encounter with politics and prejudices of the time.</p>	<p>CLASSIC DVD 795 [G]</p>

<p><u>Glengarry Glen Ross</u> Rated R. Artisan Entertainment Inc., produced in 1992, 100 minutes.</p> <p>Off-beat, talky acclaimed adaptation of David Mamet's play about real estate hustlers in Chicago.</p>	<p>DVD 4275 [G]</p>
<p><u>Glory</u> Rated R. Columbia Pictures, produced in 1989, 122 minutes.</p> <p>A gripping historical film about the first black volunteer regiment in the Civil War and their white commander. Based on the novel by Lincoln Kirstein.</p>	<p>DVD 3369 [G]</p>
<p><u>The Godfather</u> Rated R. Paramount Home Entertainment, produced in 1972, 175 minutes.</p> <p>Revenge, envy, and parent-child conflict mix with the rituals of Italian mob life in America.</p>	<p>CLASSIC DVD 5384 [G]</p>
<p><u>Gone Baby Gone</u> Rated R. Miramax Films, produced in 2007, 114 minutes.</p> <p>Two private detectives taking a closer look at the mysterious disappearance of a little girl discover that nothing is what it seems. They will have to risk everything, their relationship, their sanity, and even their lives, to find a little girl lost.</p>	<p>DVD 4451 [G]</p>
<p><u>The Good, the Bad and the Ugly</u> Not rated. Metro Goldwyn Mayer, produced in 1966, 179 minutes.</p> <p>A spaghetti western tale of greed, revenge, and epic warfare.</p>	<p>Available from other BCCLS libraries</p>
<p><u>Great Escape</u> Not rated. Metro Goldwyn Mayer, produced in 1963, 172 minutes.</p> <p>A group of World War II POW's band together in an attempt to escape a Nazi camp.</p>	<p>CLASSIC DVD 6149 [G]</p>
<p><u>Hud</u> Not rated. Paramount Home Entertainment, produced in 1963, 111 minutes.</p> <p>As a way to revolt from his father's teachings, his son becomes a woman-chasing alcoholic with seemingly no moral values at all. Adapted from Larry McMurtry's novel, Horesman Pass By.</p>	<p>Available from other BCCLS libraries</p>

<p><u>In the Heat of the Night</u> Not rated. Metro Goldwyn Mayer, produced in 1967, 110 minutes.</p> <p>A homicide expert is asked to help solve the murder of a wealthy businessman in a small town.</p>	<p>CLASSIC DVD 5263 [I]</p>
<p><u>The Incredibles</u> Rated PG. Disney, produced in 2004, 115 minutes.</p> <p>Bob was one of the world's greatest superheroes fifteen years ago; now he's an insurance adjuster, living in the suburbs. Wanting to get back into action, he gets his chance when a mysterious call summons him to an island for a top-secret assignment.</p>	<p>J DVD 3847 [I]</p>
<p><u>Iron Man</u> Rated PG-13. Paramount Home Entertainment, produced in 2008, 125 minutes.</p> <p>A wealthy industrialist is held captive in enemy territory and escapes by building a high-tech suit made of armor. When he returns home, he decides to use his money, talents, and suit to save the world.</p>	<p>DVD 5159 [I]</p>
<p><u>Jaws</u> Rated PG. Universal Studios Home Entertainment, 124 minutes.</p> <p>When the seaside community of Amity finds itself under attack by a dangerous great white shark, the town's chief of police, a young marine biologist and a grizzled shark hunter embark on a desperate quest to destroy the beast before it strikes again.</p>	<p>DVD 8276 [J]</p>
<p><u>Johnny Dangerously</u> Rated PG-13. 20th Century Fox Home Entertainment, produced in 1984, 90 minutes.</p> <p>A send-up of the 1930s gangster films, a devoted son who turns to a life of crime in order to pay for his mother's operation. As a dapper kingpin, he manages to provide support for her never-ending medical problems while romancing a steamy torch singer, battling arch-rival Danny Vermin, and exposing a corrupt D.A. It's a zany, wild spoof that's riddled with as many gags as bullet holes.</p>	<p>Available from other BCCLS libraries</p>

<p><u>La Haine</u> The Criterion Collection, produced in 1995, 97 minutes.</p> <p>A gritty, unsettling, and visually explosive look at the racial and cultural volatility in modern-day France, specifically in the low-income districts. A landmark of contemporary French cinema and a gripping reflection of its country's identity crisis.</p>	<p>Available from other BCCLS libraries</p>
<p><u>Lone Star</u> Not rated. Warner Bros., produced in 1951, 94 minutes.</p> <p>Will Texas be independent or a U.S. state? Ex-President Andrew Jackson recruits cattleman Devereaux Burke to travel through hostile Indian land, find Texas hero Sam Houston and persuade him to support annexation. In exchange, Burke will gain a contract to sell beef to U.S. forces during the war with Mexico sure to follow statehood.</p>	<p>Available from other BCCLS libraries</p>
<p><u>Mad Max 2: The Road Warrior</u> Rated R. Warner Bros., produced in 1982, 95 minutes.</p> <p>Mel Gibson stars in this breathlessly paced post nuclear Apocalypse on wheels.</p>	<p>DVD 7700 [R]</p>
<p><u>Maltese Falcon</u> Not rated. Warner Bros., 100 minutes.</p> <p>Detective Sam Spade goes in search of a priceless statuette after the death of his partner.</p>	<p>CLASSIC DVD 846 [M]</p>
<p><u>M*A*S*H*</u> Rated R. 20th Century Fox Home Entertainment, produced in 1970, 116 minutes.</p> <p>The horror of war causes the need for a group of doctors and nurses in Korea to hold all-night parties and play practical jokes.</p>	<p>DVD 835 [M]</p>
<p><u>Miller's Crossing</u> Rated R. 20th Century Fox Home Entertainment, produced in 1990, 115 minutes.</p> <p>A story of crime bosses, turf wars, hitmen, and love.</p>	<p>DVD 5401 [M]</p>

<p><u>Misfits</u> Not rated. Metro Goldwyn Mayer, produced in 1961, 125 minutes.</p> <p>Divorced Roslyn Tabor befriends a group of cowboy 'misfits' and experiences a new taste of freedom.</p>	<p>Available from other BCCLS libraries</p>
<p><u>North by Northwest</u> Not rated. Warner Bros., produced in 1959, 136 minutes.</p> <p>An advertising man is mistaken for a spy, triggering a deadly cross-country chase.</p>	<p>CLASSIC DVD 834 [N]</p>
<p><u>On the Waterfront</u> Not rated. Image Entertainment, produced in 1954, 324 minutes.</p> <p>Marlon Brando gives the performance of his career as the tough prizefighter turned longshoreman Terry Malloy in this raggedly emotional tale of individual failure and institutional corruption. This film charts Terry's deepening moral crisis as he must choose whether to remain loyal to the mob-connected union boss Johnny Friendly and Johnny's right-hand man, Terry's brother, Charley, as the authorities close in on them.</p>	<p>CLASSIC DVD 845 [O]</p>
<p><u>Paths of Glory</u> Not rated. The Criterion Collection, produced in 1957, 88 minutes.</p> <p>During WWI, a French battalion is ordered on a suicide mission that is likely to fail. When it does, the general that planned the mission selects three soldiers from the battalion to be executed for cowardice, and selects their leader as their attorney.</p>	<p>CLASSIC DVD 8443 [P]</p>
<p><u>Patton</u> Rated PG. 20th Century Fox Home Entertainment, produced in 1970, 171 minutes.</p> <p>Biography of General Patton, who masterminded victory after victory during WWII, and who considered himself to be an 18th century general living in the wrong era. Best Picture, Best Director Franklin J. Schaffner, and Best Actor George C. Scott.</p>	<p>CLASSIC DVD 832 [P]</p>
<p><u>Platoon</u> Rated R. Metro Goldwyn Mayer, produced in 1986, 120 minutes.</p> <p>A grunt's view of the Vietnam War is provided in all its horrific, inexplicable detail.</p>	<p>CLASSIC DVD 789 [P]</p>

<p><u>Raging Bull</u> Rated R. Metro Goldwyn Mayer, produced in 1980, 129 minutes.</p> <p>Widely hailed as the greatest film of the 1980s, this searing story charts the tortured rise and fall of middleweight champion Jake 'The Bronx Bull' La Motta.</p>	<p>CLASSIC DVD 843 [R]</p>
<p><u>Reservoir Dogs</u> Rated R. Lions Gate Home Entertainment, produced in 1992, 100 minutes.</p> <p>After a botched bank robbery, the gang meets up in a warehouse, only to suspect that one of them is really a cop.</p>	<p>DVD 14,283 [R]</p>
<p><u>Rosemary's Baby</u> Rated R. Image Entertainment, produced in 1968, 136 minutes.</p> <p>Based on Ira Levin's bestselling novel, a young mother-to-be grows increasingly suspicious that her overfriendly elderly neighbors and self-involved actor husband are hatching a satanic plot against her and her baby.</p>	<p>DVD 12,568 [R]</p>
<p><u>Run Silent, Run Deep</u> Not rated. KL Studio Classics, produced in 1958, 93 minutes.</p> <p>The line of command breaks down in a sub that is stalking a Japanese destroyer that sank the captain's former command. Based on Edward L. Beach's novel.</p>	<p>Available from other BCCLS libraries</p>
<p><u>Save the Tiger</u> Rated R. Paramount Home Entertainment, produced in 1973, 100 minutes.</p> <p>Harry Stoner is caught in a violent collision with his past and present life. He believes there is nothing significant in his life except survival, and that instinct pushes him beyond moral conduct.</p>	<p>Available from other BCCLS libraries</p>
<p><u>Searchers</u> Not rated. Warner Bros., produced in 1956, 119 minutes.</p> <p>An ex-Confederate soldier searches for his niece, captured by Comanches who massacred his family.</p>	<p>CLASSIC DVD 790 [S]</p>
<p><u>Serpico</u> Rated R. Paramount Home Entertainment, produced in 1973, 130 minutes.</p> <p>New York Detective Frank Serpico exposes the corruption he witnesses while working undercover.</p>	<p>DVD 4991 [S]</p>

<p><u>Shaun of the Dead</u> Rated R. Universal Studios Home Entertainment, produced in 2004, 99 minutes.</p> <p>When flesh-eating zombies are on the hunt, it is up to Shaun and his buddy to save their friends and family.</p>	<p>DVD 1354 [S]</p>
<p><u>The Shining</u> Rated R. Warner Bros., produced in 1980, 142 minutes.</p> <p>A writer and his family are snowbound in a hotel and are haunted by either the hotel itself or the writer's dementia.</p>	<p>DVD 7051 [S]</p>
<p><u>Slap Shot</u> Rated R. Universal Studios Home Entertainment, 123 minutes.</p> <p>A profane satire of the world of professional hockey. An over-the-hill player-coach gathers an oddball mixture of has-beens and young players and initiates them into using violence to win the game.</p>	<p>DVD 2550 [S]</p>
<p><u>Sling Blade</u> Rated R. Miramax, produced in 1996, 148 minutes.</p> <p>Twenty five years after committing an unthinkable crime, a quiet man named Karl finally returns home. Once there, he's befriended by a fatherless boy and his mother. But when his newfound peace is shattered by the mother's abusive boyfriend, Karl is suddenly placed on a collision course with his past!</p>	<p>Available from other BCCLS libraries</p>
<p><u>Stalag 17</u> Not rated. Paramount Home Entertainment, produced in 1953, 120 minutes.</p> <p>A group of American G.I.s in a POW camp suspect a spy is among them.</p>	<p>Available from other BCCLS libraries</p>
<p><u>Straw Dogs</u> Rated R. Screen Gems, produced in 2011, 110 minutes.</p> <p>A young couple moves to a quaint southern town. Soon their perfect getaway turns out to become a living hell when dark secrets and lethal passions spiral out of control. Trapped by a pack of depraved locals led by a ruthless predator, they face a night of agonizing suffering and endless bloodshed. Now their only hope for survival is to become more savage than their merciless torturers.</p>	<p>DVD 10,382 [S]</p>

<p><u>The Terminator</u> Rated R. Metro Goldwyn Mayer, produced in 1984, 107 minutes.</p> <p>A cyborg is sent to the past to kill the woman who will conceive the child destined to become the great liberator and arch-enemy of the Earth's future rulers.</p>	<p>DVD 4283 [T]</p>
<p><u>Thin Blue Line</u> The Criterion Collection, produced in 1988, 101 minutes.</p> <p>A work of meticulous journalism and gripping drama, it recounts the disturbing tale of Randall Adams, a drifter who was charged with the murder of a Dallas police officer and sent to death row, despite overwhelming evidence that he did not commit the crime.</p>	<p>Available from other BCCLS libraries</p>
<p><u>Three Kings</u> Rated R. Warner Bros., produced in 1999, 115 minutes.</p> <p>A war drama about a band of American soldiers in Iraq at the end of the Gulf War who embark on a treasure hunt for a huge cache of gold.</p>	<p>DVD 17 [T]</p>
<p><u>Tootsie</u> Rated PG. Sony Pictures Home Entertainment, produced in 1982, 116 minutes.</p> <p>An unemployed actor disguises himself as a woman to secure a part on a soap opera. Commemorates the 25th anniversary of the original release of this film.</p>	<p>DVD 805 [T]</p>
<p><u>True Romance</u> Rated R. Columbia (USA), produced in 1993, 120 minutes.</p> <p>Two lovers skip town after an accidental murder and hit the road to L.A. with the mob in pursuit.</p>	<p>Available from other BCCLS libraries</p>
<p><u>The Verdict</u> Rated R. 20th Century Fox Home Entertainment, produced in 1982, 129 minutes.</p> <p>An alcoholic, failed attorney is reduced to ambulance chasing. A friend gives him a supposedly easy malpractice case which turns out to be a last chance at redeeming himself and his career.</p>	<p>DVD 4985 [V]</p>

Wall Street

Rated R. 20th Century Fox Home Entertainment, produced in 1987, 126 minutes.

In this riveting, behind-the-scenes look at big business in the 1980s, an ambitious young broker is lured into the illegal, lucrative world of corporate espionage when he is seduced by the power, status, and financial wizardry of Wall Street legend Gordon Gekko. But he soon discovers that the pursuit of overnight riches comes at a price that's too high to pay.

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