

## U.S. History – Official Film List

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AHS MC	Ames Public Library	Film Title
DVD SEA	D ACTION SEA	1. <u>The Searchers</u> – Classic John Wayne western referred to by many critics as the finest western ever made.
DVD LON	---	2. <u>The Long Riders</u> – This 1980s western starring four sets of brothers is the actual finest western ever made.
DVD DRU	---	3. <u>Drums Along the Mohawk</u> – This Henry Fonda film is set in colonial America.
DVD LAS	VIDEO DRAMA LAS	4. <u>Last of the Mohicans</u> – Another film about colonial America based on the James Fenimore Cooper series. The latest one stars Daniel Day-Lewis.
DVD GLO	DVD DRAMA GLO	5. <u>Glory</u> -- This film is based on a true story of the first African-Americans to fight in the Civil War. It stars Matthew Broderick & Denzel Washington.
DVD AMI	DVD & VIDEO DRAMA AMI	6. <u>Amistad</u> – The true story of a revolt on a slave ship and the judicial aftermath.
DVD MOL	---	7. <u>The Molly Maguires</u> – Starring Richard Harris, this film deals with the violent labor front in Pennsylvania during the late 19 <sup>th</sup> century.
DVD 331.88 HAR	331.88 (VIDEO) HAR	8. <u>Harlan County, U.S.A.</u> – The most vicious labor warfare occurred in this Kentucky county where it continues today.
DVD MAT	VIDEO DRAMA MAT	9. <u>Matewan</u> – This award-winning semi-documentary also deals with violence in coal country.
DVD INH	VIDEO DRAMA INH	10. <u>Inherit the Wind</u> – This courtroom drama is based on the famous Scopes Trial of the 1920s.
DVD CIT	DVD & VIDEO DRAMA CIT	11. <u>Citizen Kane</u> – This classic film story of a newspaper editor was directed by a young Orson Welles. It is rated the #1 film of all time by the American Film Institute.
DVD TRU	DVD DRAMA TRU	12. <u>Truman</u> – Biographical film of the president who made some of the most momentous decisions of the 20 <sup>th</sup> century.
DVD MAS	DVD & VIDEO COMEDY MAS	13. <u>M*A*S*H</u> – This story of a mobile army surgical hospital during the Korean War has been called both a comedy and a tragedy.
Unavailable	---	14. <u>The Good Fight</u> – Documentary film about the men who went to help Spain fight fascism in the 1930s and what happened to them later.
DVD 959.704 HEA	959.704 (VIDEO) HEA	15. <u>Hearts &amp; Minds</u> – Another documentary, this one about the American effort in Vietnam to win the “hearts & minds” of the Vietnamese people during the war.
DVD DR.	DVD & VIDEO COMEDY DR	16. <u>Dr. Strangelove</u> -- Strange is a good word to associate with this film. It’s about a series of misunderstandings that could possibly lead to nuclear war. Most people laugh; some don’t.

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DVD MIS	DVD DRAMA MIS	17. <u>Mississippi Burning</u> – Gene Hackman film about an FBI investigation of the deaths of three civil rights workers in the 1960s South.
DVD DEE	DVD & VIDEO DRAMA DEE	18. <u>The Deer Hunter</u> – <b>R</b> – Realistic three-hour film about friends who volunteer to fight in Vietnam and how this experience changed their lives and those around them. Moving, memorable, stunning.
DVD AME	---	19. <u>American History X</u> – <b>R</b> – Shocking story of a racist skinhead and how his actions affect those around him. Edward Norton in one of the best performances ever on film.
DVD GON	DVD & VIDEO DRAMA GON	20. <u>Gone With the Wind</u> – The classic film about the Old South and the changes brought about by the Civil War. Starring Clark Gable and Vivian Leigh.
DVD SHA	VIDEO ACTION SHA	21. <u>Shane</u> – One small community of farmers in Wyoming and how a stranger, Alan Ladd, helped them subdue the bad guys.
DVD HOU	---	22. <u>The House on 92<sup>nd</sup> Street</u> – Set in the early days of WWII, this semi-documentary film shows how the FBI nabbed a group of German spies.
DVD JER	DVD ACTION JER	23. <u>Jeremiah Johnson</u> – Starring Robert Redford, this film explores the lives of the early mountain men of the old West.
DVD ALA	DVD & VIDEO ACTION ALA	24. <u>The Alamo</u> – (View either the old John Wayne version or the newer one with Billy Bob Thornton.) This is the tale of the Texas Mission and its battle with overwhelming Mexican forces.
DVD SEV	---	25. <u>Seven Days in May</u> – An interesting film that deals with the possibility of a military takeover of the United States government.
DVD MAG	DVD & VIDEO DRAMA MAG	26. <u>The Magnificent Seven</u> – Based on a Japanese film (The Seven Samurai), this is the story of a small Mexican village and how it was rescued by a group of pretty deadly dudes.
DVD I	---	27. <u>I Will Fight No More Forever</u> – This film about Native Americans is based on the true story of one of their greatest leaders, Chief Joseph of the Nez Perce.

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