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Film/Discussion Series Highlights Memorable Movies

GLENDALE, Ariz. – Is there anything better on a hot summer afternoon than sitting inside a cool “theater” and watching a good movie? Well, okay, it’s not a theater with stadium seating—it’s the library, and the seats are not quite so cushy, but the price is right.

Film scholar Jeannie Berg, an instructor at Glendale Community College, will lead viewings and discussions about award-winning films from the 1930s to this year’s Best Picture Oscar winner, “Crash.” The Roadrunner Room at Foothills Branch Library, 19055 N. 57th Ave., is the site for the 1 p.m. Saturday afternoon programs.

“Cinema is such an important part of our culture,” says Berg. “It explores many of our social issues, enables us to escape into a world of make believe and magic and helps us as viewers to learn more about other people and perspectives.”

She goes on to add, “This film series will explore different techniques of filmmaking such as sound, costume design and cinematography and how they create meaning for us during the viewing process.”

The scheduled movies are:

June 3 – “The Wizard of Oz” (1939) Judy Garland, Ray Bolger, Frank Morgan, Bert Lahr, Jack Haley and Billie Burke are featured in a musical about a young girl who is swept away to a magical land by a tornado. She needs to find the Wizard so he can help her get home. “G” rating

June 10 – “Casablanca” (1942) Humphrey Bogart, Ingrid Bergman, Paul Henreid, Claude Rains, Peter Lorre, and Sydney Greenstreet star in this classic film set in occupied Morocco in the early days of World War II. An American expatriate meets a former lover whose husband needs his help. Not rated

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June 17 – “Harvey” (1950) James Stewart plays a mild-mannered man who just happens to have a 6-foot rabbit for a friend, only no one else can see the rabbit. Josephine Hull, Peggy Dow, Charles Drake, and Cecil Kellaway are also featured in the comedy. Not rated

June 24 – “The Searchers” (1956) John Ford directed many westerns and this is one of his best. John Wayne stars as a Civil War veteran who spends years searching for his niece, who was captured by Indians. Jeffrey Hunter, Vera Miles, Ward Bond and Natalie Wood also star. Not rated

July 1 – “Psycho” (1960) Alfred Hitchcock directed this horror film in which a young embezzler (Janet Leigh) checks into the Bates Motel, run by odd proprietor, Anthony Perkins, and his never-seen mother. She checked in, but she did not check out! Not rated

July 8 – “Chinatown” (1974) Roman Polanski’s film noir is set in the 1930s has a Los Angeles private detective (Jack Nicholson) investigating an adultery case that leads him to uncover a vast conspiracy. Faye Dunaway, John Huston, John Hillerman and Diane Ladd are some of the star-studded cast. “R” rating

July 15 – “Raiders of the Lost Ark” (1981) Steven Spielberg, George Lucas and Harrison Ford make a magical trio in this edge-of-the-seat, fun action/adventure story of archaeologist Indiana Jones, who is hired by the U.S. government to find the Ark of the Covenant before the Nazis do. “PG” rating

July 22 – “Apollo 13” (1995) Ron Howard directed this true story of the moon-bound mission and the men who rescued it. Tom Hanks, Bill Paxton, Kevin Bacon, Gary Sinise and Ed Harris star in the action/adventure drama. “PG” rating

July 29 – “Crash” (2005) An ethnically disparate group of Los Angeles residents keep colliding in a morass of coincidences during a 36-hour period. Sandra Bullock, Don Cheadle, Matt Dillon and Brendan Fraser are a few of the well-known actors in this Oscar-winning drama. “R” rating

For trivia buffs, these films were nominated for a total of 54 Academy Award nominations and took home 17 Oscars. Only one film in this series did not receive a nomination – “The Searchers.”

This project is funded in part by the West Valley Arts Council.

The programs are free. Call 623-930-3846 for more information.

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