Italian Neo-Realism: A New Cinema for a New World

The neorealist movement began in Italy at the end of World War II in response to social and political upheaval and the devastating economic fallout from the war. Filmmakers such as Vittorio De Sica, Roberto Rossellini, and Luchino Visconti took to the streets and made films on location that told the stories of everyday people dealing with real struggles.

In this two-part series, writer and Oakton Community College film teacher Francine J. Sanders will lead an exploration of this key cinematic movement and its importance to world cinema. She will screen and discuss two of the movement’s pioneering works made by director De Sica and screenwriter Cesare Zavattini. On January 20, enjoy Bicycle Thieves (1948) in which a working-class man’s bicycle is stolen and he and his son set out to recover it. On January 27, we’ll show Umberto D. (1952), about an elderly Roman man and his dog struggling to survive on a government pension.

Patrons are encouraged to attend both sessions for the best experience. No registration is required.

Staff Picks

**BITTER ORANGE**
Claire Fuller
A woman looks back decades to when she shared a British country house with a glamorous couple, who were not what they first appeared to be. Lies and crimes ensued. — Maureen

**THE FAMILY TABOR**
Cherise Wolas
I loved this book. It’s an evocative family saga that explores hidden secrets, repressed memories, and ultimately, the power of atonement. — Sara

**SPRINGFIELD CONFIDENTIAL: JOKES, SECRETS, AND OUTRIGHT LIES FROM A LIFETIME OF WRITING FOR THE SIMPSONS**
Mike Reiss
Why the characters are yellow, where Springfield actually is located, and more from the writer who has worked on the series since Episode 1. — Jake

**CRAFT BEER AUTHOR EVENT & TASTING**
Friday, February 8, at 7:00 p.m.
Author and photographer Matthew Janzen quit his good job to explore every angle of Wisconsin’s burgeoning craft beer industry. He’ll take you behind the scenes and beyond the taprooms as he discusses the farmers, artists, and scientists who are part of this booming business. Even if you’re not a fan of craft beer, you’ll enjoy learning about the trends he discovered while driving over 30,000 miles to research his book, *State of Craft Beer.*

After the program, sample brews from local craft brewers Ravinia Brewing Company (Highland Park) and Kings and Convicts (Highwood). The library will close at 6:00 p.m. (as it usually does on Friday nights) and re-open at 6:30 for the program. **Strictly for patrons 21 and over.**
**Winter Programs**

**BOOKNEWS**
Monday, December 3, at 10:30 a.m.
Join library staff for a discussion of new and forthcoming fiction and nonfiction. Many of the titles would make great gifts! Tasty refreshments will start at 10:00 a.m. and the presentation will start promptly at 10:30.

**MIND THE GAP YEAR**
Tuesday, December 4, at 7:00 p.m.
There is no formula for a perfect gap year. Some students use it to travel the world, while others combine work, service, or internships. However it’s designed, a gap year plan needs to be based on thoughtful choices to ensure the experience helps students grow as citizens, develop their passions, and build life skills. Katherine Stievater, founder of Gap Year Solutions, will discuss gap year options and planning strategies, including how they relate to college. For **juniors, seniors, and parents**.

**DEVICE ADVICE**
Tuesdays, 6:00–7:00 p.m.: December 4 and February 5
Saturdays, 10:00–11:00 a.m.: December 15, January 19, and February 16
Got a new device and need help setting it up? Have questions regarding special features or a new app? Visit our drop-in Device Advice sessions and feel free to bring in your laptop, tablet, or mobile device so we can help you learn its ins and outs. Hosted by network administrator Athens Moreno in the lower-level Hamil Room.

**MONEY MANAGEMENT WITH APPS**
Thursday, December 6, at 7:00 p.m.
Learn about financial apps that can help you manage your bills, investments, and budgeting—right from your device. Hosted by network administrator Athens Moreno.

**WRITERS’ OPEN MIC NIGHT**
Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.
December 12, January 9, and February 13
Writers of any age working in all forms and genres are invited to share their work at these community literary evenings. If you want to read your work, please email the moderator, Bob Boone, in advance at ycagsc@gmail.com so he can coordinate the evening’s roster. Everyone is welcome to participate by reading or just by being an appreciative audience for the many talented writers in our community.

**Greener World**
**SUSTAINABILITY OPEN HOUSE**
Sunday, January 27, between 2:00–4:00 p.m.
Why not make a New Year’s resolution to live more sustainably? Come to an open house to chat with Glencoe organizations that are working to make our village greener and our lives healthier. Members of the Village of Glencoe Sustainability Task Force, Go Green Glencoe, the Friends of the Green Bay Trail, and the Glencoe Community Garden will be on hand to tell you about what they’re up to and listen to your ideas.
BIG BOOKS: TWELFTH NIGHT
Thursdays, 7:00–8:30 p.m., January 17, 24, and 31

A Midwinter’s Play: Twelfth Night or What You Will
In The First Part of Henry IV, Prince Hal’s reflection that holidays, because “they seldom come, they wished-for come. / And nothing pleaseth but rare accidents” might be taken as the seed for Twelfth Night. Certainly Shakespeare fills his only play named for a holiday with “rare accidents”: survival of shipwreck, masquerade as the opposite sex, and twins mistaken for each other. Its alternate title, What You Will, conveys holiday’s appeal: release from the strictures of routine by which will is subject to rule.

For three weeks we will follow Shakespeare’s lead in reflecting on the role of holiday in life. If you enjoyed the Writers Theatre production of Twelfth Night, here’s your chance to study the text! Please join us for this Big Books discussion series under the guidance of Joseph Alulis, a faculty member of North Park University. Dr. Alulis also teaches for the University of Chicago’s Basic Program of Liberal Education.

Registration is required by the first day of class. Glencoe residents will have priority. Sponsored by the Friends of the Glencoe Public Library.

AUTHOR PETER NOLAN: “NEWS STORIES”
Tuesday, January 8, at 7:30 p.m.

As an Emmy Award-winning television reporter during an especially tumultuous time in Chicago history, Peter Nolan has plenty of good stories to tell. His latest book, News Stories: A Memoir (released in March) includes a vast collection of Chicago characters, including Bears great Sid Luckman, Governor Otto Kerner, columnist Irv Kupcinet, Mayor Harold Washington, and many less-familiar but equally entertaining people.

For this event, Mr. Nolan will be interviewed on stage by Robert Boone, who wrote in his foreword for News Stories: “Peter Nolan may have been a non-nonsense reporter in a non-nonsense city, but at heart he was a great storyteller.” Copies of News Stories will be available for purchase and signing at the event.

FINE-TUNE YOUR ONLINE DATING PROFILE
Wednesday, January 16, at 7:30 p.m.

If you’re giving online dating a try but not seeing the results you want, maybe you can use a few pointers from a pro. A consultant for Match.com, Bela Gandhi is a Chicago-based dating expert and the founder of Smart Dating Academy. She’s dispensed advice on Good Morning America and The Today Show and has been called “the fairy godmother of dating” by Steve Harvey and The Huffington Post. Bela and her head dating coach, Lindsay Anderson, will show before-and-after profile photos and give practical tips on optimizing your profile essay, detecting interest, best strategies for those crucial first emails and calls, flirting, and how to make the first date lead to a second. Bring your questions!

CUT THE CORD
Monday, February 11, at 7:00 p.m.

Millions of Americans are ditching traditional cable subscriptions in favor of streaming online entertainment. Is cutting the cord right for you? Find out how you can save money, avoid commercials, and enjoy quality programming with reference librarian Jake Rogers.

FILM: AN INCONVENIENT SEQUEL
Monday, February 25, at 6:30 p.m.

Join us for a screening of the 2017 documentary film An Inconvenient Sequel about former U.S. vice president Al Gore’s continuing mission to battle climate change and persuade world leaders to invest in renewable energy. After the film, you’re invited to stay for a moderated discussion. Cosponsored with the Village of Glencoe’s Sustainability Task Force.

Donations to the Library
The library deeply appreciates donations made in honor of a loved one or special event.

Donations were recently received from:

- Madhav Kathikar in honor of Anish Kathikar’s fourth birthday
- Friday Book Group in honor of Pauline Pinkus
- Nancy Newberger in honor of Alice Hanig
- Nicola Persico

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Theater & Film

**AMERICA’S MUSICAL THEATER LEGENDS**
Susan Benjamin presents the lives and work of the performers, composers, and lyricists of the golden age of American musical theater.

**Monday, December 10, at 1:00 p.m.**
Rodgers and Hammerstein: Some Enchanted Afternoon

**Monday, January 14, at 1:00 p.m.**
Donald O'Connor: Make ‘Em Laugh

**Monday, February 11, at 1:00 p.m.**
Julie Andrews: Dauntless Diva

**Talking Pictures**
Enjoy an afternoon of thought-provoking cinema and discussion with Susan Benjamin. A discussion immediately follows film screenings.

**Friday, December 7, at 1:00 p.m.**
*Beatriz at Dinner*

**Thursday, January 10, at 1:00 p.m.**
*A Fantastic Woman*

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**Arts Programs**

**Monday Night at the Movies**

**THE WIFE**
Monday, December 17, at 1:00 & 7:00 p.m.
Joe Castleman wins the Nobel Prize in Literature as the culmination of a distinguished career in letters. But what of the nurturing and self-effacing woman behind the man? Does Joan Castleman have more to do with her husband’s literary success than anyone realizes? At the center of *The Wife* is a great role for and performance by the inimitable Glenn Close.
100 minutes. R.

**BYE BYE GERMANY**
Monday, January 21, at 1:00 & 7:00 p.m.
*Bye Bye Germany* pulls off the very unlikely combination of light comedy, romance, and Holocaust drama. David Berman and his friends, all Holocaust survivors, desperately want to leave post-war Germany in favor of America. But how to raise the money? A grand scheme is hatched, but the enterprising businessman faces some significant hurdles along the way.
102 minutes. Not rated. *In German with English subtitles.*

**WHO WE ARE NOW**
Monday, February 18, at 1:00 & 7:00 p.m.
Recently released from prison, Beth works with a public defense team to win back the custody of her son, awarded to her sister while she was incarcerated for ten years. Julianne Nicholson heads a strong cast in this drama that has won almost universal acclaim from critics. “Every minute of this film is absolutely mesmerizing.” — Noel Murray, *Los Angeles Times*.
95 minutes. Not rated.

**Inside the White City: Art and Architecture at the 1893 World’s Columbian Exposition**
Monday, December 10, at 7:00 p.m.
December 2018 will mark the bicentennial of Illinois. We’ll use the state’s 200th anniversary to look back at one of its most momentous events: the World’s Columbian Exposition of 1893. Art historian Jeff Mishur returns for this slide lecture on the history of the World’s Fair, the design of the fairgrounds, and on a selection of important buildings. The program will feature a discussion of contributors such as Daniel Burnham and Louis Sullivan as well as selected artworks that were on display.
Just for Young Adults

WHAT'S COOL FOR WINTER: YA WINTER READING CLUB
December 12–February 12
See the back page for details.

STUDY BREAK LOUNGE
Saturday, January 19, through Wednesday, January 23
Study Break Lounge is the perfect place to take a break from studying and enjoy free snacks and a little socializing. The lounge is open half an hour after the library opens and closes half an hour before the library closes. In the Hammond Room or the YA Room. Good luck with finals!

SIXTH ANNUAL YA SCAVENGER HUNT
Saturday, January 26, 10:00 a.m.–3:30 p.m.
Test your book, movie, and music knowledge! Find clues scattered throughout the library that will lead you to great prizes, including free books, DVD rental coupons, snacks, and a chance to win a gift certificate to Starbucks. Stop by the Readers’ Services desk between 10:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. to pick up the rules. For 6th–12th graders.

Meet the Staff

JESSIE BOND
Hi, I’m Jessie! As a child, I was known at my home library (Cook Memorial in Libertyville) for checking out stacks of books so high I had to hold them under my chin, like Gus-Gus in Disney’s Cinderella. Even as I got older and my reading habits expanded into YA fiction, urban fantasy, sci-fi, memoir, romance, and (most recently) graphic novels and comics, I’ve always loved children’s literature, which is why my job in the children’s department is perfect for me. I started out as a shelver about a year and a half ago and for the past year I’ve had the pleasure of serving as Children’s Program Coordinator.

In the children’s department, I coordinate all our outside presenters—musicians, artists, jugglers, and the like—as well as lead some of my own programs. Outside the children’s department, I love to attend and review theatre productions (I majored in theater studies and English), play the violin, binge-listen to podcasts, and write short stories and plays. I also volunteer at the Windy Kitty Cat Café in Chicago and buy way too many books from my favorite indie bookstores (The Book Cellar and Women and Children First). Feel free to stop upstairs and say hello or show me pictures of your pets!

Friends’ Corner

Contact the Friends via email at friends@glencolibrary.org or visit us at www.glencolibrary.org/about/friends-of-gpl. Please note that we send all information about the concerts and book sales by email. If you’d like to be notified about the concerts and book sales, please provide your email address.

Programs and classes sponsored by the Friends.

LATEST GIFTS TO THE LIBRARY
In September, the Friends voted to support Study Break Lounge; winter reading clubs; book discussions; Book Buddies; Tots and Tunes children’s concerts; the Big Books discussion series; and the repair of the conference table in the Johnson Room.

IN YOUR MAILBOX
Glencoe residents received an appeal letter recently from the Friends asking for your support. Please consider helping us help the library. Beyond the good that it will do for the library, your donation will admit you to the very civilized Friday night preview sale for the three annual book sales!

BOOK DONATIONS WELCOME
When you’re sorting through your shelves of books, music, and movies, please keep the Friends in mind. We gratefully accept donations of paperback and hardcover books, DVDs, audiobooks, and CDs in good condition. A tax receipt for your donations is available at the Checkout Desk. All book sale profits benefit the library.

Friends’ Book Sale

MARCH 2–4, 2019
Our October sale was great! Many thanks to all of you who donated books and shopped the sale. The next sale will be March 2–4. Remember that between sales you can always browse the adult and children’s books for sale inside the entrance of the library.
Children’s Classes & Events

Early Childhood Drop-In

All classes are drop-in with no registration required. Space may be limited due to room capacity.

ROCK AND READ
Mondays, 10:00–10:30 a.m.
January 7–March 11
Ages 18 months–3 years with adult
Settle into Monday with books, move to the beat, and more during this active storytime.

STAY AND PLAY
Mondays, 10:30–11:00 a.m.
January 7–March 11
Ages 0–3 with adult
Hang out between classes with puppets, toys, music, and more.

BOOK BABIES
Mondays, 11:00–11:30 a.m.
January 7–March 11
Ages 0–18 months with adult
Introduce your baby to the library with stories, songs, and active play. Older siblings are welcome.

TALES FOR TOTS
Tuesdays & Thursdays, 10:30–11:15 a.m.
January 8–March 14
All ages with adult
Read, sing, talk, and play to build early literacy skills! Join us for stories, songs, and more, followed by time for socialization and play.

INCHWORMS
Fridays, 11:00–11:30 a.m.
January 11–March 15
(no class February 1)
Ages birth–crawlers
At this class for the littlest listeners, we’ll get on the floor for stories, rhymes, songs, and bounces. Older siblings are welcome.

FAMILY STORYTIME
Saturdays, 10:30–11:00 a.m.
December 8, December 29, and February 9
All ages with adult
Join us for books, songs, and activities with a different seasonal theme each month. Perfect for preschoolers, but all ages are welcome.

FAMILY GAME DAY
Saturday, December 1, 9:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.
All ages
Drop in for board game fun! Play all your old favorites from around the Children’s Department or try out something new.

DIY HOLIDAY GIFTS
Tuesday, December 4, 4:15–5:00 p.m.
 Grades K–3
Crafts to make and give as holiday presents for friends and family. Registration required.

HOLIDAY CARD WORKSHOP
Saturday, December 8, 11:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.
All ages
Drop in to create one-of-a-kind cards in celebration of the December holidays. We’ll provide the supplies.

WINTER SCIENCE LAB
Tuesday, December 11, 4:15–5:00 p.m.
 Grades K–3
Join us as we do several fun, simple science activities with a winter theme. Registration required.

ART EXPLORATIONS WITH BERNANETTE FOCH
Saturdays, 2:30–4:00 p.m., December 15, January 26, and February 23
 Grades 1–6
Guest artist Bernadette Foch returns with new classes. You’ll create your own masterpiece to bring home. Registration required.

CRAFTERNOONS
Tuesdays, 4:15–5:00 p.m., December 18, January 15, and February 12
All ages
Create your own crafts out of materials ranging from the everyday to the entirely unexpected.

BITTY DRIVE-IN MOVIE
Friday, December 28, 10:30–11:15 a.m.
Ages 18 months–4 years with adult
Grown-ups will help their littles ones decorate cardboard cars and enjoy a storytime that will include a screening of picture books adapted into short movies. Registration required.

TRENT JAMES COMEDY MAGIC SHOW
Wednesday, January 2, 10:00–10:45 a.m.
Ages 3 and up (under 8 must be with adult)
Trent’s high-energy performance combines mind-boggling magic with humor that will entertain everyone from toddlers to grandparents.

PRE-SCHOOL DANCE PARTY
Thursday, January 3, 10:30–11:00 a.m.
Ages 2–5 with adult
Shake it all about! We’ll feature plenty of dance-along classics (Hokey Pokey, anyone?) and other kid faves.

ASTRONAUT CAMP
Thursday, January 3, 3:00–4:00 p.m.
 Grades 1–5
Ever dreamed of becoming an astronaut? Start your training now in a workshop that’s out of this world! Registration required.

MUNCHY MOVIES: WINTER
Friday, January 4, 3:00 p.m.—Smallfoot (2018, PG, 96 min.)
 Friday, January 11, 3:45 p.m.—Home (2015, PG, 94 min.)
All ages (under 8 must be with adult)
Come to the library for movie fun and snacks.

Classes marked with this symbol require advance registration.
Register in person, by phone, or online at www.glencoeLibrary.org. Registration for winter classes begins on November 26.
Minecraft Mania  
Saturday, January 5, 2:00–3:30 p.m.  
Grades 1–6  
Join Minecraft expert Scotty Vrablik to learn tips for building fantastic Minecraft creations. We’ll have a few laptops available, but please bring your own laptop, tablet, or other Minecraft-capable device if possible. Registration required.

Edible Aliens  
Monday, January 7, 4:15–5:00 p.m.  
Grades K–3  
Use sweet treats to create an amazing—and delicious—alien creature! Registration required.

Build a UFO  
Tuesday, January 8, 4:15–5:00 p.m.  
Grades 2–5  
Build and launch your own UFO! Registration required.

My First Yoga & Mini Mindfulness  
Wednesday, 1:30–2:45 p.m.  
January 9 and February 6  
Ages 3–5  
Ms. Lani from Banner Day Camp will lead kids through basic poses and breathing exercises in these fun, easy to follow classes. Just drop in!

Escape Room: Aliens  
Wednesday, January 9, 4:15–4:45 p.m.  
or Saturday, January 12, 2:00–2:30 p.m.  
Grades 3–5  
Join us for an alien-themed escape room adventure. Work together to solve puzzles and escape a sticky situation. Registration required.

Project Mars  
Thursday, January 24, 4:15–5:00 p.m.  
Grades 3–6  
Can you and your team design a successful Mars colony? Find out at this STEM-based class! Registration required.

Library Gaming Guild  
Friday, January 25, 4:15–5:30 p.m.  
Grades 4–6  
Play Minecraft, Roblox, Fortnite, Bloxels, and more on the library’s gaming laptops and tablets, or bring your own device. Registration required.

Mindfulness for Kids  
Tuesdays, 4:15–5:15 p.m.  
January 29 and February 19  
Grades K–5  
Ms. Lani will teach kid-friendly techniques for mindfulness. Registration required.
The library will close at 1:00 p.m. on December 24 and December 31 and all day December 25 and January 1.

**DID YOU KNOW?**

Our Rokus now include Acorn TV, which streams world-class British mysteries, drama, and comedies. Enjoy every season of Agatha Raisin, Midsomer Murders, Girlfriends, A Place to Call Home, The Detectorists, Jack Irish, and many more! Available for two-week checkout from the Reference Desk.

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**Winter Reading Clubs**

**READING WARMS THE HEART! ADULT WINTER READING CLUB**

**December 15–February 3**

Join the Winter Reading Club for adults this winter! We will suggest wonderful books for you to read while you snuggle by the fire. Sign-up starts Friday, December 15, at the Readers’ Services desk. Don’t miss the sign-up prize! Read six books and you win a great ending prize.

**FOR KIDS: A SPACE TO READ**

**December 15–February 3**

Come join the coolest club in town: Winter Reading Club! Prepare for launch by signing up for this space-themed adventure at the Children’s Desk starting Friday, December 15. Earn brag tags by reading and completing activities. **For babies and kids through 6th grade.**

**WINTER READING CLUB SKATING PARTY**

Saturday, February 2, 2:30–4:00 p.m.

*Ages birth–Grade 6*

Qualifying readers are invited to a skating party at Watts Ice Center just for A Space to Read participants. Sign up for the Winter Reading Club at the Children’s Desk and find out more about how you can earn your pass to the party!

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**WHAT’S COOL FOR WINTER: YA WINTER READING CLUB**

**December 12–February 12**

Whether you’re traveling for winter break or staying home, we’re sure you’ll want to catch up on your reading. Our YA Winter Reading Club has lots of goodies to reward you. You set your own goal for the number of books you think you can read during the program. If you reach your goal by February 12, you get a free paperback book of your own choosing. There will be suggestions to get you started, but read whatever looks good to you. **For 6th–12th grades.**

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