

## Libraries and librarians in film and TV

by George M. Eberhart and Jennifer Henderson

**THIS LIST IS** as comprehensive as possible, as of March 2013. For corresponding images to these films, follow the *American Libraries* Pinterest board, [Libraries on Film](#). To keep up-to-date on new films, visit: Jennifer Snoek-Brown, Reel Librarians, [reel-librarians.com](#); Notorious BIB (in French), [notoriousbib.wordpress.com](#); and Libraries at the Movies, [librariesatthemovies.blogspot.com](#).

**[Abandon](#)** (2002, US/Germany). Melanie Lynskey as Mousy Julie is an oddball library staffer at an academic library (filmed at McGill University) where student Katie Burke (Katie Holmes) is studying. Katie nods off and wakes to find the Dewey Decimal number for Dante's *Inferno* carved in the desk. She goes to find it on the shelf and sees someone staring at her through the books. Robert Burns plays an archivist and Joan McBride is a student assistant.

**[About Adam](#)** (2000, Ireland/UK/US). Frances O'Connor as Laura Owens spends most of her time reading in a Dublin library.

**[The Accountant](#)** (1999, UK). Portions were filmed at Verwood Library, Dorset, England.

**[The Addiction](#)** (1995). Lili Taylor as Kathleen Conklin, a New York University philosophy student and vampire, attacks an anthropology student in the library, which she seems to think is a graveyard.

**[The Adjustment Bureau](#)** (2011). The Rose Reading Room of the New York Public Library serves as the library setting for the mysterious Adjustment Bureau. (The book retrieval section was green-screened out and the reference books were covered by wooden paneling.) Director George Nolfi liked the leather-paneled swinging doors of the Art and Architecture Collection, so they serve as a portal to the Bureau Office throughout the film. Other scenes show the first-floor Grand Hallway, the steps leading to the second floor from Astor Hall, and other hallways.

**[Admissions](#)** (2004). Lauren Ambrose as Evie Brighton works in a library; Jennifer Schweickert plays the librarian.

**[Adventure](#)** (1945). Greer Garson plays Emily Sears, a staffer at San Francisco Public Library. Problem patron Harry Patterson (Clark Gable) and his friend Mudge (Thomas Mitchell) come into the library and ask for a book that can return Mudge's soul after he nearly escaped death in the war. She refers him to a book on combat fatigue, then later recommends a priest or psychiatrist.

**[The Adventures of Shirley Holmes](#)** (January 5, 1998, Canada, TV series), "The Case of the Wannabe Witch." Shelley Duvall plays Alice Flitt, school librarian in Sussex Academy, Winnipeg, Manitoba, who uses her knowledge of black magic to capture the affections of teacher Arthur Howie (Colin Fox), injure principal Cynthia Stratmann (Marie Stillin), and cast spells on the children.

**[After Sex](#)** (2007). Mila Kunis as Nikki and Zoe Saldana as Kat talk about oral sex and make out in an academic library.

**[After Twilight](#)** (2005, short). Rather than remove banned books from the library shelf, Christine M. Auten as young librarian Jen Frazier becomes a freedom fighter against a theocratic regime occupying the state of Texas. She carries a mysterious package to the underground resistance and becomes a hunted fugitive.

**[Agatha Christie's Marple](#)** (December 12, 2004, US/UK, made for TV), "The Body in the Library." A young woman's corpse is dumped in the library of Gossington Hall and Agatha Christie's octogenarian detective Miss Marple (Geraldine McEwan) is asked to solve the crime.

**[The Age of Stupid](#)** (2009, UK). An archivist (Pete Postlethwaite) in the postapocalyptic year of 2055 looks back on footage from the early 21st century to try to understand why no one did anything about runaway climate change.

**[Age to Age](#)** (1999). Dot Braun plays a librarian in this independent science-fiction adventure set in North Carolina.

- Agent trouble** (1987, France). Catherine Deneuve plays middle-aged librarian Amanda Weber, who decides to investigate the apparent cover-up of a mass murder.
- Agnes and His Brothers [Agnes und seine Brüder]** (2004, Germany). This is the story of three brothers and their search for happiness. One brother, Moritz Bleibtreu as Hans-Jörg Tschirner, is an oedipal, sex-addicted academic librarian who is interested in young students. Several times he follows a girl into the library restroom so he can spy on her through a peephole in an adjoining stall.
- Agnes of God** (1985). Victor Désy is an archivist who finds blueprints of a convent in the National Library and Archives of Quebec for Martha Livingston (Jane Fonda).
- Agora** (2009, Spain). Rachel Weisz plays Neoplatonist philosopher and teacher Hypatia, the daughter of Theon (Michael Lonsdale), who is the director of the Musaeum (a center for scholarship) in Alexandria, Egypt. In 391, she and other pagans are trapped by a Christian mob in the library of the Serapeum (not the Great Library), from which they manage to save some valuable scrolls before the building is destroyed.
- Air Hostess** (1949). Gloria Henry as librarian Ruth Jackson becomes a student at the Hansen School for Air Hostesses.
- Alexander** (2004, Germany/US/Netherlands/France/UK/Italy). Anthony Hopkins as Ptolemy, one of Alexander the Great's former generals, tells the story of Alexander to a scribe in the Great Library of Alexandria.
- Alexandria . . . New York** (2004, Egypt/France). Egyptian student Yehia meets his American girlfriend Ginger in the library of the Institute of Dramatic Art in California.
- The Alfred Hitchcock Hour** (October 11, 1963, TV series), "Terror at Northfield." A public librarian (Jacqueline Scott as Susan Marsh) becomes concerned when she notices the disappearance of a young boy. She uses a feather duster to tidy up the library books. Flora Sloan (Gertrude Flynn) is an older librarian and Bib Hadley (Peter Whitney) is the library janitor.
- Alfred Hitchcock Presents** (October 23, 1955, TV series), "Don't Come Back Alive." Sidney Blackmer as Frank Partridge clandestinely meets his wife Mildred (Virginia Gregg) in a public library. Edna Holland plays a librarian.
- Alfred Hitchcock Presents** (March 27, 1962, TV series), "The Last Remains." John Fiedler as mortician Amos Duff goes to the public library to look up a newspaper account of a car accident. Gail Bonney plays the librarian.
- Alice** (2009, UK/Canada, TV miniseries). Andrew Lee Potts as the Hatter escorts Caterina Scorsone as Alice into the city of Wonderland and brings her to a Great Library, filled with books and information rescued by the resistance movement when the Queen of Hearts seized power. A librarian is armed with a shotgun.
- Alice in Wonderland: An X-Rated Musical Fantasy** (1976). Kristine DeBell as Alice is a virginal librarian who acts and dresses younger than her age. She rebuffs her suitor William because he insists on behavior she considers inappropriate. Then she goes to Wonderland where, as Roger Ebert says, "the inhabitants give her a cram course in 50 ways to keep your lover."
- Alison's Birthday** (1981, Australia). Lou Brown as Peter Healey visits the Sydney Public Library to research a psychic warning from his girlfriend's deceased father. He finds out that on her 19th birthday she is destined to be part of an occult ceremony dedicated to the Celtic goddess Mirne.
- All About Evil** (2010). Natasha Lyonne plays nerdy San Francisco librarian Deborah Tennis. She has a secret life as a psychotic killer who films her murders and screens them to audiences at a movie theater she inherited from her father. Mink Stole as Evelyn is a library coworker who becomes one of her victims.
- All That** (1995–1998, Seasons 2–4, TV series). "The Loud Librarian" was a recurring sketch featuring Lori Beth Denburg as Mrs. Hushbaum, a librarian who talks loudly while students are studying, but when anyone else makes noise, she screams at them to be quiet, honks an air horn, or blows a whistle.
- All the King's Men** (1949). The fictional Willie Stark Library is featured in a *March of Time*-style newsreel.

[All the President's Men](#) (1976). Jaye Stewart and James Murtaugh are clerks at the Library of Congress; Jamie Smith-Jackson and sports broadcaster Ron Menchine are *Washington Post* librarians. Robert Redford as Bob Woodward and Dustin Hoffman as Carl Bernstein are the journalists who go to the Library of Congress in 1972 to investigate the Watergate break-in. Stewart is the clerk who provides White House call slips to Woodward and Bernstein.

[All the Queen's Men \[Die Männer Ihrer Majestät\]](#) (2001, Germany/Austria/US). Nicolette Krebitz as Romy is a sexy librarian and underground resistance fighter in Nazi Germany, who operates a safe house in the library's attic. When four Allied soldiers parachute behind the lines and dress in drag, they mistakenly contact the male assistant librarian (played by Heinrich Herki), who notifies the Gestapo. Using book titles, Romy warns the good guys that they are in danger and shows them an escape route.

[Almost a Woman](#) (2001, made for TV). Sarah Zinsser is a New York City school librarian.

[Alone \[Allein\]](#) (2004, Germany). Lavinia Wilson as Maria works at a university library in Essen, Germany, but she has borderline personality disorder.

[Les amateurs](#) (2003, France). Young Christophe (Lorànt Deutsch) pursues the beautiful Malika (Barbara Cabrita) in a library. He claims to be studying the Spanish Civil War, but she points out that he is in the ancient history section. Bénédicte Sacchi plays the librarian.

[The Amazing Spider-Man](#) (2012). Marvel Comics creator Stan Lee has a cameo as a school librarian who is stamping books and listening to music on headphones, unaware of an epic battle going on in the library between Spider-Man (Andrew Garfield) and The Lizard (Rhys Ifans).

[American Horror Story](#) (November 9, 2011, TV series), "Piggy Piggy." Evan Peters as Tate Langdon stages a Columbine-style massacre in the Westfield High School in 1994. He murders 15 students, five of them in the library, and permanently disables a teacher (possibly the librarian), Mr. Carmichael (Tom Gallop).

[American Hot Wax](#) (1978). Ted Schwartz plays Gary the music librarian.

[American Pie](#) (1999). Thomas Ian Nicholas as high school student Kevin Myers is sent to the library (filmed in Long Beach Polytechnic High School, California) by his older brother to find a book (a sex manual annotated and enlarged by other students) hidden in a secret compartment in the religion section of the stacks.

[American Pie Presents: The Book of Love](#) (2009). One night, Bug Hall as Rob accidentally sets fire to the school library and finds the bible (or book of love), the creation of Mr. Levenstein (Eugene Levy), nearly ruined. The book has incomplete advice and sends them on a hopeless journey to lose their virginity.

[American Pie Presents: The Naked Mile](#) (2006, Canada/US). In the high school library, Jessy Schram as student Tracy Sterling tells her boyfriend Erik Stifler (John White) that she is just not ready to have sex yet.

[American Psycho 2: All American Girl](#) (2002). Charles Officer as student Keith Lawson is found with a knife in his back in the West Washington College library. Filmed at York University.

[The American Scene, Number 11: The Library of Congress](#) (1945, short). Narrated by Ralph Bellamy, this documentary reports on the creation of the Library of Congress and the diverse collections housed within it. It includes highlights of its treasures and emphasizes the library's duty to preserve and make accessible the nation's history.

[Amhurst](#) (2008). Mickey Mello plays a librarian.

[The Amityville Horror](#) (1979). James Brolin as George Lutz visits the public library to research the back story of the haunted house on Long Island he has purchased for his family. Filmed at the Toms River branch of the Ocean County (N.J.) Library.

[Amityville II: The Possession](#) (1982, Mexico/US). Andrew Prine as Father Tom visits the town archives to trace the history of a Long Island haunted house. He is helped by archivist Mrs. Greer (Petra Lea) who says she has worked there for 25 years.

[Anatomy of a Murder](#) (1959). The courthouse library used by the lawyers was filmed at the Ishpeming (Mich.) Carnegie Library.

- L'ange** (1983, France). In the segment “Les bibliothécaires,” a group of identical librarians research, file, and reorganize a sprawling library. They encounter a naked woman in a geometric enclosure. The first librarian is played by Maurice Baquet.
- Angel** (October 5, 1999, TV series), “City of...” Angel (David Boreanaz) spends the night using a Los Angeles public library’s computers to search for information about a woman who has disappeared.
- An Angel at My Table** (1990, New Zealand/Australia/UK). This is the autobiography of Janet Frame, a repressed little girl (played by Alexia Keogh) who grew up to become New Zealand’s most famous novelist and poet. She wins a prize at school—a free trip to the local library—and is awestruck as she wanders the stacks selecting books.
- Angel in the Wardrobe [Aniol w szafie]** (1987, Poland). Maria Klejdysz plays librarian Olga Nowak.
- Angel’s Dance** (1999, US/Germany). Caroline Alexander plays a worker in a library where Sheryl Lee as Angelica Chaste finds books on refrigerator repair and self-defense.
- Angels & Demons** (2009, US/Italy). Tom Hanks as Harvard symbologist Robert Langdon and Ayelet Zurer as Vittoria Vetra look for clues to the kidnapping of cardinals in ancient manuscripts in the Vatican Library. The filming actually took place in the Biblioteca Angelica in Rome.
- Anna M.** (2007, France). Lonely Anna M. (played by Isabelle Carré), who works at the conservation department of the Bibliothèque nationale in Paris, tries to kill herself and winds up in the hospital, where she develops an unhealthy fixation on her doctor.
- Antarctica** (2008, Israel). Tomer Ilan as Omer works in a library in Tel Aviv. He is shy, turning 30, and looking for a stable gay relationship.
- Apartment for Peggy** (1948). Jeanne Crain as Peggy Taylor volunteers to be a personal “librarian” for retired Prof. Henry Barnes (Edmund Gwenn). Crystal Reeves plays an academic librarian.
- Apprenticeship of the Inventor Polz [Učna leta izumitelja Polža]** (1982, Yugoslavia). Boris Juh is the librarian.
- Archangel** (2005, UK, made for TV). Daniel Craig as Russian history professor Fluke Kelso goes to the Lenin Library in Moscow to research a clue about the death of Stalin. One librarian (Elena Butenko) refuses to help, but Kseniya Entelis as younger librarian Yelena gets him the materials he needs. Later, he travels to a Communist Party archives in Archangel to find more evidence.
- Are You Afraid of the Dark?** (November 5, 1994, Canada, TV series), “The Tale of the Quiet Librarian.” Two children find themselves locked after hours in a public library that is haunted by the ghost of Ms. Gregor (Anna MacCormack), a strict librarian who has a special box that traps all sounds, including the voices of children. If the librarian steals their voices, they must stay in the silent reading room reading books for eternity.
- Arlington Road** (1999). Jeff Bridges as college professor Michael Faraday suspects that his neighbor Oliver Lang (Tim Robbins) is a terrorist. He goes to the campus library to research the topic and his neighbor suddenly shows up.
- Artemis 81** (1981, UK, made for TV). Daniel Day-Lewis is a student researching in an academic library.
- As Young As You Feel** (1951). Carol Savage is a young, blonde, corporate librarian at Acme Printing Services.
- Asfalttilampaat** (1968, Finland). Eero Melasniemi as mentally disturbed Assistant Librarian Ville Herman Lauttala falls in love with the janitor’s daughter (Kirsti Wallasvaara as Liisa Kanninen) and starts hearing voices in his head.
- Ask the Dust** (2006, US/Germany). Natasha Staples is a librarian in 1930s Denver.
- The Asphalt Jungle** (1950). For good behavior, inmate Doc Erwin Riedenschneider (Sam Jaffe) gets to work in the prison library.
- At First Sight** (1999). Margo Winkler as town librarian Nancy Bender orders Braille books for Val Kilmer, who plays the visually challenged Virgil Adamson. When he regains his sight, he goes back to the library to look at old *Life* magazines.
- Atonement** (2007, UK/US/France). James McAvoy as Robbie and Keira Knightley as Cecilia get lusty against the bookshelves in a private library in the 1930s until young Briony (Saoirse Ronan) walks in on them.



**The Attic** (1980). Carrie Snodgrass plays spinster Louise Elmore, who is nearing retirement from her 19-year job as head librarian in Wichita, Kansas. She devotes her life to caring for her wheelchair-bound, tyrannical father (Ray Milland) and only trusts her new replacement Emily Perkins (Ruth Cox), who purchases a pet chimpanzee for her as a gift. Frances Bay and Terry Troutt are other library colleagues.

**Augustitango** (1996, Sweden, short). Lotta Beling plays Maria, a library assistant.

**Autumn in New York** (2000). Will Keane (Richard Gere) follows a much younger Emily Dickinson-loving hat designer (Winona Ryder as Charlotte Fielding) into what appears to be a museum, going upstairs past the library. A librarian (Delores Mitchell) asks if she can help him. He wants to know the name of the young woman, but when the librarian offers to tell her he wants to see her, he declines.

**Avatar: The Last Airbender** (July 14, 2006, animated TV series), “The Library.” In a Spirit Library hidden in the desert, Sokka (voiced by Jack De Sena) discovers crucial information on a solar eclipse that could end a war. But the library’s owl spirit, Wan Shi Tong (Hector Elizondo), sinks the library into the sand and traps him. In M. Night Shyamalan’s 2010 film, *The Last Airbender*, the Great Library is frequently mentioned but never shown.

**The Avengers** (1998). Patrick Macnee plays an invisible ministry archivist named Col. Invisible Jones.

**Awakenings** (1990). Bronx hospital physician Dr. Malcolm Sayer (Robin Williams) in 1969 checks microfilm for articles about the 1920s encephalitis outbreak and later consults the RA-RI card catalog drawer. The closing credits list Adam Bryant as librarian.

**Baby Boom** (1987). Diane Keaton as J. C. Wiatt uses a Vermont college library to research the market for her baby food, using such journals as *Progressive Grocer*. The library scenes were filmed at the Memorial branch of the Los Angeles Public Library.

**Back to School** (1986). Keith Gordon as Jason Melon tutors and woos a young lady in the college library.

**Back to the Future Part III** (1990). Michael J. Fox as Marty McFly and Christopher Lloyd as Dr. Emmett Brown visit an empty library at night and immediately find the exact pages of the 1885 newspaper they are looking for.

**Back When We Were Grownups** (2004, made for TV). Lynette DuPree plays a librarian.

**Bad Timing: A Sensual Obsession** (1980, UK). Art Garfunkel as Prof. Alex Linden conducts a meeting in the library of the Sigmund Freud Museum in Vienna.

**Ball of Fire** (1941). Seven professors have been working on writing an encyclopedia in the library of the Daniel S. Totten Foundation for the past nine years when they discover that they have neglected slang.

**The Ballad of Lucy Whipple** (2001, made for TV). Jena Malone as California Morning “Lucy” Whipple travels to Gold Rush-era California with her family and sets up a lending library for the miners.

**Ballistic: Ecks vs. Sever** (2002, US/Germany). The Vancouver (B.C.) Public Library gets shot up as the FBI uses an assault vehicle to attack Lucy Liu as rogue agent Sever.

**The Bank** (2001, Australia/Italy). Peta Doodson plays a librarian.

**Barbara Wood: Lockruf der Vergangenheit** (2004, Germany, made for TV). Hamish Hamilton plays a British library employee in 1923.

**Barcelona** (1994). An American library in Barcelona, Spain, is bombed in the 1980s.

**Barney: The Land of Make Believe** (2005). Jennifer Skidmore as Lily the Librarian comes outside and shushes three kids and Barney the Dinosaur as they sing a song about the wonders found in libraries. They enter the Land of Make Believe through the library doors.

**The Baron of Arizona** (1950). Vincent Price as fraudulent land claimant James Addison Reavis spends three years as a Spanish monk in order to sneak into the monastery library to create a forged entry in a 1748 book of land grants.

**Bathory: Countess of Blood** (2008, Slovakia/UK/Hungary). Anna Friel as early-16th-century Hungarian Countess Erzsébet Báthory visits the library at the Thurzó family estate in Bytča, Slovakia, which has a stolen copy of a book of her drawings and sketches.

**Batman** (1967–1968, TV series, Season 3). Yvonne Craig plays Barbara Gordon, the daughter of Gotham City’s police commissioner. She has a doctorate in library science and directs the Gotham City Public Library, but she also fights crime as Batgirl and frequently teams up with Batman and Robin. In “A Horse of Another Color” (October 12, 1967), Batman (Adam West) retrieves a priceless collection of parasols stolen by the Penguin (Burgess Meredith) from the Gotham City Library. In “The Unkindest Tut of All” (October 19, 1967), Batman rescues some Egyptian scrolls burgled from the library by King Tut (Victor Buono); Cathleen Cordell plays a librarian.

**Battlefield Earth** (2000). Set on earth during the year 3000, this recipient of multiple Razzie awards includes two scenes of libraries in ruins. The alien leader Terl (John Travolta) takes his human captive Jonnie Goodboy Tyler (Barry Pepper) on a leash to the ruins of the Denver Public Library, where Tyler gains inspiration from looking at a crumbling copy of the Declaration of Independence. Later, in the Library of Congress, Tyler discovers facts about radioactivity that will help him defeat the aliens.

**Be Kind Rewind** (2008, US/UK). In Passaic, New Jersey, Jack Black as Jerry Gerber and Mos Def as Mike dress up as Ghostbusters and attempt to reshoot the library sequence from that film in order to replace a damaged rental videotape. A woman shelving books shushes them. Elizabeth Berkley is allegedly one of the uncredited library patrons. The children’s reading room is used to recreate the hotel scene where Mike gets slimed.

**Beaches** (1988). Hillary Whitney Essex (played by Barbara Hershey) goes to a library to research heart disease. The filming was done at Denison Library, Scripps College, Claremont, California.

**Beautiful Girls** (1996). Matt Dillon as Tommy Rowland and Lauren Holly as Darian Smalls meet up and subsequently break up while sitting in front of the east fireplace at the Franklin branch of the Hennepin County Library in Minneapolis. An uncredited librarian is checking out books.

**A Beautiful Mind** (2001). Russell Crowe as Nobel Prize winner John Nash spends a lot of time in the late 1940s at the Princeton University library and marks up the windows with formulas.

**Beauty and the Beast** (1991). The Beast (voiced by Robby Benson) gives Belle (voiced by Paige O’Hara) the run of his magnificent library in a desolate castle.

**The Beaver** (2011, US/United Arab Emirates). Anton Yelchin as Porter Black meets with other students in the high school library to sell them his term-paper–writing services.

**Because of Winn-Dixie** (2005). Eva Marie Saint plays Miss Franny Block, a lonely spinster librarian in Naomi, Florida, who loves books and tells interesting stories, such as about the time she fended off a bear in the library by throwing *War and Peace* at it.

**Becoming Jane** (2007, UK/Ireland). Anne Hathaway as budding author Jane Austen accidentally encounters brash Irishman Tom Lefroy (James McAvoy) in a friend’s private library in 1795. He flirts with her, hands her a copy of Henry Fielding’s *Tom Jones*, and tells her to read it if she wants to become a novelist.

**Bed of Roses** (1996). Christian Slater as Lewis Farrell goes to the Ottendorfer branch of the New York Public Library to hear a children’s librarian (Alice, played by Mary Alice) read a book during storytime.

**Bedknobs and Broomsticks** (1971). Angela Lansbury as Miss Eglantine Price looks for a particular book on witchcraft spells in the personal library of Emelius Brown (David Tomlinson). He scoots her along a library ladder as he sings her a wooing song, but later she turns him into a rabbit.

**Before Night Falls** (2000). Javier Bardem as the Cuban writer Reinaldo Arenas goes to Havana in 1964 and gets a job in the José Martí National Library after winning a writing contest.

**Beginners** (2010). Ewan McGregor as graphic artist Oliver Fields romances Mélanie Laurent as French actress Anna. They read together in the public library. Stills showing people and events from the 1950s came from the Library of Congress photograph collection.

**Being Flynn** (2012). Robert De Niro as homeless Boston writer Jonathan Flynn spends the day in the public library and on snowy nights uses the outside steam vents that release the excess heat from the building so that he has a warm place to sleep.

**Belle** (2013, UK). Exterior shots standing in for 18th-century London include the Bodleian Library in Oxford.

**The Best of Youth [La meglio gioventù]** (2003, Italy, TV miniseries). Maya Sansa plays Mirella Utano, an amateur photographer who wants to be a librarian. In Sicily in 1977 she meets Matteo Carati (Alessio Boni), who advises her to go to work in a library in Rome. In 1983 he visits the library, finds Mirella there, and they become lovers.

**Between the Lions** (2000–2010, TV series). In this children’s puppet show, a family of lions (Theo, Cleo, Lionel, and Leona) live in the Barnaby B. Busterfield III Memorial Public Library and offer help to patrons. Information Hen is the library information specialist, the dinosaur is Heath the Thesaurus, and a live computer mouse is named Click. Each episode revolves around a book read by the lions.

**The Beyond [E tu vivrai nel terrore! L’aldilà]** (1981, Italy). Right after falling off a library ladder, Martin Avery (Michele Mirabella) is attacked by four or five tarantulas that pull the flesh off his face in the New Orleans “Town Hall” library. The librarian (played by the director, Lucio Fulci) had gone to lunch a few minutes earlier.

**Beyond the Mat** (2013). Sabrina Guyll plays a high school librarian.

**Beyond the Valley of the Dolls** (1970). Harrison Page as law student Emerson Thorne gives a pass to the law library to his girlfriend Petronella Danforth (Marcia McBroom) so they can spend more time together. She deals drugs in the stacks.

**Bianca** (1984, Italy). One scene takes place in the library of the fictional Marilyn Monroe School in Rome.

**Bibliotekstjuven [Library Thief]** (2011, Sweden, TV miniseries). Gustaf Skarsgård as John Manneus is a manuscripts librarian at the National Library of Sweden whose salary does not allow the lifestyle he wants to lead. He takes to stealing rare materials from the library and selling them to auction houses. Based on the real-life case of a librarian/thief, who committed suicide after he was apprehended by police in 2004.

**Bibliothèque Pascal** (2010, Germany/Hungary/UK/Romania). The “library” of the title is a Liverpool brothel for high-end johns where the prostitutes impersonate famous characters from literature (Jeanne d’Arc, Desdemona, Ophelia, Lolita, Dorian Gray, Pinocchio).

**Big Bully** (1996). Rick Moranis as David Leary comes back to teach at his old high school. As he walks to his classroom on the first day he looks in the library and sees the librarian (Norma MacMillan as Mrs. Rumpert) sitting at her desk. He walks in and tells her how meaningful the library was in his life, but without consulting any files, she informs him that he has had Dr. Seuss’s *Green Eggs and Ham* 8,862 days overdue. “It’s what I live for, dear,” she explains.

**The Big Sleep** (1946). Carole Douglas plays a blonde librarian at the Hollywood (Calif.) Public Library, who tells private detective Philip Marlowe (Humphrey Bogart), “You don’t look like a man who would be interested in first editions.” Dorothy Malone is an antiquarian bookseller; the trailer shows Malone recommending Raymond Chandler’s *The Big Sleep* to Bogart, who is looking for a “good mystery off the beaten track, like *The Maltese Falcon*.”

**Billy Elliot** (2000, UK/France). A young boy (Jamie Bell as Billy Elliot) in County Durham during the UK miners’ strike of 1984 wants to be a ballet dancer instead of a boxer, but he must practice in secret. The librarian (Carol McGuigan) in the county bookmobile refuses to check him out a book about dancing (because it’s shelved in the adult section). When she’s looking elsewhere, he steals the book.

**A Bird of the Air** (2011). Rachel Nichols plays the assertive Fiona, a Santa Fe college librarian who helps Lyman (Jackson Hurst), an introverted courtesy patrolman, find the owner of a runaway, talkative green parrot. The two consult library books (such as the DK encyclopedia *Bird*) and investigate phrases the parrot uses to search for clues. Fiona leaves free books around town in little handmade dioramas and at one point impersonates a blind person so she can bring her dog into a library. Carrie Fleming is a reference librarian.

- [The Birdmen](#)** (1971, made for TV). Doug McClure as Allied World War II POW Maj. Harry Cook consults with the engineer Orville “Fitz” Fitzgerald (played by Tom Skerritt) in the Colditz Castle prison library about a book on aeronautical engineering so they can build a glider to escape.
- [The Birthday \[Urodziny mlodego warszawiaka\]](#)** (1980, Poland). Jolanta Grusznic plays Teresa, a librarian in a Polish town near Warsaw. In September 1939, 18-year-old Polish soldier Jerzy Bielecki (played by Piotr Lysak) comes in to return a book, and a romance begins to bloom.
- [Black Mamba](#)** (1974, Philippines). John Ashley as Dr. Paul Morgan gets the help of a Filipino librarian (Jaime Fabregas) in finding a witch.
- [Black Mask \[Hak hap\]](#)** (1996, Hong Kong). Jet Li plays Tsui Chik, a pacifist Hong Kong librarian who is really the biologically engineered superhero Black Mask. He uses CD-ROMs as deadly weapons and takes coworker Tracy Lee (Karen Mok) hostage.
- [Blackboard Jungle](#)** (1955). Teacher Richard Dadier (Glenn Ford) prevents Lois Hammond (Margaret Hayes) from being raped by a student in a New York City school library.
- [Blackmail](#)** (1929, UK). A climatic chase scene ends on the dome of the British Museum on Great Russell Street. Villain Donald Calthorp as Tracy falls to his death into the Reading Room.
- [Blade](#)** (1998). A grotesquely obese “record keeper” named Pearl (played by Eric Edwards) is in charge of the vampire culture’s computerized archives. It requires torture with ultraviolet rays for Blade (Wesley Snipes) to get anything out of the archivist.
- [Blame It on Fidel \[La faute à Fidel!\]](#)** (2006, France/Italy). In Paris in the early 1970s, Anna de la Mesa (played by Nina Kervel-Bey) takes her brother Fernando (Stefano Accorsi) to a library to avoid hearing their activist parents arguing. She researches Chile and reads aloud to Fernando.
- [Bliss](#)** (1997). Lois Chiles is Eva, a sexy librarian who impresses sex therapist Baltazar Vincenza (Terence Stamp) with her interlibrary loan expertise.
- [Blood Cult](#)** (1985). Juli Andelman as Midwest college librarian Tina Wilbois helps her father the sheriff research the occult significance of dog-headed medallions. Catherine L. Tolin plays another library worker.
- [Blood In, Blood Out](#)** (1993). Richard Masur has an uncredited part as an inmate librarian at San Quentin State Prison who tries to smuggle narcotics through the library.
- [Blood Work](#)** (2002). Clint Eastwood as retired FBI profiler Terry McCaleb searches a computer database in the public library and retrieves two newspaper articles—precisely the ones he needs.
- [Bloody Bender’s Return](#)** (2003). Jennifer Johnstone is a librarian.
- [Bloom](#)** (2003, Ireland). Mal Whyte plays a librarian in 1904 Dublin who interjects himself into a conversation about Shakespeare by Steven Dedalus (Hugh O’Conor) and other young scholars. Filmed in the Chester Beatty Library in Dublin.
- [The Blot](#)** (1921). Claire Windsor as public library clerk Amelia Griggs is saved from a life of poverty by the marriage proposal of wealthy young man Phil West (Louis Calhern). He checks out books as an excuse to see her.
- [The Blue Kite \[Lan feng zheng\]](#)** (1993, China/Hong Kong). Set in China during the tumultuous 1950s and 1960s, Pu Cunxin as librarian Lin Shaolong is called to a meeting to discuss why no reactionaries have been identified among the staff. He leaves to use the toilet, and upon returning realizes that he has been chosen as the reactionary. He is sent to a collective farm for reeducation and soon dies there.
- [Bluebeard’s Ten Honeymoons](#)** (1960, UK). Milo Sperber is a librarian who helps Henri Landru (George Sanders) with some old newspapers.
- [Body Bags](#)** (1993, made for TV). Betty Muramoto is a librarian in the “Eye” segment.
- [The Body in the Library](#)** (1984, UK/US/Australia, made for TV). In the small English village of St. Mary Mead, an unknown young lady’s corpse turns up in the library of Gossington Hall. To learn the truth, the manor’s owners solicit the help of Agatha Christie’s octogenarian detective Miss Jane Marple (Joan Hickson).
- [Bon Voyage!](#)** (1962). James Millhollin plays a talkative cruise ship librarian who tries to help Harry Willard (Fred MacMurray) find a mystery book.



- Bones** (November 19, 2008, TV series), “The Passenger in the Oven.” Emily Deschanel as forensic anthropologist Temperance Brennan has a “hot librarian” moment when she is wearing a pair of glasses with intense magnification. David Boreanaz as Special Agent Seeley Booth asks her, “All right, what I want you to do is take off your glasses, shake out your hair, and say, ‘Mr. Booth, do you know what the penalty is for an overdue book?’”
- The Bonesetter** (2003, Canada). Brett Kelly as Kyle Addison has a dead-end job in the Munster (Quebec) Library. He notices that the town has a large number of missing children, so when Madeline (Sherry Thurig) visits the library looking for answers, he consults some books on local legends. Anne-Marie Frigon is a boy-crazy assistant librarian named Mindy.
- The Book of Eli** (2010). In the postapocalyptic world of 2043, the wanderer Eli (Denzel Washington) arrives at Alcatraz, where he recites his memorized Bible to Lombardi (Malcolm McDowell), a curator of sorts who is collecting anything that remains of prewar culture. He writes it all down verbatim and places the text in his library between a Qu’ran and the Torah.
- Bookies** (2003, Germany/US). Kingston State College library assistant Jude (Johnny Galecki) runs an illegal sports-betting operation with two pals. Bets are placed and payments exchanged by placing them in certain library books: “We made sure to use books that had never been checked out in the history of the school. Philosophy, the unabridged works of Plato, or anything in a foreign language.”
- Booky’s Crush** (2009, Canada, made for TV). Sarah White plays Willa Thomson, a part-time librarian in 1930s Toronto, who is attracted to Russell (Marc Bendavid), a medical student she meets in the library. Lisa Berry is another librarian.
- Born Yesterday** (1993). One scene takes place in the Library of Congress Main Reading Room.
- Borstal Boy** (2000, UK/Ireland). Arthur Riordan plays a librarian at an English juvenile prison who introduces Shawn Hatosy as a young Brendan Behan to *The Life and Confessions of Oscar Wilde* by Frank Harris. But Behan finds a book of local history in the library that helps him plan an escape route.
- Boston Blackie and the Law** (1946). Chester Morris as ex-con and detective Boston Blackie escapes from police custody and goes to a public library to look at old newspapers to solve a disappearance. Maudie Prickett plays librarian Miss Burton.
- The Box** (2009). In 1976, James Marsden as Arthur Lewis is followed by slack-jawed zombies in the creepy Richmond (Va.) Public Library (actually filmed in the Boston Public Library). He approaches Clymene Steward (Deborah Rush), who leads him to a room with three “gateways” (identical floating water coffins) and gives him a damnation-or-salvation choice.
- Boys and Girls** (2000). The University of California, Riverside, Science Library stands in for a University of California, Berkeley, library. Berkeley’s Doe and Bancroft libraries are visible in an exterior scene.
- Brain Zapped** (2006, short, made for TV). When booklover and all-around supergirl Emily Grace Garcia (played by Selena Gomez) hears about strange happenings at the local library, she decides to investigate and brings her best friend Kingston (Lewis Parry) to help. Things seem normal until they witness electric holograms popping out of books and mysterious glowing bookshelves.
- Brainstorm** (1983). Jimmy Casino plays a tape library technician who loads up the Project Brainstorm tapes that play back people’s memories and sensory experiences.
- The Brass Ring** (1983, made for TV). Barbara Rapp plays a librarian.
- Brazil** (1985, UK). This bleak vision (set somewhere in the 21st century, but using 1970s technology) tells the story of a lowly information specialist (Jonathan Pryce as Sam Lowry). He accepts a promotion from Information Storage to Information Retrieval and discovers an error in an arrest record that leads to a nightmare.
- Bread and Poetry [Nan o she’r]** (1994, Iran). Mehdi Bagher Beigi as 15-year-old Majid comes across a few torn pages of Victor Hugo’s *Les Misérables* and becomes fascinated with it. He finds a copy in the public library, but he can’t check it out because he is not a member, so he snitches a book from his brother-in-law and replaces it on the shelf where the Hugo was. The family is in an uproar because there was a large check stashed inside.

- [Breakfast at Tiffany's](#)** (1961). Elvia Allman is a shushing librarian at the New York Public Library who gets upset when George Peppard as Paul Varjak autographs the library's copy of a book he wrote to impress Holly Golightly (Audrey Hepburn).
- [The Breakfast Club](#)** (1985). Five Shermer (Ill.) High School students (Emilio Estevez, Anthony Michael Hall, Judd Nelson, Molly Ringwald, and Ally Sheedy) undergo weekend detention in the school library. They joke and dance and tell stories and smoke marijuana. The set was constructed in the gymnasium of Maine North High School in Des Plaines, Illinois, specifically for the film.
- [Breaking Away](#)** (1979). Dennis Christopher as Dave Stoller and Paul Dooley as his dad Ray stroll through the campus of Indiana University in Bloomington and have a heart-to-heart conversation outside the Wells Library.
- [Breaking Dawn](#)** (2004). Marilyn McIntyre plays an academic librarian.
- [Brick](#)** (2005). Joseph Gordon-Levitt as Brendan meets with Matt O'Leary as The Brain in the high school library.
- [Bridge Across Time](#)** (1985, made for TV). Adrienne Barbeau is Lynn Chandler, head librarian at the Lake Havasu City (Ariz.) Public Library (near the relocated London Bridge), who becomes the victim of a revived Jack the Ripper.
- [Brief Encounter](#)** (1945, UK). Celia Johnson as Laura Jesson borrows books by Irish novelist Kate O'Brien from the Boots Lending Library in Beaconsfield, Buckinghamshire. The librarian, Miss Lewis, is uncredited.
- [A Brighter Summer Day \[Gu ling jie shao nian sha ren shi jian\]](#)** (1991, Taiwan). Baogui Sun and Weihua Jiang are librarians in 1960.
- [The Broken Gate](#)** (1920). Evelyn Selbie plays Julia Delafield, the Spring Valley librarian.
- [The Broken Gate](#)** (1927). Florence Turner plays Julia Fisher, the Spring Valley librarian.
- [The Browning Version](#)** (1994, UK). Albert Finney as unpopular British public schoolmaster Andrew Crocker-Harris chats with American physics teacher Frank Hunter (Matthew Modine) in the school library. Filmed at Sherborne School in Dorset.
- [Brutal Massacre: A Comedy](#)** (2007). In *El Libro del Muertes*, a horror film that some of the characters watch on TV, Francine Bianco Tax plays a librarian who throws books at zombies who can only be stopped this way because they are compelled to read every word.
- [Les bûchers qu'on ignore](#)** (2000, France, short). Elliott Dietsch as eight-year-old Benoît goes to his library and picks up a book of Asian tales. But Livane Revel as the beautiful librarian takes the book and sends it to a dark cellar where a chained slave burns all banned books.
- [Buffy the Vampire Slayer](#)** (1997–2003, TV series). Anthony Head plays Rupert Giles, the librarian at Sunnydale (Calif.) High School, who as a Watcher is responsible for the care and training of the Slayer (Sarah Michelle Gellar as Buffy Summers). The school library, which serves as the unofficial command center for Buffy's slayage activities, happens to be situated atop the Hellmouth, a conduit for paranormal activity. Giles's technophobia, his mastery of occult books and arcane lore, and his British stuffiness are all part of the show's comedic success.
- [Bug Off!](#)** (2001). Joan Johnson plays an obnoxious, shushing school librarian.
- [Buried on Sunday](#)** (1992, Canada). Jean Gregson is a Nova Scotian librarian.
- [Buried Secrets](#)** (1996, made for TV). Nicky Guadagni plays Mrs. Breeling, the librarian at White Cliffs (Maine) Public Library, who helps Annelisse Vellum (Tiffani Thiessen) find microfilmed newspapers to research her haunted house. Based loosely on the 1877 spirit possession case in Watseka, Illinois, of Lurancy Vennum, who claimed to be the reincarnated Mary Roff (1846–1865).
- [Burning Annie](#)** (2004). Teresa Gillmor plays a librarian. Filmed at John Deaver Drinko Library, Marshall University, Huntington, West Virginia.
- [Cabaret](#)** (1972). In a Berlin library, Liza Minnelli as Sally Bowles tells Brian Roberts (Michael York) that she is pregnant.

- Cabin Fever 2: Spring Fever** (2009). Disease-tainted bottled water infects a high school. When Rusty Kelley as student Alex becomes infected, he goes to the school library and discovers that the disease is incurable necrotizing fasciitis (flesh-eating disease).
- Caesar and Cleopatra** (1945, UK). Ernest Thesiger plays Theodotus, tutor to the boy-king Ptolemy. As the Library of Alexandria burns, he pleads with Julius Caesar (Claude Rains) for help, claiming that its loss would be “greater than 10,000 lives,” but he only agrees because it suits his battle strategy.
- Cain and Mabel** (1936). Boxer Larry Cain (Clark Gable) and sassy waitress/showgirl Mabel O’Dare (Marion Davies) kiss behind some library shelves. Lillian Lawrence sternly presides over the library. Harry C. Bradley is a book-dropping shelver.
- Cal** (1984, UK). Helen Mirren is Marcella, an attractive widow who works in a library in Northern Ireland during the Troubles.
- Candlehoe** (1977, US/UK). Jodie Foster as street urchin Casey Brown poses as a long-lost granddaughter of Lady St. Edmund (Helen Hayes) so that she can search for clues to a lost treasure in the Candlehoe manor house. She finds one clue in the stained-glass window of the mansion library.
- Cape Fear** (1962). Lori Martin as teenager Nancy Bowden goes to the library in Savannah, Georgia, but she is followed by Robert Mitchum as ex-con Max Cady. He walks past a librarian (played by Josephine Smith) and makes her drop some books.
- Cap’n O. G. Readmore’s Puss in Boots** (1988, made for TV). An animated special inspired by the fairy tale featuring Cap’n O. G. Readmore (voiced by Neil Ross), who regales his library friends—Kitty Literature, Ol’ Tome Cat, Wordsy, and Lickety Page—with the humorous tale of his great-great-great-great-grandfather, the legendary Puss-in-Boots.
- The Captain Hates the Sea** (1934). Helen Vinson is Janet Grayson, ostensibly a Boston librarian vacationing on a cruise ship, but in reality an accessory to a theft.
- The Captive City** (1952). John Forsythe as newspaper editor Jim Austin is contacted by investigator Clyde Nelson (Hal K. Dawson), who insists on meeting in the library to relate a remarkable story of a gambling ring and police corruption.
- Captives** (1994, UK). Julia Ormond as Wandsworth Prison dentist Rachel Clifford falls for inmate Phil Chaney (Tim Roth). She visits a public library to consult microfilmed newspapers and discovers that he was imprisoned for killing his wife.
- Carl**<sup>2</sup> (February 18, 2007, Canada, TV series), “Carl’s Techno-Jinx.” Carl Crashman (voiced by Stuart Stone) is banned from the library by scary librarian Miss Dickens for keeping a book about puberty overdue.
- Carolina Skeletons** (1991, made for TV). Louis Gossett Jr. plays marine officer James Bragg who returns to his home town in the South. In trying to unravel the truth about his brother’s execution 30 years earlier on charges murder and rape, he gets the local archivist/librarian (Melissa Leo as Cassie) to help him find the trial records.
- Caroline?** (1990, made for TV). Shawn Phelan as Winston Carmichael and Jenny Jacobs as the socially challenged Heidi Carmichael go to a public library to look at old newspapers. Laura Whyte is the librarian who helps them. Later, Heidi becomes the head of a school for disabled children with a busy library.
- Carrie** (1976). Sissy Spacek as student Carrie White is in the high school library stacks looking for books on telekinesis when Tommy Ross (William Katt) asks her to the prom.
- Carrie** (2002, US/Canada, made for TV). Angela Bettis as high school student Carrie White researches miracles and telekinesis in the school library. Irene Miscisco plays a librarian.
- Carry on Constable** (1960, UK). The Hanwell Library stands in for exterior shots of the suburban London police station.
- Casino Royale** (2006, UK/Czech/US/Germany/Bahamas). The library of the Strahov Monastery in Prague serves as the setting for London’s House of Commons.
- Casper: A Spirited Beginning** (1997). Edie McClurg plays a high school librarian.

- The Catman of Paris** (1946). Francis McDonald as Parisian librarian Devereaux is found clawed to death in 1896 while in possession of documents that incriminate author Charles Regnier (Carl Esmond) in a conspiracy against the government.
- The Caveman's Valentine** (2001). Samuel L. Jackson as delusional cave-dwelling hermit Romulus looks through microfilmed newspapers in a New York City library to find out about a photographer. He also converses with a hallucination of his wife at a younger age; she dissolves into a stout woman (Deborah Lobban) with a bun who wakes him up and tells him that if he doesn't leave the library, she'll call the police.
- Céline and Julie Go Boating [Céline et Julie vont en bateau]** (1974, France). Juliet Berto is Céline, a cabaret magician, and Dominique Labourier is Julie, a red-haired librarian with a taste for tarot cards. In one scene, they are spying on each other in the library—Julie stamps cards indiscriminately and Céline tears pages out of books. In another, Julie (who is smoking at the front desk) asks a patron if he would please smoke more discreetly. Later they break into the library in the middle of the night and steal an old book of magic spells they need in order to fulfill their mission.
- Centochiodi** (2007, Italy). An intruder desecrates a research library at the University of Bologna by pulling 100 books from the shelves, opening them, and nailing them to the floor with iron spikes. The guilty party is a philosophy of religion professor (played by Raz Degan) who has renounced his identity (“All the books in the world aren't nearly as valuable as a single cup of coffee with a friend”), left his BMW near a bridge, and feigned suicide by throwing his car keys and wallet into the water.
- La cérémonie** (1995, France/Germany). Sandrine Bonnaire as Sophie is hired as a housekeeper in a French country estate. She mysteriously refuses to dust the books in the château library, although she keeps the rest of the house impeccably clean.
- Chain Gang Women** (1971). Robert Lott plays Billy Harris, a young inmate sentenced to six months for selling marijuana, who is transferred from his post at a Georgia prison library to a chain gang of hardened criminals on the Georgia State Labor Farm.
- Chain Reaction** (1996). Keanu Reeves as machinist Eddie Kasalivich and Rachel Weisz as physicist Lily Sinclair are seeking refuge in the library at Yerkes Observatory in Williams Bay, Wisconsin, with Joanna Cassidy as astronomer Maggie McDermott.
- Chainsaw Sally** (2004). Drab Porterville librarian Sally Diamon (played by April Monique Burrell) turns into an insane, cannibalistic, chainsaw-slinging, goth vigilante at night, dealing death to those who threaten her or her cross-dressing brother. She offs one male patron in the library men's room for being noisy, and brutally executes Tina in the woods for not returning the overdue *Atkins for Life* diet book. Kit Batman is a library assistant.
- Chameleon Street** (1989). Wendell B. Harris Jr. plays con man and master of disguises William Douglas Street, who passes himself off as a French exchange student at the Yale University library.
- Chances Are** (1989). Robert Downey Jr. as library assistant Alex Finch meets the girl of his dreams (Mary Stuart Masterson as Miranda Jeffries) in the Yale University library when she is pleading with a strict librarian (Kathleen Freeman as Mrs. Handy) for relief from an \$87.25 fine. He tells the librarian that someone is fondling and fiddling with the rare folios, sending her off in search of the offender. He erases the fine from the database and sends Miranda on her way with a smile.
- The Changeling** (1980, Canada). Microfilm clerk David Peevers helps John Russell (George C. Scott) use a microfilm reader to read *Seattle Daily Times* articles from 1909 to research a haunted house. Robert Monroe plays an archives clerk who shows Russell some property atlases of Seattle.
- Chapter Two** (1979). James Caan as writer George Schneider is doing research at the New York Public Library. He places a call from a pay phone in the reading room in an attempt to reach a librarian his brother Leo told him about, but he reaches Jennie MacLaine (Marsha Mason) instead.
- Chasing Holden** (2003). DJ Qualls as Neil Lawrence researches a paper on Salinger's *Catcher in the Rye* in the library of Devonbrooke, a private prep school.



- Checked Out** (2003). Four student library workers screw around during their shift at the Statham County University Consortium Library. This film was illegally broadcast by director Bryant Mainord, who worked as a late-night control operator at a network television station in Anchorage, Alaska.
- Cheering Up Dewie** (2012). Library scenes were filmed at Mercyhurst University in Erie, Pennsylvania.
- Chemical Wedding** (2008, UK). Lucy Cudden as varsity journalist Lia Robinson researches poet and occultist Aleister Crowley at the Cambridge University library.
- Cherry Falls** (2000). Brittany Murphy as Jody Marken finds a 1973 *Cherry Post* newspaper article in the Cherry Falls (Va.) Public Library microfilm holdings about an attack on high school senior Lorelee Sherman. She hears someone in the stacks behind her, and she picks up a small bust of George Washington to use as a weapon. But it is her mother Marge (Candy Clark) who stops by, smokes a cigarette in the empty reading room, and tells her about her own memory of the incident.
- The Cherry Orchard: Sakura no sono** (1990, Japan). A high school guidance room segment was filmed at Fukagawa Library, Koto-ku, Tokyo, Japan.
- A Child Lost Forever: The Jerry Sherwood Story** (1992, made for TV). Annie Waterman is a librarian.
- Children of a Lesser God** (1986). One scene between William Hurt as speech teacher James Leeds and Marlee Matlin as deaf janitor Sarah Norman takes place in the deaf school library.
- Chilly Scenes of Winter** (1979). Laura (Mary Beth Hurt) is a librarian who is pursued by Charles (John Heard). At one point he refers to her as “the only person I know who understands the Dewey Decimal system.”
- Chimera** (1991, UK, TV miniseries). Sue Jones-Davies plays a library assistant.
- Chinatown** (1974). Los Angeles private investigator Jake Gittes (Jack Nicholson) uses the county hall of records. The clerk (Allan Warnick) is a sullen, dissatisfied young man who provides only grudging assistance. Gittes distracts him, tears out part of a page he wants, and covers the noise with a cough.
- Choices of the Heart: The Margaret Sanger Story** (1995, made for TV). Elva Mai Hoover plays a New York librarian.
- The Chosen** (1981). In the late 1940s, a young Hasidic Jew (Robby Benson as Denny Saunders) is introduced to great Western thinkers and writers in a public library in Brooklyn, thanks to readers’ advisory performed by Prof. David Malter (Maximilian Schell).
- Christine** (1983). An early scene shows a confrontation between Keith Gordon as Arnie Cunningham and the Rockbridge (Calif.) High School librarian (Jan Burrell) over talking. The book that Dennis Guilder (John Stockwell) pulls off the shelf in the library before asking Leigh Cabot (Alexandra Paul) out is *Christine* by Stephen King.
- Christmas on Division Street** (1991, made for TV). When visiting the library for some research work, Fred Savage as Trevor Atwood meets a homeless man (Hume Cronyn) and reacts insultingly. With Crystal Verge as a librarian, Dwight McFee as a library guard, and Forbes Angus as a library patron.
- The Church [La chiesa]** (1989, Italy). Tomas Arana plays Evan, a handsome young man hired to catalog the old books in a gothic cathedral in Hungary. He carries a manual typewriter to and from work. Evan makes it clear that he’s not fond of library work. He is charmed by Barbara Cupisti as Lisa, who is in charge of the cathedral’s restoration. When she finds an ancient parchment inside a wall, Evan becomes obsessed with its implications. They explore an opening beneath the cathedral floor to look for treasure but wind up unleashing a host of demons.
- Cirque du Freak: The Vampire’s Assistant** (2009). Michael Cerveris as Mr. Tiny spends some time in the Council library messing around with *The Book of Souls*.
- Citizen Kane** (1941). Georgia Backus plays Miss Anderson, archivist at Thatcher Memorial Library, who only allows manuscripts to be read under the strictest conditions.
- City of Angels** (1998, US/Germany). In this remake of *Wings of Desire*, Seth (played by Nicolas Cage) is an angel who falls in love with Maggie (Meg Ryan). He and the other angels spend time at the library (supposedly in Los Angeles, but really the San Francisco Central Library) listening to people’s thoughts. Maggie wonders who left a copy of Hemingway’s *A Moveable Feast* on her nightstand and she returns it to the library. She approaches a helpful circulation clerk (Sid Hillman) who tells her, “I can’t tell you who, but I can tell you when.”

- [City Slickers II: The Legend of Curly's Gold](#)** (1994). Treasure hunters Billy Crystal as Mitch Robbins and Daniel Stern as Phil Berquist are in a library (filmed in the University of Southern California's Doheny Library) searching for information about a gold theft. They noisily discover what they are looking for in the June 12, 1908, issue of the *Carson City (Nev.) News* on microfilm, prompting library patrons and staffers (Kenneth S. Allen and Helen Siff) to shush them.
- [Clapham Junction](#)** (2007, UK, made for TV). Luke Treadaway as Theo cruises Joseph Mawle as Tim in the Clapham Library in South London, picking up a pen that he has left behind.
- [The Claydon Treasure Mystery](#)** (1938, UK). John Stuart as Peter Kerrigan is a novelist who unravels a librarian's murder in a stately home.
- [Clean, Shaven](#)** (1993). Peter Greene as Peter Winter experiences auditory and visual hallucinations as he runs his hands along unbound periodicals in a library. June Kelly is a librarian who tells him the library is closed; Marty Clinis and Ruth Gottheimer are patrons.
- [Cleopatra](#)** (1963, US/UK/Switzerland). Rex Harrison is Julius Caesar, library arsonist, Alexandria, Egypt; Elizabeth Taylor is Cleopatra, intellectual freedom advocate.
- [The Client](#)** (1994). Susan Sarandon as lawyer Reggie Love and her associates use the corporate law library to find information to help their young client Mark Sway (Brad Renfro).
- [A Clockwork Orange](#)** (1971, US/UK). Malcolm McDowell as Alex talks with the chaplain (Godfrey Quigley) in the prison library.
- [Clue](#)** (1985). Based on the Parker Brothers board game. After a moment of lights out, a corpse is found in the private library at Hill House.
- [Coach Carter](#)** (2005, US/Germany). Samuel L. Jackson as Coach Ken Carter gives the basketball team a pep talk in the Richmond (Calif.) High School library.
- [The Cobweb](#)** (1955). The director of an exclusive psychiatric clinic, Richard Widmark as Dr. Stewart McIver, thinks that it would be good therapy for his patients to design and make new drapes for the clinic library.
- [C.O.D.](#)** (1932, UK). When Hope Davey as Frances discovers her stepfather dead in the library, she pays Peter Craven (Garry Marsh) to help her hide the body.
- [Code of Silence](#)** (1985). Chuck Norris as Chicago undercover cop Eddie Cusack follows Diana Luna (Molly Hagan) through a library in order to protect her from a drug gang.
- [Cold Weather](#)** (2010). Cris Lankenau as Doug goes to the Branford P. Millar Library at Portland (Oreg.) State University to look at books on code-breaking. He makes his sister Gail (played by Trieste Kelly Dunn) steal a reference book on baseball statistics. Aubrey Dean plays a librarian.
- [Colgate Comedy Hour](#)** (April 27, 1952, TV series). This show featured a skit by hosts Dean Martin and Jerry Lewis in which they attempt to entertain a group of shushing librarians at the "Annual Convention of Librarians."
- [Collateral](#)** (2004). Tom Cruise as hitman Vincent stalks a victim (Jada Pinkett Smith as Annie) late at night in a corporate law library.
- [The Colour of Magic](#)** (2008, UK, made for TV). Nicholas Tennant is the head librarian at Discworld's Unseen University, who turns into an orangutan. The library owns the Octavo, a powerful spell book.
- [Come Have Coffee with Us \[Venga a prendere un caffè...da noi\]](#)** (1970, Italy). Francesca Romana Coluzzi plays Tarsilla, a librarian who chides young female patrons looking for sex manuals (she offers them one prefaced with a letter from the Pope) even as she sneaks aroused peeks at a copy of *The Story of O* hidden in her desk drawer. She gives in to the attentions of sexy good-for-nothing Paolino (Jean-Jacques Fourgeaud) in the storeroom of a former convent.
- [Coming Up Easy](#)** (2004). Ellis Williams as the homeless Alfred and Anya Profumo as Lily Garcia meet in a library—an original Carnegie library in Portland, Oregon, that now houses the Multnomah County Library's bookstore. They exchange a piece of origami that was actually folded by a bookstore volunteer. Rod Richards has a part as a librarian.
- [Commandments](#)** (1997). Aidan Quinn as Seth Warner is a devout Christian who has a series of misfortunes that cause him to lose his faith. He decides to turn against God by breaking each of the Ten Commandments and goes to the library to find a book that lists all the variations of the Lord's

name so that he won't miss any to take in vain. He speaks some of the names out loud and is shushed by a uncredited librarian, an older woman with glasses and her hair in a bun.

**[Comment ma mère accoucha de moi durant sa ménopause](#)** (2003, Canada). Jean-Charles's mother (Micheline Lanctôt) and sister (Sylvie Moreau) work in a public library in Outremont, near Montreal.

**[Community](#)** (February 10, 2011, TV series), "Early 21st Century Romanticism." Troy Barnes (Donald Glover) and Abed Nadir (Danny Pudi) attempt to catch the eye of sexy librarian Mariah (Maite Schwartz) by yelling "Books!" across the room. Much of the series (2009– ) takes place in a library study room at Greendale Community College.

**[Community College](#)** (2009). Robert Boileau plays a community college librarian.

**[Compensation](#)** (1999). This film presents a parallel pair of love stories, each about a deaf woman and a hearing man. One story, set in Chicago in the 1990s, revolves around children's librarian Nico Jones (John Jelks). Nirvana Cobb plays a library assistant who reads a poem to children that is translated by an interpreter into American Sign Language.

**[Complicity](#)** (2000, UK). Katy Hale plays a Scottish librarian.

**[Computercide](#)** (1982, made for TV). In a futuristic 1995, Joe Cortese as private investigator Michael Stringer goes to a library to research industrialist Emery Korter (Liam Sullivan). The library has an IBM AN/FSQ-7 computer. Linda Gillen is the librarian.

**[Confessions of a Nazi Spy](#)** (1939). The FBI investigates a Nazi spy ring operating in the United States. One character uses the New York Public Library to find a book.

**[Conspiracy](#)** (2008). Jennifer Esposito as Joanna is in charge of the lending library in a small town in the Southwest where the evil megacorporation Halicorp is in control.

**[The Convent \[O convento\]](#)** (1995, Portugal/France). John Malkovich as American professor Michael Padovic goes to an old convent in Portugal to research his thesis that Shakespeare was born in Spain. His wife Hélène (played by Catherine Deneuve) thinks he is spending too much time with a young, beautiful librarian (Leonor Silveira as Piedade).

**[Conviction](#)** (2010). Hilary Swank as Betty Anne Waters spends time in an academic library looking up legal information on DNA testing in books and online.

**[Cop-Out](#)** (1967, UK). Pippa Steel (as Sue Phillips) and Melinda Mays play librarians.

**[Copacabana](#)** (2010, France/Belgium). Isabelle Huppert as aging hippie Babou visits the library in Tourcoing, France, with her boyfriend Patrice (Luis Rego) to look for cookbooks containing recipes to use for a meal of reconciliation with her daughter Esméralda (Lolita Chammah).

**[The Countess Alice](#)** (1993, US/UK, made for TV). Connie (Zoë Wanamaker), an aging librarian who is bored with her job, puts cheap tea in Fortnum and Mason tins to keep up appearances for her mother, Countess Alice von Holzendorf (Wendy Hiller).

**[Countess Dracula](#)** (1971, UK). Maurice Denham plays Master Fabio, the inquisitive castle historian who inherits Count Ferenc Nádasdy's library. But he is killed when he discovers that the countess (Ingrid Pitt) maintains her youth by soaking in the blood of young virgins. Loosely based on the 17th-century Hungarian "blood countess," Erzsébet Báthory.

**[The Courtship of Eddie's Father](#)** (December 31, 1969, TV series), "The Library Card." Tom Corbett (Bill Bixby) gets his son Eddie a library card, but Eddie loses the first book he checks out and turns himself in to the police.

**[Cowgirl](#)** (2004, Germany). Alexandra Maria Lara is Paula Jakobi, who works part-time in a library.

**[Credo](#)** (2008, UK). MyAnna Buring as London psychology student Alice is studying in a library when Chris Courtenay comes in to tell her the library is closing.

**[The Creeps](#)** (1997). Rhonda Griffin as special collections library assistant Anna Quarrels inadvertently lets Winston Berber (Bill Moynihan) steal Mary Shelley's original *Frankenstein* manuscript. She is pursued through the library by pint-size versions of Dracula, the Frankenstein monster, and the Mummy. Kristin Norton as her supervisor Miss Christina makes love in the reading room to a first edition of *Jane Eyre*.

**[Crime Scene: The Bobby Ray Summers Story](#)** (2008). A comedy about a maladjusted janitor who abducts sexy librarians.

**Criminal Law** (1988). Irene Kessler as Peggy, an academic law librarian, hands books to Prof. Clemens (Michael Sinelnikoff), who is sitting on the law library ladder. Clemens has donated his “collection of quotations” to the law library.

**The Crimson Kimono** (1959). Stafford Repp is librarian at a public library in Los Angeles, where Paul Sand (Neyle Morrow) has just left his position as an Asian specialist.

**The Crimson Rivers [Les rivières pourpres]** (2000, France). The first victim in this tale of three gruesome murders is a 32-year-old academic librarian (Laurent Avare as Rémy Caillois) whose mutilated body has been found high in the mountains. One scene shows the police investigator visiting the (mythical) Guernon University library, a beautiful old building in the French Alps. As Roger Ebert puts it, “an innocuous visit to a university library somehow becomes a venture into the research room of hell.”

**Crossroads** (1986). Ralph Macchio as Eugene Martone consults microfilmed newspapers in the Juilliard School library while doing research on blues musician Robert Johnson.

**Cry Wolf** (2005). Marty Terry plays a librarian at Westlake Prep boarding school who tells a necking couple in the stacks to try the German philosophy section because no one will bother them there. Library scenes were filmed at the Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, Virginia.

**Cthulhu** (2007). Hilary H. J. Specht has an uncredited part as a librarian. The library scene was shot at the Masonic Retirement Center in Des Moines, Washington.

**Curse of the Demon** (1957, UK). A librarian (John Salew) in the British Museum Reading Room informs Dr. John Holden (Dana Andrews) that the title *The True Discoveries of the Witches and Demons* is missing from the shelf in the restricted section.

**The Cursed** (2010). Brad Thornton as writer Denny White comes to McMinnville, Tennessee, to investigate some unsolved murders. He visits the Warren County Library, where librarian Sara Belmont (Francesca Cecil) gives him books on Southern history that fulfill his research needs.

**Cyber Seduction: His Secret Life** (2005, made for TV). Jeremy Sumpter as popular high school sophomore Justin Petersen develops an addiction to internet porn. When his parents disconnect the internet at home, he finds it on the high school library computer. But he gets caught.

**The Da Vinci Code** (2006, US/Malta/France/UK). After being shown a dead body, Tom Hanks as Harvard symbologist Robert Langdon says, “I’ve got to get to a library . . . fast!”

**Daddy Cool [15 ans et demi]** (2008, France). Biochemist Philippe Le Tallec (Daniel Auteuil) must return to France to reconnect with his estranged 15-year old daughter Églantine (Juliette Lamboley), who goes to her school library occasionally with her friends to read a smutty blog.

**Dangerous Beauty** (1998). In 16th-century Venice, Catherine McCormack as poet and courtesan Veronica Franco discovers that courtesans are the only women allowed into libraries (they are expected to be well read so they can converse freely with their consorts) and she decides on a career choice. She visits a library and reads up on Cleopatra.

**Dangerous Child** (2001, Canada, made for TV). Brenda Robins plays a librarian.

**Dangerous Minds** (1995). Parkmont High School librarians Jeff Feringa and Sarah Marshall appear astounded when problem students from LouAnne Johnson’s (Michelle Pfeiffer’s) class come in looking for Dylan Thomas poems. Filmed at San Mateo (Calif.) High School.

**The Dark** (2005, Germany/UK). Maria Bello as Adèle visits a Welsh library to research the town records (on microfilm) about a mysterious girl named Ebrill. Gwenyth Petty plays the librarian.

**Dark Heritage** (1989). Mark LaCour as journalist Clint Harrison visits a Louisiana library to look up legends about the reclusive and murderous Dansen clan. Ann Darphin plays a librarian.

**Dark Remains** (2005). Patricia French is the stern, cardigan-clad librarian at Kingspike (Ga.) Public Library who shows Allen Pyke (Greg Thompson) where the newspaper archives are stored but is otherwise not too helpful.

**The Darkest Hour** (2011). During an alien invasion, the Russian army encamps in the Lenin Library in Moscow.



**Darkness** (2002, US/Spain). Anna Paquin as Regina and Fele Martínez as Carlos visit a Spanish library to investigate a symbol discovered beneath the floor of a haunted house. Reg Wilson plays a librarian.

**David Searching** (1997). Jennie Moreau plays a bemused librarian.

**Dawn: Portrait of a Teenage Runaway** (1976, made for TV). Anne Ramsey as a Los Angeles library staffer tells 15-year-old runaway Dawn Wetherby (Eve Plumb) that she has to check her grocery sack at the desk.

**The Day after Tomorrow** (2004). After an ecodisaster, some teenagers take refuge in the New York Public Library, where they must burn books to keep warm. They have a debate about which books to burn and decide to torch the “whole section on tax law.” One librarian (Tom Rooney) saves the Gutenberg Bible because, even though he is an atheist, it symbolizes “mankind’s greatest achievement,” the printed word. Another librarian (Sheila McCarthy) diagnoses the condition of a girl who develops an infection when she cuts her leg.

**Day of the Falcon** (2011, France/Italy/Qatar/Tunisia). Tahar Rahim as Auda is an Arabian prince who serves as a bookish scholar or librarian for the Emir Nesib (Antonio Banderas) in the 1930s. When a Texas oil prospector comes looking for oil in a disputed zone, Nesib sells out but Auda emerges as an anti-Western warrior.

**The Day of the Jackal** (1973, UK/France). Edward Fox is The Jackal, the would-be assassin of Charles de Gaulle. He goes to the Reading Room of the British Museum to consult old issues of *Le Figaro*.

**The Day the Earth Caught Fire** (1961, UK). Janet Munro as Jeannie Craig is given a sinecure in the newspaper library of the London *Daily Express*.

**Dead Heat** (1988). Two detectives (Treat Williams as Roger Mortis and Joe Piscopo as Doug Bigelow) use the Pasadena (Calif.) Public Library to locate obituaries.

**Deadly Dreams** (1988). Stacey Travis plays Trace, a college library assistant.

**Dear Frankie** (2004, UK). Elaine M. Ellis is a librarian at a lending library in Greenock, Scotland. She doesn’t realize at first that Jack McElhone as Frankie is deaf and calls him a “cheeky wee devil.” She apologizes after he puts in his hearing aid and lets him check out an armload of books.

**Death Defying Acts** (2007, US/Australia). Catherine Zeta-Jones as Scottish psychic Mary McGarvie goes to a library to research news items about the dupes she is scamming in London in 1926. An “oily librarian” played by Anthony O’Donnell leers at her as she climbs a ladder for a book and makes inappropriate comments. She coughs and tears out a page about Houdini from a bound newspaper when the librarian is turned the other way.

**Death of a Son** (1989, UK, made for TV). Jon Cartwright is a reference librarian and Eileen Nicholas is a mobile librarian.

**Debbie Does Dallas** (1978). Stodgy librarian Mr. Biddle (Jake Teague) has to put up with sex in the stacks. Filmed in the Pratt Institute library in Brooklyn without the administration’s approval.

**Deceived** (1991). Goldie Hawn as Adrienne Saunders searches through microfilmed issues of the *Omaha World-Herald* in a library. An archivist at the Board of Education (played by Kim Staunton) first says she cannot give out information about someone unless she has proof that the person is dead, but gives in to Adrienne’s insistence.

**December** (1991). Ann Hartfield is librarian Mrs. Langley in 1941.

**Deception: A Mother’s Secret** (1991, made for TV). Mary Marsh is a librarian.

**The Deep** (1977). Though not shown in the theatrical version, David Sanders (Nick Nolte) and Gail Berke (Jacqueline Bisset) relate that they visited the Hamilton (Bermuda) Library to research a Spanish coin dated 1714. The librarian refers them to local treasure hunter Romer Treece (Robert Shaw). The library scene was allegedly shown in the ABC network telecast in 1980.

**Deep Gold 3D** (2011, Philippines). A bad guy attacks Amy Sanchez (model Bebe Pham) in a library. José Ch. Alvarez plays a librarian.

**Deep Red [Profondo rosso]** (1975, Italy). David Hemmings as pianist Marcus Daly is a near witness to a murder in Rome and decides to investigate. He goes to the Library of Folklore and Popular Traditions (which looks more like a museum) to read a book titled *Modern Ghosts and Black Legends of Today* by Amanda Righetti; he tears out a page with a photo of a haunted house. Later, with Daria Nicolodi

as journalist Gianna Brezzi, he visits the archives of the Leonardo da Vinci Middle School to look at student drawings from the 1950s for clues. They are stalked by the apparent murderer.

**Defence of the Realm** (1985, UK). Philip Whitchurch plays the newspaper “cuttings” librarian in a public library. Gabriel Byrne as reporter Nick Mullen rips out an article he needs and takes it.

**Demolition Man** (1993). In 2032, Lenina Huxley (Sandra Bullock) informs John Spartan (Sylvester Stallone), who has been cryogenically frozen for 36 years, about the Arnold Schwarzenegger Presidential Library, named after the first president not born in America.

**Demons and Doors** (2012, UK). Kyri Saphiris plays Lenny the Librarian.

**Demoted** (2011). The Southfield (Mich.) Public Library board room serves as the setting for the office of Reilly Auto Parts.

**Desk Set** (1957). A group of information specialists—Katharine Hepburn as Bunny Watson, Joan Blondell as Peg Costello, Dina Merrill as Sylvia Blair, and Sue Randall as Ruthie Saylor—at a television network are confronted with automation when efficiency expert Richard Sumner (Spencer Tracy) arrives to install a new computer called EMARAC (Electromagnetic Memory and Research Arithmetical Calculator). It turns out that their jobs are not really at risk, but it gives them a chance to demonstrate that technology is a tool, not a replacement for human expertise.

**Desperate Measures** (1998). Randy Thompson is a prison library guard.

**Destiny** (1944). Grace McDonald as Betty says she is the librarian at Bentley Springs.

**The Detective** (1954, UK). Alec Guinness as amateur sleuth Father Brown visits the National Archives in Paris to identify an ancient coat of arms using Reynolds’s *Lexicon of Heraldry*. Ernest Thesiger plays the elderly archivist, Le Viscomte de Verdigris.

**The Devil’s Carnival 2** (2013). Rapper Tech N9ne plays a metaphysical Librarian who strictly enforces the rule of silence in a library mostly filled with law books. He rings a silent bell and points to a “Silence Is Golden” sign to shush his only patrons, who are three apprentice angels (one with chicken wings) who use old typewriters. When one of them sings a hymn to Lucifer, the Librarian rips his tongue out.

**The Devil’s Keep** (1995, Canada/US). Bunnie Rivera plays a librarian.

**Devils of Darkness** (1965, UK). William Sylvester as Paul Baxter goes to a library to investigate a vampiric talisman. Billy Milton is a librarian.

**Digging Holes** (1999, UK). Finola Geraghty is the librarian.

**Dinotopia** (2002, TV miniseries, UK/Germany/US). After the airplane in which they are riding crashes, two boys find themselves on an island where humans and dinosaurs live together in peace. (They all speak English, too.) One of the main characters is a librarian named Zippo (voiced by Lee Evans). He is also a Stenonychosaurus (a small theropod dinosaur that since 1987 has been reclassified as a Troodon).

**The Disappearance of Harry** (1982, UK, made for TV). Mike Walling plays a library assistant.

**The Disappearance of Haruhi Suzumiya [Suzumiya Haruhi no shôshitsu]** (2010, Japan). After the credits roll, Yuki Nagato (voiced by Minori Chihara) is seen in a public library watching a boy helping a girl get a library card. After they leave, Yuki covers her mouth with the book, possibly hiding a smile, as she remembers how she first met Kyon (Tomokazu Sugita).

**Divine Reality** (2001). L’Tanya Van Hamersveld plays a librarian.

**Do Me a Favor** (1997). Frances Fisher plays a librarian.

**Doctor in Love** (1960, UK). Sheila Hancock is the librarian at St. Swithins Hospital.

**Doctor Who** (May 4–June 1, 1968, UK, TV series), “The Wheel in Space” serial. Wendy Padbury is Zoe Heriot, librarian and mathematician aboard the Wheel, or Space Station W3. She has a specialty in parapsychology and can make a computer explode just by talking to it.

**Doctor Who** (May 31, 2008, UK, TV series), “Silence in the Library.” Doctor Who (David Tennant) and Donna Noble (Catherine Tate) probe the secrets of a seemingly uninhabited, planet-sized, 51st-century book repository called “The Library.” Scenes were filmed in the Old Swansea Central Library in Wales.

- [Doctor Zhivago](#)** (1965, US/Italy). Omar Sharif as Yuri Zhivago and Julie Christie as Lara meet by chance in a library and fall in love. Later, Zhivago goes into nearby Yuriatin and finds that Lara is still living there and working as a librarian. In Boris Pasternak's novel, the public reading room at Yuriatin was based on the Pushkin Library in Perm.
- [Dogs](#)** (1976). Domestic dogs suddenly turn wild and terrorize the campus of Southwestern College in Chula Vista, California. The pack chases students into the library and runs amok.
- [The Dollhouse Murders](#)** (1992, made for TV). Nancy Giles plays a librarian.
- [Dolphins](#)** (2007, UK). Gary Blair is a librarian in Brighton.
- [Don't Be Afraid of the Dark](#)** (2010, US/Australia/Mexico). Katie Holmes as Kim goes to a public library to research the creepy Rhode Island house she now lives in with her boyfriend and his daughter. James Mackay is the librarian who explains to her all about the former owner's art, his life, his apparent madness, and the fairies who live in the basement.
- [Don't Look Down](#)** (1998, made for TV). Klodyne Rodney plays a librarian.
- [Don't Look under the Bed](#)** (1999, made for TV). 14-year-old Frances (played by Erin Chambers) is talking to her invisible guide Larry Houdini (Ty Hodges) in the public library and a librarian (Reb Fleming) shushes her several times. After he finds the book he is looking for, *Le Livre de Bogey* by Guy N. Head, Larry entertains some children; their laughter and clapping draw the librarian's ire.
- [Doppelsterne](#)** (2003, Austria). In this biography of Austrian physicist Christian Doppler (played by Johann Winkler), Herbert Moser is a librarian.
- [Double Jeopardy](#)** (1999, Germany/Canada/US). Daniel Lapaine as a handsome internet expert helps Ashley Judd as Libby Parsons do some web searches in the Vancouver (B.C.) Public Library.
- [Down with America](#)** (1997). A federal agent (Peter Roach), an obsessed librarian (Meri Stevens), and two people obsessed with silence in the library (Robb Sherman and Kevin Flowers) are the primary characters in this independent film about a book that contains the secrets of anarchists.
- [Down with Love](#)** (2003, US/Germany). Renée Zellweger as Barbara Novak has written a feminist book titled *Down with Love*. Coming to New York City in 1962, she pretends to be a spinster librarian from Maine. A playboy journalist (Ewan McGregor as Catcher Block) pretends to be an astronaut to woo her.
- [Dracula 3D](#)** (2012, Italy/France/Spain). Unax Ugalde as Jonathan Harker journeys from England to Castle Dracula in the Carpathians. His mission is to catalog the huge library owned by the count (Thomas Kretschmann).
- [Draghoul](#)** (1995, Canada). Jennifer Clark-Ansell is a Montreal librarian.
- [Dragonfly](#)** (1976). Mimi Obler plays a librarian at the Danbury (Conn.) Public Library.
- [Dread](#)** (2009, US/UK). Jackson Rathbone as film student Stephen Grace and Laura Donnelly as Abby work an English college library. They participate in a senior-thesis research project that records people talking about their innermost fears.
- [Dream with the Fishes](#)** (1997). Beth Daly is a hospital librarian who is seen on the phone identifying Bashful as one of the Seven Dwarfs who "everyone forgets" for a main character who is dying in the hospital. The scene was shot in a real medical center library. Daly wears the name badge of the librarian who works there, and she is visible in the background.
- [Dreamcatcher](#)** (2003, US/Australia). Although aliens have taken over the body and much of the mind of Jonesy (played by Damian Lewis), he retains a portion of his brain visualized as a library warehouse, where memories tied to his various ages are shelved in different aisles. He apparently can make phone calls from this mental construct.
- [Dreams for Life](#)** (2004, Australia). Kylie Foster plays a librarian.
- [The Drivetime](#)** (1995). Set in Seattle, this sci-fi film features a federal time-traveling librarian named Flux (Michael Douglas) from the year 2023 returning to 1999 via the dreams of a video activist seeking to film the riots that led to the downfall of society.
- [Drømmene i Bjæverskov](#)** (1997, Denmark, made for TV). A documentary about a librarian and the many patrons at the Bjæverskov Library in Denmark.

**Drop Dead Gorgeous** (1999, US/Germany). Claudia Wilkens as Iona Hildebrandt reminisces about winning the Mount Rose, Minnesota, beauty pageant in 1945. She was the town librarian at the time.

**Drumline** (2002). The Georgia Institute of Technology library served as the setting for the fictitious Atlanta A&T University library.

**Dungeons & Dragons** (2000, US/Czech). In the mythical kingdom of Izmer, Zoe McLellan plays Marina Pretensa, low-level mage and Magic School library worker. She complains about shelving books until she gets caught up in an adventure that involves a scroll, dragons, dwarves, a rod, and a scepter. She ties up two thieves in the library with a magic bracelet.

**The Dunwich Horror** (1970). Nancy Wagner (Sandra Dee) and Elizabeth Hamilton (Donna Baccala) are assistants at Miskatonic University Library, where the legendary *Necronomicon* is on view in its own exhibit case. While stealing this book, Dean Stockwell as weird Wilbur Whateley kills library security guard Michael Haynes. Toby Russ is in the credits as playing a librarian but does not seem to be in the movie.

**Each Heart Has Its Own Story [Vart hjärta har sin saga]** (1948, Sweden). Kenne Fant plays librarian Agne Borg.

**Echo** (1997, made for TV). Kevin Blatch is a librarian.

**Edmond** (2005). William H. Macy as down-and-out Edmond Burke is sentenced to life for first-degree murder. He spends much of his time in the prison library writing about his misspent life.

**Educating Rita** (1983, UK). Julie Walters as Rita White browses through *An Eye on the World* by Lawrence Ferlinghetti in a library during her summer session.

**The Education of Charlie Banks** (2007). Mick (Jason Ritter) tags with an orange marker a pillar in the college library with his and Mary's (Eva Amurri Martino's) names as Charlie (Jesse Eisenberg) watches.

**Eeny Meeny [Ene bene]** (2000, Czech). In 1990, one member of an election committee in a small town is a librarian whose library is about to close from lack of funding.

**Einstein and Eddington** (2008, UK/US, made for TV). Lucy Briers is a librarian.

**The Element of Crime [Forbrydelsens element]** (1984, Denmark). Michael Elphick as European cop Fisher goes to a library to look into murders involving lottery ticket sellers. Mogens Rukov is the librarian.

**Elephant** (2003). A Columbine-like massacre takes place in a Portland, Oregon, school library. Kristen Hicks as Michelle works as a shy student library aide. Mr. Fong (Alfred Ono) is her supervisor.

**Ella Enchanted** (2004, US/Ireland/UK). In this reinvention of the Cinderella story, Anne Hathaway as Ella of Frell and Hugh Dancy as Prince Charmont visit the palace Hall of Records to track down the fairy Lucinda. Merrina Millsapp is a records attendant.

**Elves** (1989). Dan Haggarty as Mike McGavin goes to the occult section (666, although that is the Dewey class for ceramic technologies) of a college library to research the insignia on a pin he found. Sheila Allard is a librarian.

**The Emperor's Club** (2002). Molly Regan is stern librarian Miss Peters at the St. Benedictus School for Boys. She argues with student Sedgewick Bell (Emile Hirsch) over a book he wants to study in his dorm room. She stands by policy until Bell's teacher Mr. Hundert (Kevin Kline) intervenes, and the librarian unhappily relinquishes the book. Bell makes a generous donation 25 years later for a library expansion.

**The Empty Beach** (1985, Australia). Deborah Kennedy is a newspaper librarian in Sydney who helps Bryan Brown as detective Cliff Hardy obtain a restricted file.

**The Enchantment [Yuwakusha]** (1989, Japan). Kiyoshi Kurosawa plays a librarian.

**End of the Harvest** (1995). After the atheists in the philosophy club deride attempts to prove God's existence, Brad Heller as Christian college student Scott vows to turn the tables at the next meeting by preparing a presentation based on a 50-year-old biblical study he found at the college library.

**The English Patient** (1996, US/UK). Juliette Binoche as nurse Hana uses some books from a damaged monastery library to widen a narrow stairway (filmed at the Sant'Anna in Camprena monastery in



Pienza, Italy). She plays a piano in the library, which has been booby-trapped by the Germans. Later, Julian Wadham as Madox and Ralph Fiennes as Count Laszlo de Almásy are studying old maps in a Cairo library in March 1939.

**Entrusted** (2003, UK/France, made for TV). Michel Voletti is a librarian.

**Epidemic** (1987, Denmark). Playing themselves, Lars von Trier and Niels Vørsel visit a university library and talk to an archivist (uncredited) to research a screenplay they are writing on an epidemic.

**Erica Minor** (1974, Switzerland). Madame Clote, a real librarian, appears as herself.

**Ernest Rides Again** (1993). Alex Diakun is the librarian.

**Escape from Alcatraz** (1979). In 1962, Clint Eastwood as Alcatraz inmate Frank Morris gets a job delivering books and magazines from English (Paul Benjamin), an inmate who works in the prison library.

**Escape from New York** (1981, US/UK). In an alternative 1997, Manhattan has become a prison and Harold “Brain” Hellman (Harry Dean Stanton), a savvy and well-educated inmate, has made what’s left of the New York Public Library his personal fortress.

**Espion, lève-toi** (1982, France/Switzerland). Lino Ventura as former spy Sébastien Grenier finds out he is being reactivated. Heinz Bennent plays Meyer, a gay Munich librarian who is also a French secret agent. Christian Baltauss is another librarian.

**L’étudiante** (1988, France/Italy). Sophie Marceau as student Valentine Ezquerria tries to study at the Bibliothèque Sainte-Geneviève and the Sorbonne Library, but she is distracted by her boyfriend, Vincent Lindon as jazz musician Ned.

**Even Kids Started Small** (2006, Israel, short). Students take over a suburban junior high and subject the teachers to violence. One student methodically removes the books from the school library and dumps them on the floor, to the shock of the librarian played by Margalit Stander. Filmed on location at a school in Ra’anana, Israel.

**Ever After: A Cinderella Story** (1998). Drew Barrymore as feisty orphan Danielle de Barbarac and Dougray Scott as Prince Henry stroll through a monastery library in the 16th century in this feminist retelling of Cinderella. Henry tells his parents he wants to build a university “with the largest library on the continent, where anyone can study, no matter their station.”

**Ever Since the World Ended** (2001). In this faux documentary, Ann Feehan plays a librarian in post-apocalyptic San Francisco.

**Everything’s Jake** (2000). Debbie Allen plays Miss Webb, a New York City librarian who lets homeless Jake (Ernie Hudson) check out books unofficially because he doesn’t qualify for a library card. Stephen Furst is an unsympathetic assistant librarian named Craig.

**Evil Has a Face** (1996, made for TV). Bridgett Baron plays a librarian.

**Evil in Clear River** (1988, made for TV). Lindsay Wagner as Kate McKinnon goes to the library to research the Holocaust to prepare herself for an attempt to oust a Midwestern high school teacher (Randy Quaid as Pete Suvak) who is a Holocaust revisionist.

**Evil in the Woods** (1986). Brian Abent as young Billy Hanes goes to the library and borrows a book titled *Evil in the Woods*, which tells the story of some inept filmmakers in an evil woods.

**The Exorcist III** (1990). George C. Scott as Lieut. Kinderman goes to the Jesuit library in Georgetown to confirm that “Save your servant,” words that Jason Miller as Patient X spoke in a normal voice, is a phrase from the Rite of Exorcism.

**An Extremely Goofy Movie** (2000, US/Australia). Goofy Goof (voiced by Bill Farmer) loses his job and decides to go to college to earn a degree. There he meets college librarian Sylvia Marpole (voiced by Bebe Neuwirth). At first she is prim and proper—she respects the Dewey Decimal System—but she quickly sheds the stereotype and offers to help.

**The Eyes of Julia Deep** (1918). Julia Deep (Mary Miles Minter) works at the exchange desk of a department store by day, but her evenings are spent in the private library of Terry Hartridge (Allan Forrest), a fellow boardinghouse resident.

- The F-Zone** (1999). William Harrity as producer Dennis Smith goes to the library to research tax law. Dominique La Shanette is a librarian.
- The Face at the Window** (1998, Puerto Rico). Gerardo Peña plays a librarian.
- The Face of Jizo [Chichi to kuraseba]** (2004, Japan). A young Hiroshima librarian and atomic bomb survivor (Rie Miyazawa as Mitsue) and a shy, bespectacled library researcher (Tadanobu Asano as Kinoshita) explore guilt and love in 1948.
- Facklorna** (1991, Sweden/Norway/Denmark/Finland, made for TV). Mats Bergman plays a school librarian in a small Swedish village in the 1950s; Laila Westersund is the library secretary.
- Fahrenheit 451** (1966, UK). In a fascist world where books and libraries are outlawed, Bee Duffell has a cameo as the woman who'd rather burn herself alive than live without her books.
- Fai wa siu suet** (1996, Hong Kong, short). Shirley Kwan is the librarian.
- The Failing of Raymond** (1971, made for TV). Adrienne Marden is a librarian.
- Fancy Dancing** (2002, UK/Canada). Lisa Hynes plays a librarian.
- Fantasm Comes Again** (1977, Australia). An intern (Angela Menzies-Wills as Libby) and a professional writer (Clive Hearne as Harry) at a newspaper agency read more than 10 different erotic letters for a sexual advice column. One involves sex in a library where Liz Woolfe is reading the *Kama Sutra*.
- The Fantastic Flying Books of Mr. Morris Lessmore** (2011, short). A poignant, humorous allegory about the curative powers of books that tells the story of Morris Lessmore, who discovers a library full of living, flying books after his city is destroyed by a hurricane.
- Fantastic Man** (2003, Philippines). Ara Mina plays Helen, a librarian who wants to be a superhero. She tells some friends about an article she read about an orb in the Intramuros district of Manila that bestows powers on anyone who possesses it. At one point she becomes an archvillain, Diabolica.
- Fast and Loose** (1939). Robert Montgomery as rare-book dealer/detective Joel Sloane tries to locate a Shakespeare manuscript missing from the private library of murdered tycoon Nicholas Torrent (Ralph Morgan). Ian Wolfe plays Mr. Wilkes, the shady library caretaker.
- Fat Albert** (2004). Dumb Donald (played by Marques Houston) jumps out of a TV along with other cast members of the *Fat Albert and the Cosby Kids* show. He goes to a school library to read African American history and removes his pink ski mask.
- Fatal Attraction** (1987). Michael Douglas as attorney Dan Gallagher confesses his predicament to a colleague in his firm's law library.
- Father Makes Good** (1950). Gertrude Astor plays a small-town librarian.
- Faut que ça danse!** (2007, France). Valeria Bruni Tedeschi as Sarah Bellinsky has an emergency birth on a reading table in a local library.
- The FBI Story** (1959). Jimmy Stewart as FBI Agent Chip Hardesty proposes to Vera Miles as librarian Lucy Ann in the mystery section of the stacks.
- Fellini's Casanova** (1976, Italy/US). Donald Sutherland plays the 18th-century adventurer Giacomo Casanova who, late in life, is appointed librarian to Count Waldstein at the Castle of Duchcov in Bohemia.
- Feu Mathias Pascal** (1937, France). Charles Léger plays a retired librarian.
- Field of Dreams** (1989). After attending a PTA meeting that involves a resolution to ban books from a school reading list by 1960s author and activist Terence Mann (played by James Earl Jones), Kevin Costner as Ray Kinsella spends time in a library (filmed at the University of Dubuque) researching him.
- 56 Up** (2012, UK, made for TV). Lynn Johnson has become a children's librarian in the ongoing *Up* series, produced every seven years, that started documenting the lives of 14 British seven-year-olds in 1964.
- Fighting Trouble** (1956). Bowery Boys Sach (Huntz Hall) and Duke (Stanley Clements) visit the *New York Morning Blade* library where a librarian (uncredited) helps them find a photograph.
- Final Analysis** (1992). Richard Gere as psychiatrist Isaac Barr consults chapter 6 of Freud's *The Interpretation of Dreams* in a library (the exterior is UCLA's Powell Library) to research a recurring dream his client Diana Baylor (played by Uma Thurman) says she has had.

- [Final Notice](#)** (1989, made for TV). Gil Gerard as private detective Harry Stoner teams with blonde bombshell librarian Kate Davis (Melody Anderson) to investigate vandalized library books that offer clues to the identity of a murderous psychopath.
- [Finding Forrester](#)** (2000). Sophia Wu is a librarian at the New York Public Library who helps Jamal Wallace (Rob Brown) use an OPAC to look for the book *Avalon Landing* by reclusive writer William Forrester (Sean Connery), only to find that all 24 copies have been checked out. Director Gus Van Sant has an uncredited role as a library assistant. Filmed at the Science, Industry, and Business Library at Madison Avenue and 34th Street.
- [Firestarter 2: Rekindled](#)** (2002, TV miniseries). Marguerite Moreau as student Charlene “Charlie” McGee works part-time in the campus library where she is secretly doing research on how to suppress her pyrokinetic abilities. She tells Danny Nucci as researcher Vincent Sforza that he must search through a huge collection of declassified government documents by himself. With Star LaPoint and K. C. Clyde as student library users.
- [...First Do No Harm](#)** (1997, made for TV). Meryl Streep as Lori Reimuller discovers the ketogenic diet while researching epilepsy in a branch of the Kansas City (Mo.) Public Library where Barbara Stewart is a librarian. The scene was actually filmed at the Toronto Public Library.
- [First to Die](#)** (2003, made for TV). Jan D’Arcy is a San Francisco librarian.
- [Flaxy Martin](#)** (1949). Dorothy Malone as Nora Carson claims to work at a public library in upstate New York.
- [Flesh and Fantasy](#)** (1943). Ian Wolfe is the librarian in the second episode of this trilogy of tales.
- [Fletch](#)** (1985). A young Los Angeles newspaper library assistant (Geena Davis as Larry) helps reporter Irwin Fletcher (Chevy Chase).
- [En flicka för mej](#)** (1943, Sweden). Saga Sjöberg plays a librarian.
- [Flight of the Intruder](#)** (1991). Adam Biesk is the librarian on an aircraft carrier who lets Lieut. Jake Grafton (Brad Johnson) check out a noncirculating issue of *National Geographic* that contains maps of North Vietnam.
- [Flipped](#)** (2010). In 1957, Juli Baker (Madeline Carroll) is in the library when she overhears Bryce Loski (Callan McAuliffe) and Garrett (Israel Broussard) talking about her mentally challenged uncle.
- [The Flowers of War \[Jin ling shí san chái\]](#)** (2011, China/Hong Kong). Girl students at Winchester Cathedral school in Nanjing, China, take sanctuary in the library as Japanese troops loot and pillage in 1937.
- [The Fog](#)** (2005). Maggie Grace as Elizabeth Williams visits an Oregon museum library to research some mysterious symbols and consult with local history expert Mr. Latham (Robert Harper).
- [Follow the Stars Home](#)** (2001, made for TV). Blair Brown as Hannah Parker is a librarian who retires from her job to help care for her granddaughter who was born with genetic abnormalities. Debra Orenstein plays a young librarian.
- [Footloose](#)** (1984). A book-burning attempt at a Utah school library by Alan Haufrect as Roger Dunbar is halted by Rev. Shaw Moore (John Lithgow), who says, “Satan is not in these books.”
- [Footloose](#)** (2011). A student hands a joint to transfer student Ren McCormack (Kenny Wormold), who is studying in the Bomont (Ga.) High School library. The librarian sees it and chases Ren down the hall.
- [Footnote](#)** (2011, Israel). Shlomo Bar-Aba plays Eliezer Shkolnik, a philologist and Talmudic scholar who does research every day in the basement of the library of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.
- [For Them That Trespass](#)** (1949, UK). Alan Wheatley plays a librarian.
- [Forbidden](#)** (1932). Barbara Stanwyck is small-town librarian Lulu Smith. On her way to work she is taunted by local kids as “old lady four eyes.” Her supervisor is Wilkinson (played by Thomas Jefferson). She is bored with her job (“I wish I owned this library. . . . I’d get an axe and smash it to a million pieces, then I’d set fire to the whole town and play a ukulele while it burned”) and goes on a cruise to Havana to seek adventure.
- [Forbidden](#)** (1984, West Germany/UK/US). Guntbert Warns is a Berlin librarian in 1938.
- [A Foreign Affair](#)** (2003). Allyce Beasley plays a Midwestern reference librarian who is skeptical of farm boy Jake Adams’s (Tim Blake Nelson) request for help to use the internet to visit [www loveme.com](http://www loveme.com).

**Foreign Affairs** (1993, made for TV). Maggie Wells plays a librarian.

**Forever Mine** (1999, UK/Canada/US). Gretchen Mol as Ella Brice does volunteer work reading to retirement home residents for the Chappaqua (N.Y.) Library. Catherine Hayos is a librarian.

**Forever Young** (1992). After waking up from a 53-year cryogenic sleep, Daniel McCormick (Mel Gibson) goes to a public library to catch up on the news. His 10-year old friend Nat Cooper (Elijah Wood) sees a girl he has a crush on. Nat says, "I'm in a library on a Saturday. She'll think I'm a geek." Amanda Foreman plays Debbie, a reference librarian who helps McCormick locate old military records. The scene was filmed in the Inglewood (Calif.) Public Library.

**The Forgotten** (2004). Katie Cooper is a library clerk who helps Telly Paretta (Julianne Moore) with a microfiche reader and confirms that newspaper articles no longer exist about the airplane crash that killed her only son.

**Foul Play** (1978). Goldie Hawn is Gloria Mundy, a San Francisco librarian who is attacked at work by Whitey Jackson, a killer albino man played by William Frankfather. Other librarians are Marilyn Sokol as Stella, a reference librarian with expertise in self-defense; and Irene Tedrow as Mrs. Monk.

**The Fragile Heart** (1996, UK, TV miniseries). Miriam Leake is a librarian.

**Frankenstein** (2004, made for TV). Sandra Dorsey as Orleans Parish (La.) Public Library Director Nancy Whistler throws up when she discovers the mutilated corpse of a night security guard after she opens up in the morning. Apparently the killer had come in to consult a book on abnormal psychology.

**Fraternity Massacre at Hell Island** (2007). Kaleo Quenzer as Felix University student Tommy would rather come out as gay than be known for studying in the library. He manages to find a book using what he calls the "Donald Duck" (Dewey Decimal) system.

**Freaky Friday** (1995, made for TV). Carol Kane plays librarian Leanne Futterman.

**Freddy vs. Jason** (2003, Canada/US/Italy). Jason Ritter as Will Rollins and Brendan Fletcher as Mark Davis use microfiche in the Springwood Public Library to research dream stalker Freddy Krueger and a recent spate of murders. All references to Krueger in whatever records they are looking at have been removed and they find mysteriously blacked-out obituaries.

**Freedom Writers** (2007, US/Germany). Hilary Swank as teacher Erin Gruwell works with an integrated population of students at Woodrow Wilson High School in Long Beach, California, in 1994 (though filmed at Hamilton High School in Los Angeles). She has them read and discuss *The Diary of Anne Frank*, then she invites Miep Gies (played by Pat Carroll), the woman who hid the Frank family, to visit them in the school library.

**The Freeze-Out** (1921). A stranger (played by Harry Carey) comes to the Western town of Broken Buckle. He tries to win the heart of Zoe Whipple (Helen Ferguson) by establishing a school and a library, selecting for a librarian town drunk Bobtail McGuire (J. Farrell MacDonald).

**Frenchman's Farm** (1987, Australia). Ian Leigh-Cooper is a librarian.

**A Friend of Dorothy** (1994, short). Raoul O'Connell as New York University student Winston tries to pick up men in a library. Bianca plays a librarian.

**Friends** (1993, South Africa/UK/France). Kerry Fox plays Sophie, a militant anti-apartheid librarian in the late 1980s, who plants a bomb in the Jan Smuts Airport in Johannesburg.

**Fright Flick** (2011). An unseen person leaves an envelope addressed to a film production crew on the desk at a branch of a Dallas-area library. The librarian (Melissa McCurley) passes it on to Gill (Adam Kitchen), who uses a library computer to follow up on a murder clue.

**Fright Night** (2011). Viola Valdez has an uncredited part as a librarian.

**Fright Night Part 2** (1988). A college couple (William Ragsdale as Charley Brewster and Traci Lind as Alex Young) meets in a school library to study. Charley brings dinner, flowers, and a portable TV. Vampire Louie (Jon Gries) arrives, a fight ensues, and stacks are knocked down.

**From a Whisper to a Scream** (1987). Vincent Price as Julian White is the town historian and caretaker of the Oldfield, Tennessee, library housed in his spooky home. The stories he tells reporter Bess Chandler (Susan Tyrrell) make up the four horror shorts that follow.

**From Prada to Nada** (2011, Mexico/US). Tina French plays an old librarian.



**Fulgazi** (2004). Someone credited only as Mary has a small part as a librarian.

**Full Moon over Belgrade [Pun mesec nad Beogradom]** (1993, Yugoslavia). In Belgrade in 1991, Dragan Bjelogrić as young draft-dodger Aleksa is invited to take shelter at the home of Mrs. Kosara (Ruzica Sokic), who happens to be a vampire. She owns a large collection of rare books by Serbian and other authors and she asks him to catalog them.

**Fulltime Killer [Chuen jik sat sau]** (2001, Hong Kong). Police detectives Albert Lee (Simon Yam) and Gigi (Cherrie Ying) search for evidence in a book on the Olympic Games (Dewey call number 798.4 809) in an English-language library. They find the relevant pages ripped out and they run through the reading room, guns drawn, looking for the culprit.

**Fun** (1994, Canada). Cindie Northrup plays a prison librarian.

**The Fury Within** (1998, US/Australia, made for TV). Jane Rowland plays a school librarian.

**Fushigi Yûgi: The Mysterious Play** (1995–1996, Japan, anime TV series). Junior high student Miaka Yûki (Kae Araki) and her best friend Yui Hongo (Yumi Tôma) are studying in the library when they come across a mysterious book called *The Universe of the Four Gods*—and they literally get sucked into the story.

**Gallowglass** (1993, UK, TV miniseries), Episode 1. Merelina Kendall plays a librarian.

**Gangster Story** (1959). Walter Matthau as bank robber Jack Martin ducks into a southern California public library to avoid the police. He makes small talk with librarian Carol Logan (Carol Grace, Matthau's real-life wife) and pretends to be interested in gardening books. She offers him a job on her citrus grove. He leaves by stealing two tall piles of books just as the police are entering.

**The Garden** (1995). Gia Rhodes is the voice of the librarian.

**The Garden of the Finzi-Continis** (1970, Italy/West Germany). In the late 1930s, Lino Capolicchio as Giorgio is kicked out of the city library for being Jewish. The library director apologizes but says he has a family and can't do anything about it. He becomes a frequent visitor to the Finzi-Contini villa in Ferrara where he is allowed to use their extensive private library.

**Genghis Cohn** (1994, UK, made for TV). Heather Canning plays a librarian.

**Les gens honnêtes vivent en France** (2005, France/Colombia/Spain/Belgium). Bruno Putzulu as Rodolphe Clampin and H  l  ne de Foug  rolles as Agn  s Leroux work in a public library in Paris. He is dissatisfied with his job and she has a bad cough.

**Gentlemen Are Born** (1934). Ann Dvorak as Susan Merrill is fired from her New York library job because she gets married. Library policy only allows unmarried women to work there. Virginia Howell is her supervisor Miss Graham.

**Georgia** (1988, Australia). Roy Baldwin is the librarian.

**Get That Venus** (1933). Olga Anson as wealthy Georgina Van Aster decides to sell the *Asterville Venus*, a famous painting that brings tourists to Asterville, New York. Newspaper editor Nash (Herbert Rawlinson) wants to start a fund to buy it for the town's new library.

**Getting In** (1994). Angela Jones plays a librarian and Bahni Turpin is Valerie, a library assistant.

**Getting It On** (1983). Fran Taylor is school librarian Mrs. Hatfield.

**Ghost Lake** (2004). Tatum Adair as Rebecca Haster uses a public library newspaper archive to research mysterious accidents at Rushford Lake in western New York. She has an encounter there with a mysterious little girl (played by Azure Sky Decker) that no one else can see. Mary Ann Layman is the librarian.

**The Ghost of Mickey Bullock** (2003). Carrie Ann Cook is a librarian.

**Ghostbusters** (1984). Alice Drummond is a librarian at the New York Public Library who is on hand when the card catalog is attacked by a paranormal force. John Rothman is a NYPL library administrator, Ruth Oliver is the shushing old maid library ghost, and Bill Murray is Peter Venkman, library ghost exterminator. The stacks in the film were actually those of the Los Angeles Public Library.

**Gideon's Trumpet** (1980, made for TV). Henry Fonda as convicted thief Clarence Earl Gideon uses the Florida State Prison library to prepare a Supreme Court appeal. Charlie the prison librarian (Dolph Sweet) helps him out.

**The Gift** (1988, Australia, made for TV). Victoria Eagger plays a librarian.

**The Gilded Lily** (1935). Claudette Colbert as stenographer Marilyn David and her best friend, reporter Peter Dawes (Fred MacMurray), meet every Thursday night on a bench at the New York Public Library, where they eat popcorn.

**La Gioconda está triste** (1977, Spain, short). Luis Rico plays a librarian.

**A Girl Named Tamiko** (1962). France Nuyen plays Tamiko, the librarian at the Foreign Press Club in Tokyo.

**The Girl Next Door** (2004). At the end of this campy teen film, Emile Hirsch as Matthew Kidman breaks into a high school library to shoot a porn video.

**The Girl on the Late, Late Show** (1974, made for TV). Mary Ann Mobley plays the librarian.

**The Girl Rush** (1955). Providence (R.I.) Historical Museum Librarian Kim Halliday (Rosalind Russell) inherits a half share in a Las Vegas hotel.

**The Girl Who Couldn't Lose** (1975, made for TV). An intelligent but prudish librarian (Julie Kavner as Jane Darwin) becomes a sensational contestant on the *Lucky 13* game show.

**The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo [Män som hatar kvinnor]** (2009, Sweden/Denmark/Germany/Norway). Noomi Rapace as Lisbeth Salander studies newspaper records in the archives of the Vanger Group.

**The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo** (2011, US/Sweden/Norway). Rooney Mara as tattooed goth hacker Lisbeth Salander studies records in the archives of the Vanger Industries, looking for locations of all the company's factories and offices from 1949 to 1966 and disgruntling Anne-Li Norberg as archives librarian Lindgren. Later, Daniel Craig as Mikael Blomkvist visits the *Hedestads Kuriren* newspaper office to look at photo archives, assisted by Sandra Andreis as the photo editor.

**Girls' School** (1938). Virginia Howell as private school librarian Miss MacBeth refuses to give student assistant Natalie Freeman (Anne Shirley) the afternoon off. Natalie does some shelving using a mysterious classification system: "C 128, Fiction section, Shelf D," in a very small library. She escapes through a window while Miss MacBeth is grumbling about the poor condition of the books.

**The Glamorous Life of Sachiko Hanai [Hatsujō kateikyōshi: Sensei no aijiru]** (2003, Japan). A prostitute (Emi Kuroda as Sachiko) is shot in the brain by a hitman, but the bullet activates her psychic and intellectual powers. She immediately seeks out and soaks up philosophy in the university library.

**Gods and Monsters** (1998, US/UK). Lisa Vastine is a young Santa Monica librarian in a ponytail who brings Clayton Boone (Brendan Fraser) some large bound volumes of the *Daily Herald* and trade newspapers from 1936.

**The Golden Child** (1986). Shakti Chen as Kala is librarian at the Sacred Depository Library in Tibet.

**The Golden Compass** (2007, US/UK). John Franklyn-Robbins plays a librarian.

**GoldenEye** (1995, US/UK). Pierce Brosnan as James Bond and Izabella Scorupco as Natalya Simonova are chased by villains through a Russian archives.

**Goliathon [Xing xing wang]** (1977, Hong Kong). The opening scene shows the Hong Kong University Library.

**Good Boy, Bad Boy** (2007, India). There are two students named R. Mahotra at a college, a good one named Rajan (Tusshar Kapoor) and a troublesome one named Raju (Emraan Hashmi). Raju's girlfriend Dinky Kapoor (Tanushree Dutta) does not even realize that the school has a library: "Why is it so quiet here? Did someone die?" Raju pretends to read *The Communist Manifesto* in order to meet girls.

**The Good Companions** (1933, UK). Jessie Matthews as Susie Dean goes to a public library to use its medical register. From across the room she asks the librarian (Hugh E. Wright) how far away Dingley, Staffordshire, is. He shushes her and answers, "About 20 miles." Ray and Brenda Tevis

claim in *The Image of Librarians in Cinema* (McFarland, 2005) that this is the first instance in film history of a librarian shushing.

**Good Guys Bad Guys: Only the Young Die Good** (1997, Australia, made for TV). Christine Earle plays a librarian.

**Good Morning, Night [Buongiorno, notte]** (2003, Italy). This is the story of the 1978 kidnapping and murder of Italian Prime Minister Aldo Moro (Roberto Herlitzka) from the perspective of one of the terrorists—a young woman named Chiara (played by Maya Sansa), who works in a government ministry library but is also a member of the Red Brigades.

**Good News** (1947). June Allyson is Connie Lane, student library assistant at fictitious Tait College Library in the 1920s. She falls for football hero Tommy Marlowe (Peter Lawford) and together they sing “The French Lesson” in the college library, dancing through the stacks as she reshelves books randomly.

**The Good Shepherd** (2006). Matt Damon as Yale University student Edward Wilson meets a deaf student named Laura (Tammy Blanchard) at the library in 1939. The library scenes were actually filmed at the Gould Memorial Library at Bronx (N.Y.) Community College.

**Goodbye Bafana** (2007, Germany/France/Belgium/South Africa/Italy/UK/Luxembourg). Joseph Fiennes plays prison guard Sgt. James Gregory whose job is to censor the mail at Robben Island prison in Cape Town, South Africa, where Nelson Mandela is held. Another guard tells him that the Freedom Charter of the African National Congress calls for the extermination of whites, but he decides to read it himself. He goes to the restricted section of a public library in Cape Town and tricks the librarians (Paula Pursch and Michele Belknap) into letting him see it. He steals it for more careful scrutiny later.

**Goodbye, Columbus** (1969). Richard Benjamin plays Neil Klugman, library assistant at a public library in the Bronx (though the novel was set in Newark, New Jersey). Other library workers are Mr. Scapelle (Delos V. Smith Jr.) and John McKee (Bill Derringer). Filmed in the Yonkers (N.Y.) Public Library.

**Google and the World Brain** (2013, UK/Spain). This documentary about the Google Books scanning project features appearances by former Bodleian Library Director Reginald Carr, Harvard University Library Director Robert Darnton, former Bibliothèque nationale de France Director Jean-Noël Jeanneney, Internet Archive founder Brewster Kahle, Bodleian Library Director Richard Ovenden, library historian Boyd Rayward, Montserrat Monastery Library Director Damià Roure, and former Harvard University Library Director Sidney Verba.

**Gracie Rose** (2008). One segment was filmed at the Haysville (Kans.) Public Library.

**The Graduate** (1967). A scene where Ben Braddock (Dustin Hoffman) waits for Elaine Robinson (Katharine Ross) in front of a fountain was filmed at the University of Southern California’s Doheny Library as a stand-in for the University of California, Berkeley.

**Graduation** (2007). Minda Fisher is a high school librarian.

**Grave Misconduct** (2008, made for TV). Crystal Bernard as librarian and novelist Julia London steals a recently deceased author’s manuscript and gets it published as her own. Her supervisor is Fran Bennett as Mrs. Crutch.

**Grave of the Vampire** (1972). Michael Pataki as Professor Lockwood is walking through the stacks of a public library and pulls *Mysteries of New England* by A. J. Boyd (a nonfiction title) off the fiction shelf. It’s a reference-only book, so librarian Miss Fenwick (Margaret Fairchild) refuses to circulate it. Miffed, Lockwood extrudes his vampire fangs and lets her have it.

**The Great Gatsby** (2000, UK/US, made for TV). Richard Jutras as Owl Eyes (because of his glasses) retreats into Gatsby’s library to get sober. He pulls a book (volume one of *John L. Stoddard’s Lectures*) from the shelf to show Jordan Baker (Francie Swift) that the books are real and not just cardboard.

**The Great Library Misery** (1938, short). Arthur Q. Bryan is Mr. F. T. Smith, who is having difficulty checking a book out from the public library. Nancy Evans plays the librarian, and Detmar Poppen is the library manager who keeps threatening to kick Smith out of the library for being too loud.

- Grumpy** (1930). Phillips Holmes as Ernest Heron is attacked in the library of retired criminal lawyer Grumpy Bullivant's (Cyril Maude's) country estate. Someone steals the huge diamond Heron has brought from South Africa, the only clue being a camellia placed in his hand.
- Guarding Tess** (1994). Shirley MacLaine as former First Lady Tess Carlisle says of a newly dedicated presidential library that it is "taking a fine old building and making it useful again."
- Gumshoe** (1971, UK). Albert Finney as nightclub comic Eddie Ginley tries out a new career as a private eye. A client refers him to Alison Wyatt (Carolyn Seymour), whom he discovers studying in a Liverpool academic library with an African man (Oscar James as Azinge).
- The Gun in Betty Lou's Handbag** (1992). Penelope Ann Miller plays a children's librarian in Missouri named Betty Lou Perkins, who falsely confesses to murder to get the attention of her policeman husband because she wants to improve her mousy image. She likes books, has creative ideas, and tries to get people excited about what the library does. At her trial, the judge says: "That's Betty Lou Perkins? Hell, I don't go to the library enough." The fundraiser scene is a good advocacy statement for libraries. Marian Seldes as head librarian Margaret Armstrong believes that "The best effect of any book is that it be returned unmutated to its shelf."
- Guns and Lipstick** (1995, Canada/US). Betty Moran plays a librarian.
- The Guy in the Grave Next Door [Grabben i graven bredvid]** (2002, Sweden/Norway). Elisabeth Carlsson as urban librarian Desirée Wallin visits her late husband's grave in the north of Sweden where she meets Benny Söderström (Michael Nyqvist), a simple farmer.
- Ha-Simla** (1970, Israel). Three short stories of life in Tel Aviv. In the first, a girl meets a boy in a library and has to decide what to do next. Liora Rivlin plays the librarian.
- Half Baked** (1998). In the end credits, the cast makes the audience aware of learning more about hemp at your local library.
- Half Light** (2006, Germany/UK). Demi Moore as Rachel Carlson discovers that newspaper records about a murder-suicide are mysteriously missing from the local library. The scene was filmed at the Prichard Jones Institute, Newborough, Anglesey, Wales. Polly Frame plays the librarian.
- Halik sa paa, halik sa kamay** (1979, Philippines). Vilma Santos plays a librarian.
- Hammett** (1983). Marilu Henner is Kit Conger, a sexy, smart-aleck librarian in 1928 San Francisco who is an apartment neighbor of Dashiell Hammett (played by Frederic Forrest). He visits the library to seek out a newspaper article and chats with a shelver he once met (Liz Roberson).
- Hancock's Half Hour** (March 11, 1960, UK, TV series), "The Missing Page." Tony Hancock as unemployed comedian Anthony Aloysius Hancock returns some overdue books to the East Cheam Public Library. He meets his sidekick Sid James in the crime section and together they give the librarian (played by Hugh Lloyd) and patrons a hard time.
- The Hand That Rocks the Cradle** (1992). Julianne Moore as Marlene Craven uses newspapers on microfilm in the public library to find out the origins of an evil nanny (Rebecca De Mornay as Peyton Flanders).
- The Handmaid's Tale** (1990, US/Germany). Natasha Richardson is Kate, an ex-librarian who tries to flee a totalitarian, theocratic state with her family. She wins a game of Scrabble and the Commander (Robert Duvall) says, "I knew you would be good at this. You used to be a librarian."
- Hanging Up** (2000, US/Germany). Meg Ryan as Eve Mozell Marks prepares a giant party at the Richard M. Nixon Presidential Library for a women's business organization that chooses her sister Georgia Mozell (Diane Keaton) to be the keynote speaker.
- Happy Days** (September 27, 1977, TV series), "Hard Cover." Concerned about the lack of action in his love life, Richie (Ron Howard) asks Fonzie (Henry Winkler) for some dating advice. The Fonz suggests that they go to the local Pfinster Memorial Library to meet sophisticated girls. Susan Cotton plays a shushing librarian. One girl throws a book (*War and Peace*) at Richie at the library. He sits down next to Lori Beth Allen (Lynda Goodfriend) and pretends to speed read a book. Fonzie meets Christy Riggerheimer (Teris Wyss) who inspires him to get a library card and check out his first book.



- Happy Together** (1989). Helen Slater as student Alexandra Page roller skates around the college library's card catalog/reference area, leading to shushes from the librarian (played by Rocky Parker, also cast as the "biker's girlfriend").
- Hard Boiled [Lat sau san taam]** (1992, Hong Kong). A gang hitman/undercover cop played by Tony Leung kills an out-of-favor gang leader in a public library using a gun previously hidden in a fake volume of Shakespeare. The police inspector, played by Yun-Fat Chow as Tequila Yuen, identifies the book and finds the weapon by cleverly noticing the imprint of the book in the blood on the library table. The librarian is Hoi-Shan Lai.
- The Hard Word** (2002, Australia/UK). In the film's opening sequence, a prison library worker hands to inmate librarian Dale Twentyman (Guy Pearce) a request for Philip Roth's *Portnoy's Complaint* on behalf of an inmate named Mildenhall, who is hidden behind a façade of fake books.
- Harold & Kumar Escape from Guantanamo Bay** (2008). Kal Penn as Kumar meets Danneel Harris as Vanessa for the first time in a college library as he is writing a poem. They wind up making out in the stacks.
- Harry and the Hendersons** (1987). A librarian (Peggy Platt) tells George Henderson (John Lithgow) that he can find books on bigfoot in the "fantasy, folklore, myths, and legends" section in the basement.
- Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets** (2002, US/UK/Germany). Information found at the library is the key that helps solve the mysterious goings-on at Hogwarts. Students quietly study in the library (filmed in Duke Humfrey's Library at Oxford University's Bodleian Library) amid wonderful leather-bound books with no computer in sight, among them Emma Watson as Hermione Granger, who researches the polyjuice potion. Sally Mortemore plays Hogwarts school librarian Madam Irma Pince.
- Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire** (2005, US/UK). In the richly vaulted Divinity School of Oxford University's Bodleian Library, Professor Minerva McGonagall (Maggie Smith) teaches a deeply embarrassed Ron Weasley (Rupert Grint) to waltz.
- Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince** (2009, US/UK). Harry Potter (Daniel Radcliffe) and Hermione Granger (Emma Watson) are in the Hogwarts library talking about going to Slughorn's Christmas Party, as student Romilda Vane (Anna Shaffer) ogles Harry from afar.
- Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone** (2001, US/UK). One scene takes place in the Hogwarts library (filmed in Duke Humfrey's Library at Oxford University's Bodleian Library) where the students look up information on magic. Another scene is a nighttime visit to the restricted section of the library where dangerous books are kept.
- Harvey Middleman, Fireman** (1965). Stacy Graham plays a librarian.
- Has Anybody Seen My Gal?** (1952). Piper Laurie as Millicent Blaisdell meets Dan Stebbins (Rock Hudson) in the Hilverton Public Library. Two uncredited librarians appear briefly.
- The Haunting** (1963, US/UK). The mansion's library is the scene of some of the most terrifying paranormal encounters.
- The Haunting of Molly Hartley** (2008). Haley Bennett as Molly Hartley is in a school library looking at a book (with several bad misspellings) when her friend Joseph Young (Chace Crawford) gives her a scare.
- Hawaii Five-O** (January 15, 1974, TV series), "Secret Witness." The only witness to a mob-related murder is identified after he drops a book with his library card inside. Penny Jennings plays a librarian.
- He's on My Mind** (2009). Read MacGirtose plays a cranky librarian.
- Heading Home** (January 13, 1991, UK, made for TV). Janetta Wheatland (Joely Richardson) moves to London after World War II and finds a job as a librarian. Released as an episode of the BBC *Screen Two* TV series.
- Hear My Song** (1991, Ireland/UK). In the 1950s, Liverpool club manager Micky O'Neill (played by Adrian Dunbar) and his girlfriend Nancy Doyle (Tara Fitzgerald) are trying to put on a concert with exiled Irish tenor Josef Locke (Ned Beatty), but realize that the musicians have no sheet music. They visit a local music library where they encounter librarian Mary MacLeod, who tells them that the

performer's music is "registered." They can have it copied and available in 10 days, but they convince her to give them the music immediately.

**[Heart and Souls](#)** (1993). Four San Franciscans die in a bus crash in 1959 but are allowed to return to life to take care of unfinished matters. One of them (Charles Grodin as Harrison Winslow) was a nervous librarian and aspiring opera singer.

**[Heartbreak Library \[Keu namjaui chaek 198jjeuk\]](#)** (2008, South Korea). Librarian Eun-soo Jo (Yoo-jin Kim) discovers a tall young man dressed in a black suit ripping the pages out of books stacked next to him and calls him a criminal. Joon-oh Kim (Dong-wook Lee) tears out page 198 from each library book. He explains that his former girlfriend left him a note saying to check page 198 but did not mention the title of the book. Eun-soo sympathizes with him and determines to help him find the right book.

**[Hearts in Atlantis](#)** (2001, US/Australia). Hope Davis as frugal Liz Garfield gives her son Bobby (Anton Yelchin) a library card for his 11th birthday instead of the bicycle he wants.

**[Heaven Help Us](#)** (1985). Kevin Dillon as class bully Rooney asks class nerd Caesar (Malcolm Denare) to help him with his homework when they meet in the stacks of St. Basil's Catholic School Library in Brooklyn in the mid-1960s.

**[Hellbreeder](#)** (2004, UK). Lyndie Uphill as the deeply disturbed Alice sees a demonic clown in the city library.

**[Hello, Mr. Kivi \[Päivää, herra Kivi\]](#)** (1984, Finland). Kristiina Elstelä as small-town librarian Helinä loves the theater and directs amateur actors for a play by Finnish writer Aleksis Kivi. Sirku Grahn plays another librarian.

**[Henry Fool](#)** (1997). Thomas Jay Ryan as Henry Fool is an ex-con who spends time in the library writing his book, *The Confession*, and leering at women. He unsuccessfully tries to get Parole Officer Buñuel (Gene Ruffini) to find him a job in the library.

**[Her Alibi](#)** (1989). Tom Selleck as writer Phil Blackwood discusses his new book with his editor in the stacks of a Baltimore library.

**[Herb & Dorothy](#)** (2008). A documentary about Herbert Vogel and his wife Dorothy (a librarian) who became world-class art collectors on their limited salaries.

**[Hidden City](#)** (1987, UK). Cassie Stuart as Sharon Newton is a film archivist who becomes obsessed with finding top-secret film footage that proves a mysterious conspiracy by the British government.

**[The Hideout](#)** (2007, Italy/US). Jesse Nagel is an assistant librarian in Davenport, Iowa.

**[High](#)** (1969, Canada). Lanny Beckman as hippie hedonist Tom comes to Montreal and turns library worker Vicky (Astri Thorvik) on to drugs and wild sex.

**[High School High](#)** (1996). Jon Lovitz as history teacher Richard Clark saves Victoria Chapell (Tia Carrere) from being raped in the Marion Barry High School library. They use a catalog drawer, stapler, and date-due rubber stamp to fend off the assailant. After Clark addresses the school assembly, the school librarian (uncredited) yells out, "You suck!"

**[High School Musical](#)** (2006, made for TV). Joyce Cohen plays East High School librarian Mrs. Falstaff, who constantly reminds student Chad Danforth (Corbin Bleu) to keep quiet in the library.

**[The History Boys](#)** (2006, UK). A montage early in the film features the library at Cutlers' Grammar School in England. At least two books visible in the scene were published after 1983–1984, when the film was set.

**[Höjdhoppar'n](#)** (1981, Sweden). Margareta Olsson plays a librarian.

**[The Hollywood Librarian: A Look at Librarians through Film](#)** (2007). This documentary by Ann Seidl on librarians, both in their depictions in movies and their work in real life, premiered at the 2007 ALA Annual Conference.

**[Home by Christmas](#)** (2006, made for TV). Donna White is a librarian.

**[Homicide](#)** (1991). Joe Mantegna as homicide detective Bobby Gold seeks assistance from Steven Goldstein, the librarian in a Jewish rabbinical library, who explains the meaning of "Grofaz." An Orthodox scholar (played by Alan Polonsky) reading an annotated page of the Book of Esther berates him for not being able to read Hebrew, then asks him to reshelve an old book in stacks that are made

up largely of law books. Charlotte Potok is the assistant librarian and Andy Potok is a library technician.

**L'homme aux yeux d'argent** (1985, France). Alain Souchon as ex-convict Thierry Berger returns to the town where he has hidden his loot. After 15 years, he finds that a library was built on top of his hiding place. He meets his former lover, a library director (Tanya Lopert as Francine), who hides him and is not as innocent as she seems.

**Honeymoon [Honning måne]** (1978, Denmark). Kirsten Olesen plays a Copenhagen library staffer who falls for a factory worker.

**Hooking Up** (2009). Three students spend all their time in the high school library talking about sex instead of studying.

**Hoop Dreams** (1994). Arthur Agee, a basketball player at Marshall High School in Chicago, uses the card catalog in the school library to research the life cycle of butterflies for a paper he is writing.

**Horror of Dracula** (1958, UK). John Van Eyssen as Jonathan Harker goes to Dracula's castle near Cluj, Romania, on the pretext of cataloging the count's rare books and journals. In reality he is an undercover vampire killer intent on destroying Dracula (played by Christopher Lee).

**Hot Spell** (1958). Shirley Booth as Alma Duval visits her son Billy (Clint Kimbrough), who works in a Louisiana public library. Elsie Weller plays a librarian.

**The Hours** (2002, US/UK). Julianne Moore as Laura Brown decides to become a librarian in Canada in the 1950s.

**House** (1995, Canada). One vignette in this film is about a reporter and a librarian who almost, but never quite, meet. Eventually they do find each other, discover that they are madly in love, but become so happy that they explode.

**House Arrest** (1996). Kyle Howard as Grover Beindorf goes to the public library to read up on how to be assertive, but he runs into Brooke Figler (Jennifer Love Hewitt), who also has parental issues.

**The House by the Cemetery [Quella villa accanto al cimitero]** (1981, Italy). New Whitby, Massachusetts, town librarian Mr. Wheatley (Carlo De Mejo) and assistant librarian Daniel Douglas (Gianpaolo Saccarolo) lead Dr. Norman Boyle (Paolo Malco) to the research notes written by the late Dr. Peterson who had hanged himself in the library—a facility with a blazing furnace that somehow allows patrons in when it is closed. Scenes were filmed at the Concord (Mass.) Free Public Library.

**House of Cards** (February 1, 2013, TV series), “Chapter 8.” Kevin Spacey stars as U.S. Rep. Francis J. Underwood, the Majority Whip, who attends a reception in his honor for a new library getting named after him at his alma mater, a military academy in Charleston, South Carolina, called The Sentinel (a thinly veiled stand-in for The Citadel). After the party, Underwood and three old classmates break into the old bookless library building to get drunk like they used to in their schooldays. They ride around on bookcarts in the reading room and knock over boxes. The next morning Underwood gives an impromptu speech at the library dedication ceremony.

**The House of the Laughing Windows [La casa dalle finestre che ridono]** (1976, Italy). Luciano Bianchi plays Franchini the Librarian.

**The House on Carroll Street** (1988). William Duff-Griffin is Wentworth, an FBI librarian in the early 1950s who operates a projector.

**The House on Chelouche Street** (1973, Israel). In Palestine in 1947, Ofer Shalhin as 15-year-old Sami gets involved with a 25-year-old Russian librarian (Michal Bat-Adam as Sonia).

**How I Got into College** (1989). Marlene Warfield plays a librarian at Roosevelt High School in Detroit.

**How My Mother Gave Birth to Me During Menopause [Comment ma mère accoucha de moi durant sa ménopause]** (2003, Canada). Micheline Lanctôt as the mother works in a public library in the Montreal area.

**The Howling: Reborn** (2011). Landon Liboiron as Will Kidman gets it on with Eliana Wynter (Lindsey Shaw) while he is tied up on the floor of a college library as he tests his limits turning into a werewolf.

**Hugo** (2011). In Paris in 1931, orphan Hugo Cabret (played by Asa Butterfield) and his friend Isabelle (Chloë Grace Moretz) discover at the Film Academy Library *Inventer le rêve: L'Histoire des*

*premiers films*, a book on early cinema history, and an astonishing montage of historical films flashes by. With the help of its author, film historian René Tabard (Michael Stuhlbarg), they discover that Isabelle's godfather Papa Georges is really French film pioneer Georges Méliès (Ben Kingsley).

**The Human Comedy** (1943). Lionel (Darryl Hickman) takes little Ulysses Macauley (Jackie Jenkins) to the public library, although neither of them know how to read, and marvel at "all these books." Adeline De Walt Reynolds is the librarian who tells the boys, "I've been reading for 70 years; it hasn't been nearly long enough." Otto Hoffman scowls.

**The Human Vapor [Gasu ningen dai ichigo]** (1960, Japan). Yoshio Tsuchiya as Mizuno, a Tokyo librarian, becomes a test subject for the space program, but he is exposed to radiation that gives him the power to transform into mist at will, becoming "The Human Vapor." He uses his new ability to rob banks to fund the career of his girlfriend.

**Hunting Flies [Polowanie na muchy]** (1969, Poland). Zygmunt Malanowicz plays Wlodek, a young man stuck in a dead-end job in a library in Warsaw. He meets the beautiful and intellectual library user Irena (Malgorzata Braunek) who thinks he is a budding literary genius in need of her help.

**Hysterical** (1983). Franklin Ajaye as Leroy is a public librarian in Cape Hellview, Oregon. He declares, "It's closing time, gentlemen. I'm sorry, all white people must leave." Bill Hudson as Fred Lansing and Mark Hudson as Paul Batton are doing newspaper research and hand him an "official card" that reads, "Allowed to stay in the library past closing time." But the ghost of Captain Howdy (Richard Kiel) kills Leroy and attacks the others with an ax.

**I, Claudius** (September 27, 1976, UK, TV miniseries), "Waiting in the Wings." While Derek Jacobi as Claudius is in the library researching his family's history, he is advised by the historian Pollio (Donald Eccles) to play up his infirmities to enhance his place in his family as a harmless fool. John Truscott is the librarian, who is unable to find the book by a Greek historian that the historian Livy (Denis Carey) has asked for. Claudius points out the scroll's location and corrects Livy's identification of the author and title.

**I Know What You Did Last Summer** (1997). Jennifer Love Hewitt as Julie James logs into a North Carolina library at home from her laptop without a modem cable, even though this movie predates wireless access. A bunch of articles pop up.

**I Love Trouble** (1994). Peter Brackett (Nick Nolte) and Sabrina Peterson (Julia Roberts) are fierce competitors who work for rival Chicago newspapers. While they are searching for information in the library, a "student librarian" (Annie Meyers-Shyer) pushing a book cart shushes them. An uncredited older librarian is visible in the background.

**I Love You, Beth Cooper** (2009, Canada/US). Natalie von Rotsburg is the librarian at Buffalo Glenn High School.

**I Love You Phillip Morris** (2009, US/France). Jim Carrey as insurance-fraud criminal Steven Russell meets Ewan McGregor as Phillip Morris (serving time for auto theft) in the prison library and arranges for them to be cellmates. Filmed at Orleans Parish (La.) Prison.

**I Love You to Death** (1990). Rosalie Boca (Tracey Ullman) goes to the public library and finds her husband Joey (Kevin Kline) cheating on her. Audrey Rapoport is the cardigan-wearing librarian. Filmed at the Stadium High School library in Tacoma, Washington.

**I, Madman** (1989). A sadistic alchemist seems to emerge from a pulp horror book titled *I, Madman* by Malcolm Brand and terrorizes Los Angeles. His next victim is supposed to be a librarian surrounded by cats. Mary Baldwin plays a librarian named Marian who faints as the police are wiring her for a stakeout at her library (which has lion sculptures next to the steps outside).

**I Wake Up Screaming** (1941). When Frankie Christopher (played by Victor Mature) and Jill Lynn (Betty Grable) become fugitives in New York City, he shows her places to hide, including the library. Edward McWade is the old man in the library.

**I Was a Shoplifter** (1950). Mona Freeman plays kleptomaniac librarian Faye Burton. The leader of a shoplifting gang (Andrea King as Ina Perdue) approaches her at the library desk and asks for a book



on kleptomania, which she takes with her even though it is a reference book. Burton joins the gang but is saved from suicide by an undercover cop.

**[I Wish \[Kiseki\]](#)** (2011, Japan). Koichi (Koki Maeda) and his schoolmates gaze longingly at the attractive school librarian Ms. Mimura (played by Masami Nagasawa).

**[I'm Dangerous Tonight](#)** (1990, made for TV). Felicia Lansbury is a librarian.

**[I'm Here](#)** (2010, short). Andrew Garfield plays Sheldon, a humanoid robot and library assistant in Los Angeles who meets fembot party girl Francesca (Sienna Guillory) on the street and starts dating her.

**[I've Been Waiting for You](#)** (1998, made for TV). B. J. Harrison plays a librarian.

**[The Ice Storm](#)** (1997). Elena Hood (Joan Allen) goes to an outdoor book sale in 1973 at the New Canaan (Conn.) Library.

**[The Ideal Schoolmaster \[Kantor ideál\]](#)** (1933, Czechoslovakia). Emanuel Hribal plays a librarian.

**[Idiocracy](#)** (2006). Luke Wilson is Private Joe Bauers, an underachieving Army librarian who supposedly has no outstanding attributes or glaring flaws, thus making him perfect for a one-year cryogenic experiment. But he is forgotten and wakes up 500 years later.

**[Ikaw lang](#)** (1993, Philippines). Vilma Santos as Selena is a librarian who is a victim of an abusive husband and mother-in-law.

**[The Imaginarium of Dr. Parnassus](#)** (2009, UK/Canada/France). Christopher Plummer as Doctor Parnassus is reduced to begging outside a shopping mall, which is actually the Vancouver (B.C.) Public Library.

**[Imitation of Life](#)** (1934). Fredi Washington is 19-year-old Peola Johnson, who lies to her mother about having a night job in the library.

**[Imitation of Life](#)** (1959). Susan Kohner plays 18-year-old Sarah Jane Johnson, a singer and dancer in a strip joint, who tells her mother that she has a job cataloging books in the library at night.

**[In God's Country](#)** (2007, Canada, made for TV). Agi Gallus plays a librarian.

**[In My Life](#)** (2009, Philippines). Vilma Santos as Filipino librarian Shirley Templo heads to New York to reunite with her openly gay son, Luis Manzano as Mark Salvacion.

**[In Plain Sight](#)** (2004). Susie Goldberg is a librarian.

**[In the Bedroom](#)** (2001). The Camden (Maine) Public Library amphitheatre serves as the site of a festival scene.

**[In the Name of the Father](#)** (1993, Ireland/UK/US). Liam O'Callaghan as a substitute archivist reluctantly agrees to grant an attorney (Emma Thompson as Gareth Peirce) access to police reports regarding the Guildford pub bombings of 1974. The chief archivist (Alan Barry as Jenkins) is far less cooperative.

**[Incident at Dark River](#)** (1989, made for TV). Mike Farrell as Tim McFall takes on a battery factory, using the university library to trace information on a polluted river. Micaela Nelligan is a librarian.

**[The Incredibel Book Escape](#)** (1980, made for TV). A young girl named P. J. (voiced by Quinn Cummings) becomes trapped in a reading room when the library closes. Four storybook characters come to life and befriend her.

**[The Incredible Hulk](#)** (2008). Edward Norton as Dr. Bruce Banner ducks into the library of the fictional Culver University in Virginia to avoid the soldiers chasing him. In the stacks he swallows a USB flash drive that contains vital data.

**[The Incubus](#)** (1982, Canada). Denise Fergusson as Carolyn Davies, librarian at a gothic museum in Galen, Wisconsin, is a supernatural killer's second victim. She is raped and killed as she is closing up for the night.

**[Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull](#)** (2008). In 1957, Harrison Ford as Indiana Jones and his sidekick Mutt Williams (Shia LeBeouf) escape from KGB agents by riding a motorcycle through Marshall College library (actually filmed in Yale University's Commons, while the entrance is that of Sterling Memorial Library). A student (Chet Hanks) asks Jones for help on an assignment; he replies, "You want to be a good archaeologist, you've got to get out of the library."

**[Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade](#)** (1989). Indiana Jones (Harrison Ford) learns of a clue to the location of the Holy Grail in a tomb beneath a library in Venice. To retrieve it he must break a hole

through the marble floor and coordinate his pounding with the sound of the male librarian (uncredited) rubber-stamping books. Jones tells his students: "Seventy percent of all archaeology is done in the library: Research, reading." The church of San Barnaba di Venezia served as the library's exterior.

**Inferno** (1980, Italy). Sara (Eleonora Giorgi) discovers a letter that leads her to a hellish library where she locates a copy of a book of secrets, *The Three Mothers*. While looking for an exit, she is attacked by a monstrous figure that recognizes the book. She throws it to the ground and escapes.

**Information Received** (1961). David Cargill is a librarian.

**The Initiation of Sarah** (2006, made for TV). The Temple Hill University library (filmed at Centenary College in Shreveport, Louisiana) serves as the backdrop for a confrontation between two rival occult sororities of witches. Sarah Goodwin (Mika Boorem) and her sister Lindsey (Summer Glau) are conflicted about which to pledge. Esme (Tessa Thompson) from the evil Alpha Nu Gamma magically traps Sarah in the stacks and threatens her.

**The Ink Thief** (1994, UK, TV series). Joyce Springer plays Miz Tiggler, a librarian in a magical land where imaginary creatures named Bumps live in books. She has a faithful dog Bump (Toyah Willcox) and forms a plan to collect the Four Bumps of the Apolocalypse (earth, water, cheese, and air).

**Inside** (2006). Nicholas D'Agosto as Alex Wells is a recently orphaned young man who works in a public library. He notices that a married couple checks out the same book every month. He begins watching them in the library, then he decides to secretly follow them home and spy on them to see what their lives are like.

**Inspector Gadget 2** (2003). Jan Nary plays a librarian.

**Intentions of Murder [Akai satsui]** (1964, Japan). The philandering Riichi Takahashi (played by Kô Nishimura) has an affair with his academic library coworker Yoshiko Masuda (Yûko Kusunoki). They have several liaisons in the stacks.

**Interlude** (1957). June Allyson as Helen Banning works in Amerika Haus, an information center in Munich, Germany. Frances Bergen is head librarian Gertrude Kirk.

**Intimate Strangers [Confidences trop intimes]** (2004, France). Anne Brochet plays a librarian named Jeanne who helps her ex-lover, tax accountant William (Fabrice Luchini), through an emotional crisis. The student who asks a question in the library is played by Aurore Auteuil.

**Into the Darkness** (2006, UK, short). Christopher Dane as the Archangel Michael helps Jennie Fox as Abigail keep an ancient book from falling into the hands of the devil. Carl Homer plays a librarian.

**Invasion of the Bee Girls** (1973). Victoria Vetri plays Julie Zorn, a corporate librarian at Brandt Research in Peckham, California.

**Inventing the Abbotts** (1997). Joaquin Phoenix as Doug Holt drops a pencil in order to sneak a peek under Eleanor's (Jennifer Connelly's) skirt in the high school library in Haley, Illinois, in 1958.

**The Ipress File** (1965, UK). Michael Caine as spy Harry Palmer contacts an Albanian man named Bluejay (played by Frank Gatliff) who has secrets for sale. They meet in a library and a fast-walking chase ensues. Filmed at the Science Museum Library at Imperial College London.

**Irezumi** (1982, Japan). A young woman (Masayo Utsunomiya as Akane) has her back covered with tattoos in order to please her middle-aged lover Fujeda (Yûsuke Takita), a librarian who wears conservative business suits and has a passion for tattooed skin.

**Ironweed** (1987). A sick and homeless woman (Meryl Streep as Helen Archer) tries to get warm in front of a fireplace in the reference room of the public library in Albany, New York, in 1938. A librarian (Bethel Leslie) tells her she is welcome to read in the library, but sleeping is not allowed. She is later shushed and kicked out for making too much noise.

**It Happened Tomorrow** (1944). John Phillip is Pop Benson, a veteran newspaper librarian who befriends Larry Stevens (Dick Powell). After Pop dies, his ghost returns to give Stevens copies of the next day's paper for three successive days.

**It's a Wonderful Life** (1946). George Bailey (played by Jimmy Stewart) becomes so depressed on Christmas Eve that he wishes he had never been born. To turn him around, his guardian angel Clarence (Henry Travers) offers him a glimpse of what the world would have been like without him.

Deprived of the chance of becoming his attractive, vivacious wife, Mary (Donna Reed) instead is destined for spinsterhood and a career as a near-sighted, dowdy, panicky librarian.

**J. Edgar** (2011). Department of Justice official J. Edgar Hoover (played by Leonardo DiCaprio) brings his attractive date (Naomi Watts as Helen Gandy) to the Library of Congress Main Reading Room in 1918 in order to demonstrate to her the efficiency of the card catalog system that he claims to have developed. Gandy times how long it takes Hoover to use the catalog to find a book. Hoover proposes marriage to her on bended knee in Alcove 6, an offer that she rejects. But she does accept his offer to work as his secretary.

**Jailbreak** (1936). On the day he is to be paroled, Joe King as reformed criminal Mike Eagan is found murdered. Reporter Ken Williams (Craig Reynolds) investigates, his attention focusing on a book that Eagan repeatedly checked out of the prison library. Before he can find it, the librarian is knocked out and the book is stolen.

**The Jane Austen Book Club** (2007). Five women form a book club to discuss the six novels written by Jane Austen. One is a library staffer (Amy Brenneman as Sylvia) who plans a fundraising dinner in the library. As the months progress, their lives seem to parallel those of Austen's characters. Emily Blunt as high school French teacher Prudie watches Trey (Kevin Zegers) and another student make out in the library stacks.

**The Jealous God** (2005, UK). In an industrial town in Yorkshire during the mid-1960s, Jason Merrells as Roman Catholic schoolmaster Vincent Dungarven visits the library and encounters Laura (Mairead Carty), a new librarian. He asks her out and soon falls in love with her, although she is a Protestant. Annie Lavelle plays another librarian.

**Jenatsch** (1987, Switzerland/France/West Germany). Cécile Küng is a librarian.

**Jesus of Montreal** (1989, Canada/France). Lothaire Bluteau as young actor Daniel Colombe uses a Montreal library to find information about the crucifixion of Jesus, in preparation for directing a Passion Play. A library worker comes toward his study table pushing a book cart and whispers, "Looking for Jesus? It is he who will find you."

**Joe Versus the Volcano** (1990). Tom Hanks as Joe Banks claims to be an advertising librarian for a medical supply company, but he is really a shipping clerk.

**Joey Breaker** (1993). Fred Fondren plays Alfred Moore, a former librarian who is dying from AIDS.

**Johnny Apollo** (1940). Stanley Blystone and James Flavin play prison library guards.

**Judicial Consent** (1994). Billy Wirth plays Martin, a handsome but psychopathic law library clerk who has an affair with Detroit Circuit Court Judge Gwen Warwick (Bonnie Bedelia).

**Jumper** (2008, US/Canada). Hayden Christensen as high school student David Rice discovers he can teleport himself instantaneously to anywhere on earth. The first time, when he is drowning in a pond, he teleports to the Ann Arbor (Mich.) Regional Library and causes the stacks to flood with water. The scene was actually filmed at the Peterborough (Ont.) Public Library.

**Junior** (1994). Arnold Schwarzenegger as gynecologist Alex Hesse has a nightmare about urinating infants in a library at the University of California, Berkeley.

**Jury Duty** (1995). Tia Carrere plays Monica, a law library student assistant. In a final scene, she is tied up together with juror Tommy Collins (Pauly Shore), who manages to knock over several bookshelves and knock a killer on the head with a heavy book.

**Just Another Girl on the I.R.T.** (1992). Ariyan Johnson as Brooklyn girl Chantel gets pregnant and spends time in the library looking up information about pregnancy.

**Just Cause** (1995). Liz Torres plays Florida newspaper librarian Delores Rodriguez who helps Paul Armstrong (Sean Connery) do background research to defend a client who is accused of murder (and flirts with him in the compact shelving).

**Just Looking** (1999). Ryan Merriman as Bronx 13-year-old Lenny Levine is sent to live with an aunt and uncle in Queens in the summer of 1955. One scene shows four boys in the public library and a shushing librarian with her hair in a bun.

**Just Us** (1986, Australia). Tom Travers is a newspaper librarian.

- [Kalifornia](#)** (1993). David Duchovny as Brian Kessler says in a voiceover: “What little I knew about serial killers I learned in a university library. The only thing I knew for certain was that people didn’t kill each other in libraries.”
- [Katie Did It](#)** (1951). Ann Blyth plays Katherine (“Katie”) Standish, librarian at Wakely (Mass.) Public Library. She tries to wean young Steven Goodrich (Jimmy Hunt) away from comics by recommending *The Story of King Arthur*, and she shocks everyone by posing in scanty attire for New York commercial artist Peter Van Arden (Mark Stevens).
- [Kes](#)** (1969, UK). Billy Casper (David Bradley) goes to a public library in Nottingham to get a book on hawks, but he does not have a library card and the haughty librarian (Zoe Sutherland) sends him away because he seems dirty and irresponsible.
- [Khiladi](#)** (1992, India). Ghanshyam Rohera plays a college librarian.
- [Kicking and Screaming](#)** (1995). One scene takes place inside an apparent college library meeting room, where fellow students harshly review the short story Grover (Josh Hamilton) has written.
- [Kike wadatsumi no koe: Nippon senbotsu gakusei shuki](#)** (1950, Japan). A soldier uses a university library in Tokyo to write a memoir of his student days.
- [Kill List](#)** (2011, UK). Mark Kempner plays a librarian (and child porn distributor) marked for murder. Former soldier and hitman Jay (Neil Maskell) brutally breaks his hands and bashes his head in with a hammer.
- [Kill Switch](#)** (2008, US/Canada). Steven Seagal as police detective Jacob King visits the Memphis (Tenn.) Public Library to research the zodiac symbols left by a serial killer. Anna Mae Routledge as a Goth-outfitted librarian rudely refers him to the occult section. It turns out she knows a rock band that uses the same symbolism in their lyrics. Later she is killed by another Memphis murderer.
- [Killer: A Journal of Murder](#)** (1995). James Woods plays Carl Panzram, a serial killer incarcerated in Leavenworth Prison in 1929, who assaults a sympathetic prison librarian (Ellen Greene as Elizabeth Wyatt).
- [Killer Instinct](#)** (2001). Dee Wallace as Sarah Fairchild looks at microfilmed issues of the *Perrystown Post Gazette* in the fictional Jennings Wilhite Library. Conrad Karlson is a librarian.
- [Killer Me](#)** (2001). George Foster as disturbed student Joe works in the university library. Anna (Christina Kew) stalks him there. Chuck Martinez plays a library assistant.
- [Killer Movie](#)** (2008). Mary Murphy plays a North Dakota school librarian. She orders reality-TV director Jake Tanner (Paul Wesley) out of the library after his production assistant complains about the lack of internet connectivity.
- [The Killing Kind](#)** (1973). Luana Anders plays Louise, an embittered, repressed librarian looking for sexual adventure.
- [Kim Possible](#)** (April 15, 2005, TV series), “Overdue.” Ron Stoppable (voiced by Will Friedle) races through the lairs of several of Kim Possible’s (Christy Romano’s) enemies in order to recover an overdue library book of hers that he lost and she took the blame for. Middleton school librarian Mrs. Hatchett (April Winchell) makes Kim work in the library until the book returns.
- [Kimi wa boku o sukinararu](#)** (1989, Japan). Yuki Saitô plays public librarian Tomako Kanbayashi.
- [Kindergarten Cop](#)** (1990). Richard Tyson as bad guy drug dealer Cullen Crisp sets fire to the library in the elementary school where John Kimble (Arnold Schwarzenegger) is an undercover cop posing as a teacher. Filmed at the John Jacob Astor Elementary School in Astoria, Oregon.
- [King Kong](#)** (1976). The giant ape uses the New York Public Library as a hiding spot as he makes his way down Fifth Avenue.
- [King Ralph](#)** (1991). The Blenheim Palace library was used to film the interiors of Buckingham Palace.
- [King Size \[Kingsajz\]](#)** (1988, Poland). The dwarf kingdom, Shuflandia, exists in the cellar of a library. Only the most obedient dwarves are allowed to grow bigger and inhabit the larger world.
- [Kisetsufu no kanatani](#)** (1958, Japan). An assistant teacher tries to build a library for a school in the mountains.



**[A Kiss Before Dying](#)** (1991, US/UK). Sean Young as Ellen suspects her brother-in-law has murdered her twin sister Dorothy. She visits the law library to talk to her sister's former boyfriend, and goes to the main library to check their class yearbook. Filmed in the Scandinavian Library at the University College in London.

**[Kit Kittredge: An American Girl](#)** (2008, US/Canada). Joan Cusack as Miss Bond plays a mobile librarian in Cincinnati in 1934. She drives the bookmobile (a panel truck with shelves on the outside and the inside) a bit too fast and she encourages children to read.

**[Knock Knock](#)** (2007). Ilene Kristen plays a Glass County public librarian who reads a newspaper story aloud to retired detective Mike Soato (Antonio Mastrantonio) because he left his glasses at home. She flirts with him.

**[K-PAX](#)** (2001, US/Germany). Jeff Bridges as psychiatrist Mark Powell is trying to find information about his patient, Kevin Spacey as Prot (rhymes with "goat"), who claims to be a visitor from another star system. Instead of trekking all the way to the public library, Powell has his secretary (Kimberly Scott as Joyce Trexler) perform a search on Yahoo! In about 30 seconds, and with the barest of data, she finds a five-year-old, full-text article from a small-town newspaper in New Mexico.

**[De kris Pusaka](#)** (Oct. 31, 1977, Netherlands/Indonesia, TV miniseries), "Eenmaal... andermaal..." Diana Dobbelman plays the librarian at the Tropical Institute in Amsterdam.

**[Labou](#)** (2008). Monica May plays a Louisiana public librarian who helps three youngsters—Emily Ryan (Marissa Cuevas), Gavin (Darnell Hamilton), and Toddster (Bryan James Kitto)—find a map of bayous where they suspect a pirate treasure ship is hidden. Emily steals the library map and tears it into three sections, giving two to her schoolmates.

**[The Lady Forgets](#)** (1989, made for TV). Judith Berlin is a librarian.

**[Lady in the Dark](#)** (1944). Ginger Rogers as Liza Elliott meets Ben (Rand Brooks) in the library before a dance. Mary MacLaren plays the librarian who shushes them as they are talking.

**[The Lady of Names](#)** (2011, Canada). A beautiful librarian named Sorrow, voiced by Eleonora Barna, discovers the power of magic when an ill-conceived wish catapults her into the world of fairy tales.

**[Ladybear](#)** (1985, Canada, made for TV). Carol Poirier as Toronto librarian Anne Quill is haunted by strange dreams of her childhood. It turns out that she has been trained as a Soviet KGB sleeper agent.

**[Lage Raho Munna Bhai](#)** (2006, India). Sanjay Dutt as Munna Bhai poses as a history professor specializing in the life of Mahatma Gandhi. He visits the Gandhi Library and studies there. After three days of tedious research, he begins to see a hallucination of Gandhi himself (played by Dilip Prabhavalkar) who gives him advice on nonviolent strategies to life's problems.

**[Lamb](#)** (1985, UK). An uncredited librarian helps Liam Neeson as Irish reform school teacher Michael Lamb.

**[Lara Croft Tomb Raider: The Cradle of Life](#)** (2003, US/UK/Japan/Germany). Angelina Jolie as Lara Croft stick-fights with Hillary (Chris Barrie) in the stately library of Croft Manor. One of the sticks gets lodged in a shelf above a multivolume set of Greek history.

**[Larks on a String \[Skřivánci na niti\]](#)** (1990, Czechoslovakia). A group of bourgeois citizens in Kladno, Czechoslovakia, are being reeducated by the communists in a scrap yard in the early 1950s. One of them is a philosophy professor and former librarian (played by Vlastimil Brodský) who refused to burn banned books.

**[The Last American Virgin](#)** (1982). In the high school library, Karen (Diane Franklin) tells Gary (Lawrence Monoson) that she is pregnant. He gets into a fist fight with his friend Rick (Steve Antin), upsetting the librarian (Blanche Rubin), who kicks them out. The scene was filmed at Birmingham High School in Los Angeles.

**[Last Call](#)** (2002, US/Canada, made for TV). Eve Crawford plays a librarian.

**[Last Embrace](#)** (1979). In trying to solve a series of murders, CIA agent Harry Hannan (Roy Scheider) and Sam Urdell (Sam Levene) do some research in a Jewish synagogue library in New York City, where the library books are not treated well. This leads them to a suspect who uses a carrel in the Firestone Library at Princeton University.

- [Last Life in the Universe \[Ruang rak noi nid mahasan\]](#)** (2003, Thailand/Japan). A young Japanese assistant librarian (Tadanobu Asano as Kenji) at the Japan Culture Center in Bangkok is intent on committing suicide, but every attempt is thwarted by circumstances. His apartment is as well-organized as a library, and even his shoes and clothes are neatly categorized and labeled. Lizards are a recurring motif, as in the Japanese children's book he carries around (*The Last Lizard*).
- [The Last Lullaby](#)** (2008). Sasha Alexander as small-town librarian Sarah becomes a hitman's target.
- [The Last Schoolbell \[Ostatni dzwonek\]](#)** (1989, Poland). Irena Laskowska plays a high school librarian.
- [The Last Seal \[Das letzte Siegel\]](#)** (1993, Germany). Saddek Kebir is the librarian.
- [The Last Supper](#)** (1995). Pamela Gien plays Barbara Mensa, a librarian who is murdered because she doesn't drink and thinks *The Catcher in the Rye* is "just mean-spirited garbage littered with the, oh, the F word."
- [The Last Village \[Akhareen abadeh\]](#)** (1993, Iran). Mostafa (played by the film's director and co-screenwriter Majid Majidi) is in charge of a mobile library, and he must travel to many villages to distribute books among children. The last village is situated high in the mountains, and Mostafa is threatened by hungry wolves along the way.
- [Last Wedding](#)** (2001, Canada). Nancy Sivak as Leslie is a Vancouver librarian whose husband is cheating on her.
- [Late Afternoon of the Living Dead](#)** (2007). A Chicago librarian named Chris (played by Chris Hutson) awakens in an abandoned attic after a near-fatal zombie attack. He turns into a zombie-slaying machine and wanders the streets with Shelton (Jason Huls), a wisecracking ghost, looking for a cure to the plague.
- [Layer Cake](#)** (2004, UK). Daniel Craig plays an unnamed cocaine dealer who impresses Eddie Temple (Michael Gambon) at a meeting in the library of the Athenaeum Club in London.
- [The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen](#)** (2003, US/Germany/Czech/UK). The Gentlemen meet in a secret wing of the British Museum. The private library of Dorian Gray (Stuart Townsend), filled with books on sadomasochism, is the scene of a big fight.
- [Leave It to Beaver](#)** (January 30, 1960, TV series), "Beaver's Library Book." Eddie Haskell (Ken Osmond) convinces Beaver (Jerry Mathers) that the "library police" will soon come to arrest his father Ward Cleaver (Hugh Beaumont) after Beaver ignores the late notices for a lost library book (*Treasure Island*) he checked out with his father's library card. Claudia Bryar plays a librarian.
- [Leben zu zweit](#)** (1968, East Germany). Walter Lendrich plays a librarian.
- [Legally Blonde](#)** (2001). Scenes in a law library were filmed in Pasadena's Central Library.
- [The Legend of Cryin' Ryan](#)** (1998). Wendy Bishop plays a librarian.
- [The Legend of Lucy Keyes](#)** (2006). Julie Delpy as Jeanne Cooley researches a ghost legend in the Princeton, Massachusetts, library (filmed in the Princeton Center building). Elizabeth Duff is the librarian.
- [Legend of the Guardians: The Owls of Ga'Hoole](#)** (2010, US/Australia). Grumble is a boreal owl warrior (voiced by Hugo Weaving) with a library.
- [A Legend Told \[Kammaren\]](#)** (2007, Sweden). Olof S. Larsson plays a librarian. The scenes in the library's second room were shot in the Karlstad municipal library.
- [Letter from an Unknown Woman](#)** (1948). Joan Fontaine as Lisa Berndle haunts the music section of a Vienna library trying to find information about the man she loves, famous pianist and composer Stefan Brand (Louis Jourdan). A man gets irritated with her because she reshelves a large book by hammering it into place with the heel of her hand.
- [Letter to My Killer](#)** (1995, made for TV). Lois Hall is a librarian.
- [Lianna](#)** (1983). Recently separated wife Lianna (Linda Griffiths) looks through the card catalog for books on her newly awakened sexual appetite. An index card directs her search: "Lesbian, see homosexual."
- [The Librarian](#)** (1912). Possibly the first librarian film, starring Mary Fuller as Betty Gibbs.
- [The Librarian](#)** (2006, short). Amy Jean Page as lonely Prescott, Arizona, librarian Henrietta Fink becomes entangled in a deadly game of cat and mouse with two professional killers on Valentine's Day.

**[The Librarian: Curse of the Judas Chalice](#)** (2008, made for TV). Noah Wyle as Flynn Carsen has a breakdown at the Metropolitan Public Library, so his bosses Judson (Bob Newhart) and Charlene (Jane Curtin) suggest he take a vacation to New Orleans. His girlfriend Katie (Beth Burvant) says: “Maybe some women are okay with the wild and unpredictable lifestyle of dating a librarian, but I’m not.” The exterior of the museum/library where Carsen works is the New Orleans Museum of Art.

**[The Librarian: Quest for the Spear](#)** (2004, US/Germany, made for TV). Noah Wyle as Flynn Carsen is in his early 30s and has 22 college degrees (but not an MLS). Along the way he learned “Dewey Decimal and Library of Congress,” how to do research, and how to create an RSS feed. He is hired as the librarian of the Metropolitan Public Library, which houses rare books and such artifacts as the Ark of the Covenant, Pandora’s Box, and Excalibur. Someone breaks through the elaborate security and steals a section of the spear that pierced the side of Christ (the Spear of Destiny). Carsen is charged to find the spear and return it to the library. He joins forces with Nicole Noone (Sonya Walger), who also works for the library but does not describe herself as a librarian, and his boss Judson (Bob Newhart). Kyle MacLachlan plays former librarian Edward Wilde.

**[The Librarian: Return to King Solomon’s Mines](#)** (2006, made for TV). Flynn Carsen only spends a few moments in the library, trying to avoid Poseidon’s trident.

**[The Librarians](#)** (2003). This film is about a team of vigilantes who are called Librarians “because they collect overdue people, just like a librarian collects overdue books.”

**[The Librarians](#)** (2007–2010, Australia, TV series). Frances O’Brien (played by series cocreator Robyn Butler), a devout Catholic and panic-disorder sufferer, runs a tight ship as head librarian at the Middleton Interactive Learning Centre, a suburban public library, in this comedy series. Her life unravels when she is forced to hire her ex–best friend, Christine Grimwood (Roz Hammond)—facing criminal drug charges—as the children’s librarian. The series does not shy away from unusual topics, including multicultural tensions, dyslexia, a paraplegic staff member, and even an accreditation hearing.

**[Library Love](#)** (1990, Argentina/Netherlands, short). This situation comedy in the Figaro Stories series created by Alejandro Agresti explores misunderstandings about mental and physical love.

**[Library War: Wings of Revolution \[Toshokan sensō: Kakumei no tsubasa\]](#)** (2012, Japan). In 2019 the Japanese government is cracking down on free expression in books and media. All major libraries are fully equipped with military task forces, who take it upon themselves to protect intellectual freedom and do battle with agents of the Media Betterment Committee. The film, based on the 2008 Japanese anime TV series with the same voice actors, focuses on Iku Kasahara (voiced by Marina Inoue), a new recruit at the Kantō Library Task Force. Other library defenders include Atsushi Doji (Tomoaki Maeno), Mikihisa Komaki (Akira Ishida), Hikaru Tezuku (Tatsuhisa Suzuki), Asako Shibasaki (Miyuki Sawashiro), Ryusuke Genda (Kanji Suzumori), and Kazuichi Inamine (Haruo Satō).

**[Library Wars \[Toshokan sensō\]](#)** (2013, Japan). This is a live-action version of the 2012 anime film. New recruit Iku Kasahara is played by Nana Eikura, while others on the Library Task Force are Atsushi Doji (Junichi Okada), Mikihisa Komaki (Kei Tanaka), Hikaru Tezuku (Sōta Fukushi), Asako Shibasaki (Chiaki Kuriyama), and Ryusuke Genda (Jun Hashimoto).

**[The Lickerish Quartet](#)** (1970, Italy/US/West Germany). The owner of an Italian castle (Frank Wolff) has sex with a carnival daredevil rider (Silvana Venturilli) on a table in the castle library. Dictionary definitions of sexual activities appear in large type on the library floor.

**[Life Goes On \[Livet går vidare\]](#)** (1941, Sweden). Aino Taube as librarian Ebba Garland distracts a sick young man from his malaria. Åke Claesson is another librarian.

**[Life Is Ruff](#)** (2005, made for TV). Janice Knickrehm plays a school librarian. Filmed at Wasatch Junior High School in Salt Lake City.

**[Like Asura \[Ashura no gotoku\]](#)** (2003, Japan). When the four Takezawa sisters discover their father has an illegitimate child, they investigate. Along the way, one of them (Eri Fukatsu as Takiko, a librarian), becomes involved with the detective they hire to keep tabs on their father.

- The Likely Lads** (1976, UK). Rodney Bewes as Bob Ferris meets his wife Thelma (played by Brigit Forsyth) at the library where she works, but he is drunk and distressed (his favorite pub The Fat Ox has been demolished) and he creates a disturbance. Readers and library staff shush him.
- A Likeness in Stone** (2000, UK, made for TV). Kitty Martin plays a librarian.
- Lily of the Dust** (1924). Pola Negri is Lily Czepanek, a charming librarian who works in a small library in a German village. The soldiers and officers in a nearby army garrison suddenly develop an interest in reading.
- A Little Girl from the Hotel Excelsior [Dziewczynka z Hotelu Excelsior]** (1988, Poland). Halina Winiarska plays a librarian.
- Little Nemo: Adventures in Slumberland** (1989, US/Japan). A librarian is voiced by June Foray.
- Little Secrets** (1991). Monica Walsvick is a shushing librarian.
- Little Witches** (1996). Six Catholic schoolgirls do research on witchcraft in the library during Easter break.
- The Living Ghost** (1942). James Dunn as special investigator Nick Trayne is hired to find missing millionaire Walter Craig (Gus Glassmire), but Craig turns up one night in his private library severely brain-damaged. The library has a not-very-well-hidden door in its bookshelves.
- The Living Wake** (2007). Mike O'Connell as eccentric writer K. Roth Binew has a terminal disease, so he is planning to host his own wake. He and his biographer Mills Joaquin (Jesse Eisenberg) go to the public library to donate a set of his self-published children's books, but the librarian (Ann Dowd) deems them unfit for reading.
- Logan's Run** (1976). In the year 2274, Peter Ustinov, an old man who lives in the ruins of the Library of Congress, explains who Abraham Lincoln is to Logan (Michael York). Logan's adversary Francis (Richard Jordan) is impaled on a flagpole bearing a U.S. flag in the main reading room.
- Lokis: Rekopis profesora Wittebacha** (1970, Poland). In the 19th century, clergyman and bibliophile Pastor Wittenbach (played by Edmund Fetting) travels to the Lithuanian forest to consult the folklore library in a mansion owned by Count Michal Szemiot (Józef Duriasz).
- Lola** (1961, Italy/France). Jacques Goasguen is M. François, a librarian in Nantes.
- Lola** (1981, West Germany). Andrea Heuer plays a librarian.
- Long Live Ghosts! [At ziji duchové]** (1977, Czechoslovakia). Jirina Bílá is a librarian.
- The Long Wait** (1954). Anthony Quinn as amnesiac Johnny McBride finds out that he is wanted for murder in Lyncastle. He goes to a library to read newspaper accounts related to the crime two years earlier.
- Long Weekend [Długi Weekend]** (2004, Poland, made for TV). Bogdan Lewicki (Krzysztof Globisz), a shy, middle-aged man, chooses Girl No. 3, Marta Walkowska (Joanna Zólkowska), in the TV show *Blind Date*. The winning couple is to spend a long weekend in a luxurious hotel by the lake, but they do not seem suited to each other at all. Marta, a library supervisor, is a former opposition activist; and Bogdan is a professional soldier. Elzbieta Jarosik plays another librarian.
- The Longest Yard** (2005). Nelly as Megget is harassed in the prison library by guards who hope he will strike one of them, thus disqualifying him for the football team.
- Looper** (2012, US/China). Old Joe (played by Bruce Willis) travels back in time from 2074 to 2044 and breaks into a library in a futuristic, urbanized Kansas to check medical records, look up three crucial addresses, and print out maps of the locations.
- The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring** (2001, US/New Zealand). Because he must learn more about the Ruling Ring, Gandalf (Ian McKellen) goes to a library in the city of Minas Tirith where, after looking through many ancient scrolls, he finds a passage that reveals how the ring can be identified and how it can be destroyed. Michael Elsworth plays a Gondorian archivist.
- The Lords of Discipline** (1983). Mark Breland as Tom Pearce is the first black student accepted into the fictional Carolina Military Institute (based on The Citadel) in the 1960s. Fellow student Will McLean (David Keith) suggests that he leave a note in a particular library book if things get bad for him. Helena Stevens plays the librarian.



**[The Lords of Magick](#)** (1989). David Snow as California college student Tommy has to fill out a complex registration form to look at occult books housed in the local public library in order to rescue a princess captured by an evil wizard. Laura Piening plays the bureaucratic librarian. But Tommy's 10th-century, time-travelling sidekick (Jarrett Parker as Michael Redglen) helps him break into the library's rare book vault.

**[Lorenzo's Oil](#)** (1992). Michaela Odone (Susan Sarandon) and her husband Augusto (Nick Nolte) search for a cure for their son's adrenoleukodystrophy (ALD) in the library of the National Library of Medicine (though actually filmed in the Allegheny County Law Library in Pittsburgh). As Augusto examines the literature on long-chain fatty acids, Mary Pat Gleason as the reference librarian brings him a veterinary science journal article that proves helpful.

**[Loser](#)** (2000). Jason Biggs as freshman student Paul Tannek gets into a fight in a New York University library with Chris (Thomas Sadoski) because of Chris's practice of spiking girls' drinks with date-rape drugs.

**[Loss and Recovery: Librarians Bear Witness to September 11, 2001](#)** (2002). *American Libraries* magazine produced this oral-history video consisting of interviews with corporate, university, law, government, and social-agency librarians who personally witnessed the 2001 terrorist attacks. The participants discuss the effects their experiences had on their personal and professional lives, as well as the reaction the entire library community had to their situations. The video premiered at the 2002 ALA Annual Conference in Atlanta.

**[Lost and Delirious](#)** (2001, Canada). In the library of their posh boarding school (filmed at Bishop's University in Quebec), Victoria (Jessica Paré) explains to her roommate Mary (Mischa Barton) that she must end a lesbian relationship with a third roommate.

**[Lost Horizon](#)** (1973). Sally Hughes (Sally Kellerman) and Maria (Olivia Hussey) sing "The Things I Will Not Miss" in the library of the mysterious land of Shangri-La in the Himalayas. Despite being a repository of the world's greatest literature, the library has a significant collection of *Readers Digest* condensed books on its shelves.

**[The Lost Romance](#)** (1921). Lois Wilson as public librarian Sylvia Hayes fails to notice that the circulation desk needs attention. Mayme Kelso as her supervisor points out that she is not on vacation yet.

**[Lost Souls](#)** (2000). Childhood exorcism survivor Maya Larkin (Winona Ryder) waits for atheist writer Peter Kelson (Ben Chaplin) outside the city library.

**[Love and Money](#)** (1982, US/West Germany). Susan Heldfond plays Vicky, a librarian.

**[Love and Other Catastrophes](#)** (1996, Australia). Frances O'Connor as University of Melbourne student Mia has a mysterious \$663 library fine. Another character is paranoid about going through doors after setting off the library alarm so many times.

**[Love in Another Language \[Başka dilde aşk\]](#)** (2009, Turkey). Onur (played by Mert Firat) is a young deaf man who works as a librarian in Istanbul. Yonca Erturk is the library manager.

**[Love Letter](#)** (1995, Japan). Takashi Kashiwabara as the male Itsuki Fujii goes to the school library to check out obscure novels that have never circulated. He sees the female Itsuki Fujii (Miho Nakayama) at the library desk, and he holds up five checkout cards (with his name alone on them) like a poker hand and says (in English), "Straight flush."

**[Love Life \[Liebesleben\]](#)** (2007, Israel/Germany). Zeruya Shalev, the author of the novel that this movie portrays, plays a librarian.

**[Love, Mary](#)** (1985, made for TV). Dyslexic Mary Groda-Lewis (Kristy McNichol) is sent to college on a special program. A number of scenes take place in the library.

**[Love Me If You Dare \[Jeux d'enfants\]](#)** (2003, France/Belgium). Lifelong friends Julien (Guillaume Canet) and Sophie (Marion Cotillard) have a reconciliation in the University of Liège library.

**[Love My Life](#)** (2006, Japan). Several scenes take place in an academic library; in one, the librarian shushes students for talking too loudly.

**[Love on the Run \[L'amour en fuite\]](#)** (1979, France). Daniel Mesguich plays librarian Xavier Barnerias.

**[Love Stories \[Historie milosne\]](#)** (1997, Poland). Aleksandra Górska is a university librarian.

**Love Story** (1970). Ali MacGraw plays Jenny Cavalleri, a student assistant at Radcliffe College library. She meets the angry law student Oliver Barrett IV (Ryan O'Neal) at the reference desk when he asks for her help in finding a book.

**Love the Hard Way** (2001, Germany/US). Charlotte Anaya as Claire Harrison is studying late at Columbia University Library. The librarian (Dave Simonds) gently tells her it's closing time.

**Love's Labour's Lost** (2000, UK/France/US). A portion of the film is set in the library of the King of Navarre (Alessandro Nivola), where Berowne (Kenneth Branagh) and other actors sing Irving Berlin's "Cheek to Cheek" as they float up to the great dome.

**Loverboy** (2005). Kyra Sedgwick as Emily has casual sex with a man (played by Nick Gregory) in the stacks of an Albuquerque public library where the Flaubert novels are shelved.

**Lovers and Leavers [Kuutamolla]** (2002, Finland). A 30-year-old bookstore clerk named Iiris Vaara (played by Minna Haapkylä) is transformed from a lonely girl into a wiser, self-assured woman. One scene shows her as a smiling librarian behind the reference desk.

**Lucky Jim** (1957, UK). Ian Carmichael as accident-prone history lecturer Jim Dixon must do the bidding of absent-minded and pompous Professor Welch (Hugh Griffith) in order to keep his job. One scene is set in the Cambridge-like university library.

**The Mad Doctor** (1941). Ralph Morgan as Dr. Charles Downer does some research in the New York Public Library and discovers a medical yearbook from Vienna that reveals that his psychologist colleague George Sebastian (Basil Rathbone) was convicted of a double murder in Austria and escaped from prison. Edward Earle plays a librarian.

**Mad Love** (1995). Chris O'Donnell as Matt Leland first meets Drew Barrymore as Casey Roberts in a Seattle high school library. Sharon Collar is the school librarian. Filmed in Sammamish High School in Bellevue, Washington.

**Madchen's Uniform** (2004, short). Shannon Jacobson as Madchen is fired from her job at a fast-food restaurant. She finds a job at a public library, where she changes her appearance and her attitude. The head librarian is played by Brady Daley.

**The Madness of King George** (1994, UK). The Bodleian Library's Divinity School in Oxford stands in for the House of Commons in London.

**The Magic of Ordinary Days** (2005, US/Canada, made for TV). Colorado farmer Skeet Ulrich as Ray Singleton goes into the public library in La Junta, Colorado, to check out a book on the ancient city of Troy. The librarian, played by Kira Bradley, helps him spell Heinrich Schliemann.

**The Magician** (1926). An uncredited reference librarian helps Dr. Porhoet (Firmin Gémier) find materials in the Library of the Arsenal in Paris. Charlatan magician Oliver Haddo (Paul Wegener) rips a page from a rare book of magic that contains a formula for the creation of human life.

**Magnolia** (1999). Young genius Stanley Spector (Jeremy Blackman) is reading a stack of books by phenomenologist Charles Fort, anomalist William Corliss, freemason Albert Mackey, and magician Ricky Jay (who is the film's narrator) in a school library as it rains frogs outside.

**Maid of Honor** (2006, Canada, made for TV). Linda Purl as Laci Collins goes to the Lakeview (N.J.) Public Library to look at newspapers on microfiche.

**Main, Meri Patni . . . Aur Woh!** (2005, India). Rajpal Yadav plays Mithilesh Shukla, a bachelor librarian in Lucknow University's Tagore Library, who has a severe inferiority complex.

**Main Street** (2010). Orlando Bloom as Durham, North Carolina, police officer Harris Parker visits a library to look up a toxic-waste processing company on the computer. Nadya Simpson plays Kate, the library staffer.

**Major League** (1989). Rene Russo plays Lynn Wells, former athlete and special collections librarian at the Cleveland Public Library. She has a master's degree and a license plate that says "READ." The library scene, in which her ex-boyfriend Jake Taylor (Tom Berenger) banters with her in the stacks, was filmed at Northwestern University's Deering Library.

**Make Believe** (2010, US/Japan/South Africa). One of the competitors in the Teen World Championship at the World Magic Seminar in Las Vegas is Krystyn Lambert, who volunteers at the Malibu (Calif.)

High School library. William Goodwin, librarian at the Magic Castle in Hollywood, California, is also interviewed in this documentary.

**Making It** (1971). Doro Merande as high school librarian Ms. Hobgood tells a student that books by D. H. Lawrence are not for general distribution.

**Malcolm X** (1992, US/Japan). Albert Hall as Baines counsels Malcolm X (Denzel Washington) to make use of information in the prison library.

**Malicious** (1995). Patrick McGaw as minor-league baseball player Doug Gordon likes to make out with his fiancée Laura (Sarah Lassez) in a library.

**A Man Betrayed** (1941). Minerva Urecal is a law librarian who shushes Morris Slade (Harold Huber). She runs after country lawyer Lynn Hollister (John Wayne) when he takes a reference book out of the library.

**The Man in Blue** (1937). Ralph Morgan as the Professor is in charge of a prison library.

**The Man in Grey** (1943, UK). Margaret Lockwood as Hesther Shaw arranges for Peter Rokeby (Stewart Granger) to catalog the books in the private library of Lord Rohan (James Mason).

**Man of the Century** (1999). Gibson Frazier as New York newspaper reporter Johnny Twennies talks and acts like he is living in the 1920s. He writes innocuous stories, including one about a library ribbon-cutting.

**The Man Who Never Was** (1956, UK). Lucy Sherwood (played by Gloria Grahame), a librarian at the American Library in London, has a pivotal role in convincing a Nazi agent (Stephen Boyd) in 1943 of the legitimacy of a bogus allied plan to invade Greece instead of Sicily. But she nearly ruins the plan by getting drunk and rambling incoherently.

**The Man Who Wasn't There** (2001, US/UK). Richard Jenkins as Walter Abundas is a genealogist who is briefly seen in a county law library conducting research.

**The Man without a Face** (1993). One scene, filmed in the Camden (Maine) Public Library, shows 12-year-old Chuck Norstadt (Nick Stahl) looking up a story in a newspaper.

**The Manchurian Candidate** (2004). Denzel Washington as Desert Storm veteran Captain Ben Marco researches the politically powerful and corrupt Manchurian Global corporation at the New York Public Library. Using the internet, microfilm, and the copy machine, he compiles damning evidence against the company.

**The Manhattan Project** (1986). Christopher Collet as smart teen Paul Stephens builds his own nuclear reactor using plutonium stolen from a scientist who is dating his mother. He makes use of other resources available in the college library.

**Manrape [Män kan inte våldtas]** (1978, Finland/Sweden). Anna Godenius as librarian Eva Randers is date-raped by Gösta Bredefelt as Martin Wester. She seeks a humiliating revenge.

**Manuela's Loves [Le jupon rouge]** (1987, France). Luce Nocella plays a librarian.

**Mansfield Park** (1999, UK). Alessandro Nivola as Henry Crawford reads a passage of Laurence Sterne's *A Sentimental Journey through France and Italy* to Fanny Price (Frances O'Connor) in the Mansfield Park estate library. The scene was filmed at Eton College.

**A Mão e a Luva: The Story of a Book Trafficker** (2010, Italy). In this documentary, an ordinary young man named Kcal (aka Ricardo Gomes Ferraz) decides to open a library for children in Recife, Brazil, one of the poorest regions on earth. Using his limited savings, he buys used books and invites kids to have a look for a few hours a day. Referring to himself as a "book trafficker," his library becomes a meeting place for hundreds of children and adults. Thanks to Ricardo's work, the Brazilian Ministry of Culture has funded more than 500 small libraries throughout the favelas.

**Marathon Man** (1976). Babe (Dustin Hoffman) hangs out in the Columbia University library where he meets Elsa (Marthe Keller) when she sits at his table. He is shy, so he takes one of her books in order to follow her and return it when she leaves. Interior library scenes were filmed at the University of Southern California's Doheny Library.

**Margie** (1946). Jeanne Crain as Central High School student Margie MacDuff finds that she has a tear in the elastic of her bloomers, so she ducks into the school library to fix it. French teacher Ralph

Fontayne (Glenn Langan) is wooing librarian Isabel Palmer (Lynn Bari), but he peeks through the bookshelves and sees Margie.

**Margot at the Wedding** (2007). Ciarán Hinds as Dick Koosman interviews Margot (Nicole Kidman) about her recent fiction at a book signing in the public library.

**Married with Children** (November 6, 1988, TV series), “He Thought He Could.” Al Bundy (Ed O’Neill) discovers in the attic a library book that was due in 1957. He must return it to the library and face up to his worst childhood fear: Miss DeGroot, the librarian (played by Lu Leonard).

**Martha** (1974, West Germany, made for TV). Margit Carstensen as Martha Solomon is a librarian who watches helplessly as her father dies of heart failure on the Spanish Steps in Rome.

**Martha, Ruth & Edie** (1988, Canada, made for TV). Andrea Martin plays Ruth, a timid, small-town librarian who is reunited with two crazy aunts from Hollywood at her mother’s funeral.

**Más negro que la noche** (1975, Mexico). The corpse of school librarian Aurora (Susana Dosamantes) is found hanging in the library.

**The Mask of Dimitrios** (1944). Peter Lorre as mystery writer Cornelius Leyden is researching the tangled past of master criminal Dimitrios Makropoulos (Zachary Scott) whose body washed up on the shore near Istanbul. He visits the Bureau of Records in Athens and encounters a helpful archivist (uncredited).

**Master of Disaster [Lung fu siu yeh]** (1981, Hong Kong). The two heroes are in a library looking for clues while they are attacked by an assassin disguised as a bookcase. Wai Lam is a librarian.

**The Matchmaker [Pa’am Hayiti]** (2010, Israel). In Haifa in 1968, Arik (played by Tuval Shafir) goes to a library to research the Holocaust, where he befriends Meir the librarian (Dror Keren). Meir turns to Yankele Bride (Adir Miller), a matchmaker and Holocaust survivor, for help finding a partner.

**Matilda** (1990, Italy). Carla Benedetti as lonely spinster Matilda meets shy Neapolitan library clerk Torquato (Silvio Orlando).

**Matilda** (1996). Sara Magdalin as four-year-old Matilda Wormwood goes to the library every day to read *Heidi*, *Ivanhoe*, *For Whom the Bell Tolls*, and *Moby Dick*, although her parents discourage it. Librarian Miss Phelps (Jean Speegle Howard) helps open her up to the world of books.

**The Matrix** (1999, US/Australia). Marcus Chong as Tank sits in front of a group of computer monitors searching for documents and manuals that help the main characters save the world.

**Maxie** (1985). Nick (played by Mandy Patinkin) is a rare book librarian at the San Francisco Public Library. He is married to Jan (Glenn Close), who thinks she is possessed by a 1920s flapper. Valerie Curtin plays Ophelia Sheffer, Nick’s new supervisor and sexual harasser.

**May the Best Man Win** (2009). Victoria Chiaro and Marcia White play librarians.

**The Mechanic** (1972). Louis Fitch plays a librarian.

**The Medallion** (2003, Hong Kong/US). Lee Evans as Arthur Watson pretends to be a librarian to disguise his true identity as an Interpol agent.

**Medium** (1985, Poland). Witold Debicki is a librarian in Sopot, Poland.

**Meet Joe Black** (1998). Anthony Hopkins as William Parrish meets Joe Black (Brad Pitt), the figure of Death, in the two-story, octagonal library of his mansion.

**Meet the Fleet** (1940, short). Herbert Anderson as new Navy recruit Dan Howell goes to the library at the Naval Training Center in San Diego and asks Joanne the librarian (Mary Cheffey) if he can check out a book on signals and semaphores. “Oh there it is,” she says, “the green one,” not knowing that Dan is color blind.

**Meeting Mr. Subian** (1996). Jennifer Hayden plays a librarian.

**The Memory Thief** (2007). Mark Webber as Lukas gets a job at a Holocaust Archive in Los Angeles transcribing tapes and interviewing Holocaust survivors. Peter Jacobson is Mr. Freeman, the archivist.

**Men of Honor** (2000). In the late 1940s, the ambitious Carl Brashear (Cuba Gooding Jr.) needs a tutor to help him pass the Navy’s dive school tests, so he turns to the public library in Harlem. Librarian Mrs. Biddle (Demene E. Hall) steers him to her unmarried assistant Jo (Aunjanue Ellis), who helps him pass his exams. Along the way they fall in love. The library scenes were filmed at the Multnomah County Library’s Title Wave Bookstore in Portland, Oregon.



- Mercury Rising** (1998). Bruce Willis as outcast FBI agent Art Jeffries goes to the library to get assistance finding an email address. He tells the librarian (Barbara Alexander) what he needs and she unquestioningly helps him hack into it.
- A Merry War** (1997, UK). Richard E. Grant as Gordon Comstock is pursuing a Bohemian lifestyle in 1930s London. He finds out his girlfriend is pregnant, so he goes to the public library and asks for books on childbirth. The librarian (Joan Blackham) tells him that those books are not for the general public. "I'm not the general public," he corrects her. "I'm the father of an unborn child."
- Michael Collins** (1996, UK/Ireland/US). Interior scenes of the reinstated Irish parliament were shot in Trinity College Library's 1937 Reading Room.
- Micky McGee Hates to Read!** (2010). Dean E. Mehling as Dr. Meanandevil wants to destroy books in the public library and replace them with his own. But first he must find one child who refuses to read. Reluctant reader Micky McGee (Colin Arians) is transported to the library, where he meets four famous authors. Stephen Howard is the spirit of the library and Michael Patton is a librarian.
- The Middle** (May 19, 2010, TV series), "Average Rules." Betty White plays a stereotypical school librarian (Mrs. Nethercott, complete with pink cardigan, I Heart Books pin, and reading glasses on a necklace) who threatens to hold back from the third grade Brick (Atticus Shaffer), an intelligent but absent-minded boy who loves to read, because he has 31 books overdue.
- Midsomer Murders** (September 22, 2010, UK, TV series), "The Silent Land." When unlikeable March Magna Senior Librarian Gerald Ebbs (uncredited) is found dead in a cemetery, Librarian Assistant Sarah Sharp (played by Christina Cole) succeeds him in the job.
- Millionaires in Prison** (1940). Donald Kerr is a prison library clerk.
- Mindkiller** (1987). A studious library clerk (Joe McDonald as Warren McDaniels) reads a manuscript about the power of the mind and develops amazing telekinetic abilities that backfire horrifically when monsters erupt from his mutated brain. Wade Kelley is coworker Larry Bicket and George Flynn is Library Director Mr. Townsend.
- Miranda** (2002, UK/Germany). Lonely British librarian Frank (played by John Simm) meets the mysterious Miranda (Christina Ricci) when she walks into the "library" (actually a counter and a bookcart). He soon learns that she leads a secret life.
- The Mirror Has Two Faces** (1996). One scene shows Columbia University's Butler Library.
- MirrorMask** (2005, US/UK). Teenage circus worker Helena (Stephanie Leonidas) becomes trapped in an imaginary world of her own making. In her quest to return home, she searches for a "useful book" in a library where the librarian (Stephen Fry) is part human and part puppet. He insists that patrons use a net to catch information, because the books literally fly off the shelf, and he gives her *A Really Useful Book* that continues to provide advice to deal with whatever situation she is in.
- The Misadventures of Margaret** (1998, France/UK/US). Kerry Shale plays a librarian.
- The Misadventures of Merlin Jones** (1964). Tommy Kirk as Midvale College student Merlin Jones gets an electric shock that causes him to hear other people's thoughts. He goes to the college library, but hears so many random thoughts that he jumps up and shouts, "Quiet!" An uncredited librarian shushes him, and he gets into a shoving match with Norman Grabowski as a football player, knocking over three ranges of bookshelves.
- Misery** (1990). Richard Farnsworth as Sheriff Buster goes to the public library to look through bound volumes of the *Rocky Mountain Gazette* for accounts of the murder trial of Annie Wilkes (Kathy Bates).
- Mr. Belvedere Rings the Bell** (1951). As part of a plan to make the residents of an old folks' home feel younger, Mr. Belvedere (Clifton Webb) visits the local public library to steal a Tibetan postage stamp. Dorothy Neumann as the thin, mousy librarian leaves him alone with a presumably special collection.
- Mr. Magoo** (1997). Leslie Nielsen as the nearsighted Mr. Magoo is the only witness to the theft of a rare jewel from a museum (actually the Vancouver Public Library).

- Mr. Moto in Danger Island** (1939). Renie Riano plays a librarian at the San Juan (Puerto Rico) Public Library. She unquestioningly gives Mr. Moto (Peter Lorre) and Twister McGurk (Warren Hymer) the names of books checked out by a murdered U.S. investigator.
- Mr. Sycamore** (1975). Jean Simmons plays librarian Estelle Benbow. She becomes a secret confidante of a mailman (Jason Robards Jr. as John Gwilt) who wants to become a tree.
- Ms. Bear** (1997, Germany/Canada). Carolyn Tweedle plays a librarian.
- Molly** (1999). Autistic Molly McKay (Elisabeth Shue) undergoes an experimental procedure that initially improves her quality of life. Later in a library, however, the turning of pages by other patrons becomes loud and upsetting to her.
- Mommy's Day** (1997). Judy Mull plays a library teacher.
- Mona Lisa Smile** (2003). Yale University's Sterling Memorial Library serves as a stand-in for Wellesley College in the 1950s, where student Katherine Ann Watson (Julia Roberts) researches abstract art.
- Monkey Trouble** (1994, US/Japan). Julie Payne plays a goofy public librarian who freaks when a monkey pops out of Eva's (Thora Birch's) backpack, but she uses her computer to quickly come up with the information on capuchin monkeys. Amazingly for 1994, her computer contains a database of monkey photos that seem to link directly to library books.
- Monty Python's Flying Circus** (December 21, 1969, UK, TV series), "Gorilla Librarian" sketch. A man in a gorilla suit named Mr. Phipps (Eric Idle) appears before a selection committee to apply for the job of a librarian. Graham Chapman explains, "I don't believe that libraries should be drab places where people sit in silence, and that's been the main reason for our policy of employing wild animals as librarians."
- Morning Glory** (1993, made for TV). Miss Beasley (Nina Foch) is a nice small-town librarian who helps a newcomer (Christopher Reeve as ex-con Will Parker) do some research on bees. But she won't give him a library card because he can't prove residency. Later she gives him a job as the library maintenance man.
- Mortal Transfer [Mortel transfert]** (2001, France/Germany). André Chaumeau and Dominique Marcas play librarians.
- Moscow on the Hudson** (1984). Robin Williams as Soviet defector Vladimir Ivanoff takes shelter from a rainstorm with some friends in front of the Tompkins Square branch of the New York Public Library.
- Most Wanted** (1997). David Basulto is a library security guard.
- Mother of Tears [La terza madre]** (2007, Italy/US). Asia Argento as assistant art museum curator Sarah Mandy consults Roman libraries to uncover legends about the returning Mater Lacrimarum, who seems determined to destroy the city with an army of demons.
- The Mothman Prophecies** (2002). One scene was filmed in the library at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh.
- Movie Movie** (1978). In the "Baxter's Beauties of 1933" segment, Trish Van Devere plays Betsy McGuire, librarian at the New York Public Library.
- The Mummy** (1999). Rachel Weisz plays Evelyn Carnahan, a young Egyptologist and librarian in Cairo in the 1920s who becomes involved in a dangerous, action-packed adventure to kill the mummy that has returned to take its revenge on the world. In an early scene she manages to topple all the ranges of books in the library ("Oops!"). Her drunken declaration, "I may not be an explorer or an adventurer or a treasure seeker or a gunfighter, Mr. O'Connell, but I am proud of what I am. I . . . am . . . a librarian!" is inspirational. It is her linguistic skill and knowledge that help the seekers find the lost city of Hamunaptra.
- Murder in Three Acts** (1986, made for TV). Peter Ustinov as Hercule Poirot discovers a secret passageway in a private library in Acapulco, Mexico.
- Murder in Trinidad** (1934). Jesse Graves plays a library custodian.
- Murder, She Said** (1962, UK). Stringer Davis as village librarian Mr. Stringer appears as Miss Marple's friend in this and other Margaret Rutherford interpretations of Agatha Christie's sleuth.
- Murder Story** (1989, Netherlands/UK). Hetty Van Ede plays a librarian.

- [The Music Man](#)** (1962). Shirley Jones as Marian (the librarian) Paroo tries to expose Robert Preston as a con man: “Professor Harold Hill, Gary Conservatory of Music, class of ’05. Harold, there wasn’t any Gary Conservatory of Music in ’05. . . . The town wasn’t even built until ’06.” But she is prudish, slams library books around, tears pages out of journals, wields a rubber stamp like a Soviet bureaucrat, is completely inept at handling problem patrons, and tries to interest the locals in Balzac and Chaucer when they would be better off with Mark Twain.
- [The Music Man](#)** (2003, made for TV). Kristin Chenoweth plays River City (Iowa) Public Librarian Marian Paroo.
- [Mutiny in the Big House](#)** (1939). Charles Bickford as prison reformer Father Joe Collins finds young check forger Johnny (Dennis Moore) work in the prison library. His plan backfires when hardened criminal Red Manson (Barton MacLane) uses a library book to formulate a coded message of instructions for a prison break. Stool-pigeon Del (Eddie Foster) shows a guard a page from the book and prison officials believe that Johnny is involved in the plot.
- [My Afternoons with Margueritte \[La tête en friche\]](#)** (2010, France). A village librarian (Hélène Coulon) helps Germain Chazes (Gérard Depardieu) find some good reading material.
- [My Bodyguard](#)** (1980). Dorothy Scott plays a librarian.
- [My Boyfriend’s Back](#)** (1993). Melissa Taub appears briefly as a “beefy girl” in the school library. Scenes were filmed at C. D. Fulkes Middle School in Round Rock, Texas.
- [My Dog Vincent](#)** (1998, Canada). Erica plays a library staffer.
- [My Louisiana Sky](#)** (2001, made for TV). Maureen Kirkpatrick is a librarian.
- [My Name Is Yu Ming \[Yu Ming Is Ainm Dom\]](#)** (2003, Ireland, short). Daniel Wu as Chinese convenience store clerk Yu Ming is not content with his life. He goes to a library and spins a globe; when it stops, his finger falls on Ireland. He teaches himself Gaelic and flies to Dublin. Jian Hua Ma plays a librarian.
- [My Science Project](#)** (1985). John Stockwell as high school student Michael Harlan goes to the school library to research time travel. Linda Hoy plays a school librarian; Raphael Sbarge as nerdy student Sherman is a library aide. Filmed at Van Nuys (Calif.) High School.
- [My Secret Cache \[Himitsu no hanazono\]](#)** (1997, Japan). Mari Hamada plays a librarian.
- [My Side of the Mountain](#)** (1969). A young boy (Ted Eccles as Sam Gibley) runs away from home to live in Quebec’s Laurentian Mountains. Local librarian Miss Turner (Tudi Wiggins) protects the boy’s secret and helps him find information on survival and falconry. Library scenes were filmed in the Pettes Memorial Library in Knowlton, Quebec.
- [My Super Ex-Girlfriend](#)** (2006). One scene takes place in a New York design firm’s library where Anna Faris as Hannah Lewis is shelving books.
- [My Super Psycho Sweet 16](#)** (2009, made for TV). Carmen Matheny is a high school library aide. Filmed in the Henry W. Grady High School in Atlanta.
- [My Week with Marilyn](#)** (2011, UK/US). Derek Jacobi plays Sir Owen Morshead, the royal librarian at Windsor Castle. He gives Colin Clark (Eddie Redmayne) and Marilyn Monroe (Michelle Williams) a tour. Monroe says, “Gee, I’d sure like to read all these books.”
- [Mysterious Skin](#)** (2004, US/Netherlands). Brady Corbet as Brian thinks he was abducted by aliens during a Little League game, so he spends much of his time in the library researching the incident.
- [Mystery Broadcast](#)** (1943). Francis Pierlot plays Mr. Crunch, newspaper librarian at *The Chronicle*. By looking at back issues, radio detective Jan Cornell (Ruth Terry) comes up with clues to a 10-year-old unsolved murder, and Crunch locates a photograph that identifies the murderer.
- [The Mystic Masseur](#)** (2001, UK/India/US). Formerly famous Trinidadian-Indian author and healer Ganesh Ramsumair (played by Aasif Mandvi) is shown the wonders of the Bodleian Library in Oxford in 1954.
- [N \(Io e Napoleone\)](#)** (2006, Italy/Spain/France). Elio Germano as young Martino Papucci gets a job as librarian/secretary to Napoleon (Daniel Auteuil) in exile on Elba in 1814–1815. He hates Napoleon, but begins to respect him when he starts recording the emperor’s memoirs.

- [Nailed](#)** (2001). Rachel Blanchard as Kelly Sherman goes to a public library and asks for a book on how to make a family work. A librarian (Janne Peters) refers her to a book titled *Family*.
- [Naked in the 21st Century](#)** (2004). This quasi-documentary features nudist librarian Douglas Dunning.
- [The Name of the Rose](#)** (1986, Italy/France/West Germany). Volker Prechtel plays Malachia, the librarian of a Benedictine abbey in northern Italy in 1327 and a conspirator in the plot to keep secret the existence of a copy of Aristotle's lost second book of *Poetics*, which deals with comedic verse. Since the monks believe that laughter is a Satanic distraction, they keep the book sequestered in the library's labyrinthine tower (violating Ranganathan's "Books are for use" law), and one of them has poisoned the pages, causing the deaths of several sneaky readers, including Malachia himself. Michael Habeck is Brother Berengar, a gay assistant librarian.
- [The Namesake](#)** (2006, US/India). A Bengali family settles in New York City and struggles to become assimilated while retaining their traditions and cultural identity. Ashima, the mother (played by Tabu), takes a job in a library. The library scene was filmed at the Nyack (N.Y.) Public Library.
- [The Nasty Girl \[Das schreckliche Mädchen\]](#)** (1990, West Germany). Lena Stolze as German high school student Sonja tries to find out about her town's Nazi past. Michael Schreiner and Beate Anna Wieser are unhelpful Bavarian librarians.
- [National Treasure](#)** (2004). Two thieves (Nicolas Cage as Benjamin Franklin Gates and Justin Bartha as Riley Poole) do some research in the Library of Congress, trying to find a way to break into the National Archives so they can steal the Declaration of Independence. Diane Kruger plays Abigail Chase, the US Archivist (with a foreign accent) who helps them.
- [National Treasure: Book of Secrets](#)** (2007). Treasure hunters Nicolas Cage as Benjamin Franklin Gates and Justin Bartha as Riley Poole find the Book of Secrets, which contains the handwriting of every president from Washington to Clinton, in the Library of Congress.
- [Navy Blues](#)** (1937). Dick Purcell as sailor Rusty Gibbs takes out librarian Doris Kimbell (Mary Brian), who has a reputation as a cold fish, to the Crow's Nest Cafe. As a cover, Rusty checks out a book on algebra in which Doris's beau and secret Nazi spy Julian Everett (Edward Woods) seems unusually interested. Doris soon transforms herself into a ravishing beauty, but Julian kidnaps her from the library.
- [Necronomicon](#)** (1993, US/France). Author H. P. Lovecraft (Jeffrey Combs) goes to a monastery library where a copy of the dreaded *Necronomicon* is held in a vault. The library is run by the chief librarian (Tony Azito) and his attendant (Juan Fernández). Lovecraft asks to read a volume of an alchemical encyclopedia, steals a key, then goes to the cellar to find the book. He reads three stories from it, which become a trilogy of reenacted Lovecraftian tales.
- [Nemesis Game](#)** (2003, Canada/New Zealand/UK). While she is studying in the library, University of Toronto student Sara Novak (Carly Pope) is handed a card depicting the Hindu avatar Nemesis by fellow student Jeremy Curran (Jay Baruchel). The card is an invitation to a game of riddles and clues.
- [Never Been Kissed](#)** (1999). Drew Barrymore as undercover reporter Josie Geller talks in the high school library to her friend Sheila (Marissa Jaret Winokur) about getting a date to the prom.
- [The Neverending Story III](#)** (1994, US/Germany). Hiding from school bullies The Nasties, Bastian Bux (Jason James Richter) finds his favorite book *The Neverending Story* in the library, where it is later discovered by gang leader Slip (Jack Black). School librarian Mr. Coreander (Freddie Jones) explains that "Shushing is the job of a librarian."
- [The New Guy](#)** (2002). DJ Qualls as Dizzy Harrison is a geeky new high school student who gets an erection talking to a cheerleader. A bunch of jocks pull his underpants over his head and push him toward school librarian Mrs. Whitman (Justine Johnston), who grabs his crotch, calls it a weapon, and threatens to show it to the principal. He later complains to a prison inmate: "Yesterday an 80-year-old librarian broke my penis!"
- [New Port South](#)** (2001). Stephanie Weir plays a high school librarian. Filmed at Libertyville (Ill.) High School.
- [The New World](#)** (2005, US/UK). Oxford University's Bodleian Library serves as the entrance to the British royal court in the early 17th century.



- [The Next Three Days](#)** (2010, US/France). Russell Crowe as English teacher John Brennan goes to the Community College of Allegheny County library in Pittsburgh to research prison escapes. After consulting the *Handbook on Prisons*, he searches in the online catalog and discovers *Over the Walls* by Damon Pennington (Liam Neeson), whom he later meets in Brooklyn. John P. Gross plays a student in the library.
- [Nico the Unicorn](#)** (1988, Canada/US). Leni Parker is a librarian.
- [Night at the Museum](#)** (2006, US/UK). Ben Stiller as Museum of Natural History night security guard Larry Daley goes to a library to read about Attila the Hun and other characters who come to life in the museum at night.
- [Night Corridor \[Yao ye hui lang\]](#)** (2003, Hong Kong). Feng Ku plays Mr. Luk, a creepy night caretaker at a gothic library in Hong Kong. David Smith is a curator.
- [Night of Anubis](#)** (2005, short). Chuck Lofrano plays a librarian.
- [Night of Mystery](#)** (1937). Grant Richards as detective Philo Vance solves some murders at the Greene Mansion by investigating the mansion library and finding out that someone has been reading about criminology, poisons, hysterical paralysis, and sleepwalking.
- [Night of the Sinner](#)** (2009, Italy/Spain). Ivana Miño as young rare-books librarian Rebecca flies to Italy to assess the collection of a prince (Robert Englund) for insurance purposes. She discovers a mysterious diary written by another librarian named Lara (Olga Shuvalova) and decides to unravel its secrets.
- [The Night Strangler](#)** (1973, made for TV). Darren McGavin as reporter Carl Kolchak visits the library of the *Seattle Daily Chronicle*, curated by Titus Barry (played by an uncredited Wally Cox), who points out the similarities in a current string of murders to a series that took place in 1952 and says: “Research, that’s where the joy lies.”
- [Nightfall](#)** (1999). Jeff Rector as detective Jack Talbot goes to a library in Salt Lake City to read about vampires and is helped by librarian Reb Fleming.
- [A Nightmare on Elm Street](#)** (1984). The Cahengua branch of the Los Angeles Public Library serves as the set for the 5th Precinct police station where Lieut. Donald Thompson (John Saxon) works.
- 9** (2009). After all human life disappears from earth, a group of rag dolls comes to life in this animated feature and fights for survival against machines intent on their destruction. The mute twin dolls 3 and 4 live in an old library. They devise an ingenious system for cataloging and retrieving information: They fill a book with pictures and scraps of articles, then connect the page with a string that leads to the information on the shelf. Conveniently, they have projectors for eyes so they can replay audiovisual information.
- [1942: A Love Story](#)** (1994, India). Anil Kapoor as Narendra Singh sings “Rooth Na Jaana” to Manisha Koirala as Rajeshwari Pathak in a library.
- [1988: The Remake](#)** (1977). Middle-aged librarian Ed Nylund learns that he has cancer and decides to put on a remake of the musical *Showboat*.
- [The Ninth Gate](#)** (1999, US/Spain/France). Johnny Depp as rare-book dealer Dean Corso tries to track down copies of a demonic text titled *The Nine Gates of the Kingdom of the Shadows*, published in Venice in 1666 by Aristide Torchia. His search takes him to several libraries and archives.
- [No Man of Her Own](#)** (1932). Card sharp Babe Stewart (Clark Gable) is on the lam and goes into the Glendale (Calif.) Public Library. After getting his library card, readers’ advisory librarian Connie Randall (Carole Lombard) helps him look for an appropriate book. He ogles Lombard’s legs while she stands on a ladder to reach a book on a high shelf. Lillian Harmer is another librarian named Mattie.
- [No More Monkeys Jumpin’ on the Bed](#)** (2000, Canada). Nancy Sivak plays Claire, who is struggling to find a full-time job as a children’s librarian in Vancouver, British Columbia.
- [Noëlle](#)** (2007). This examination of the librarian stereotype focuses on Kerry Wall as small-town librarian Marjorie Worthington, whose scruffy librarian looks disqualify her for the role of Mary in a living nativity scene, according to the local priest (David Wall as Father Jonathan Keene) and her boyfriend (Curt Dewitz as Seth). She reads Charles Dickens’s *A Christmas Carol* to children in the library.

- The Norman Conquests** (1977, UK, TV miniseries). Tom Conti plays Norman, a randy, drunken librarian, in this trilogy of plays set in three different rooms of the same house during one weekend.
- Nothing Personal** (1980, Canada). A scene in which a nerdy-looking librarian assists a woman was filmed in the Ontario Legislative Library.
- Notre musique** (2004, France/Switzerland). An off-screen narrator recites the Charles Baudelaire poem “Correspondences” as the camera pans through the ruined Bosnian National Library in Sarajevo. Spanish novelist Juan Goytisolo wanders through the ruins and recites a poem about the better fate of the dead. Jean-Luc Godard is in Sarajevo to attend a European Literary Encounters conference; he comments to another attendee, “Humane people don’t start revolutions, they start libraries. And cemeteries.”
- Now and Then** (1995). In 1970, 12-year-old Roberta Martin (played by Christina Ricci) discovers from a newspaper in the Greenfield (Ind.) Public Library that her mother died in a car accident.
- Oblivion** (2013). Tom Cruise plays Jack, a drone repairman on a devastated, postapocalyptic earth in the year 2077. His foot gets snagged in a trap set as he explores the ruins of the New York Public Library’s Rose Reading Room. Julie Hardin plays a librarian (uncredited).
- Obselidia** (2010). A lonely librarian (Michael Piccirilli as George Ruben) believes love is obsolete. In his spare time at home he is writing *An Encyclopedia of Obsolete Things* on a typewriter, but he doesn’t include libraries as obsolete because home computers are not yet ubiquitous. A road trip to Death Valley with a beguiling cinema projectionist (Gaynor Howe as Sophie Fitzpatrick) gives him a new outlook. Linda Walton is a library coworker. Scenes were filmed at Santa Monica (Calif.) Public Library.
- Off Beat** (1986). Judge Reinhold plays Joe Gower, a New York Public Library circulation clerk who roller skates through the stacks to retrieve books. He asks for a promotion, but nasty library administrator Neil Pepper (John Turturro) blocks it. Other library staffers are Mary Ellen Gruenwald (Amy Wright) and Alvin (Jack Fletcher), who both work in the reading room.
- The Off Season** (2004). Christina Campanella as Kathryn Bennett gets a temporary job as a library assistant in a small Maine public library. A dream ghost hits her in the eye with a library book and knocks her out for a week. The librarians are played by Francine Pado as Claudette and Noah DeFilippis. Filmed in Old Orchard Beach, Maine.
- Old Gringo** (1989). Laurel Lyle plays a reference librarian in a Washington, D.C., library in 1913.
- The Old Guys** (July 9, 2010, UK, TV series), “Quiz.” Aging housemates Tom Finnan (Roger Lloyd-Pack) and Roy Bowden (Clive Swift) are determined to win a pub quiz to prove that their minds are still agile. They visit a library where Tom tries to impress Barbara the librarian (Cherie Lunghi) with his knowledge of literature.
- The Old Lady Who Walked in the Sea [La vieille qui marchait dans la mer]** (1991, France). Lara Guirao plays a librarian in Paris.
- Older Than America** (2008). Barbara Kingsley is a librarian at the Penmore County (Minn.) Historical Society. She brings out 1955 editions of the *Pine Knot* newspaper for government geologist Luke Peterson (Bradley Cooper), who is investigating an earthquake that occurred that year on the Fond du Lac Indian Reservation. He also looks at old photos of a government-run Indian boarding school. She makes him wear archival gloves for the newspapers, but not for the photos. The scenes were actually filmed at the Carlton County Historical Society in Cloquet, Minnesota.
- Oliver Sherman** (2010, Canada). Garret Dillahunt as combat veteran Sherman Oliver spends much of his time in the North Bay (Ont.) Public Library researching war.
- Oliver’s Travels** (June 11, 1995, UK, TV miniseries), “Looking for Aristotle.” One scene was filmed at the Cathays Library in Cardiff, Wales. Murial Pavlow plays a librarian.
- Olympia** (1998). Lee Hunsaker plays a Texas librarian.
- On a Clear Day** (2005, UK). Peter Mullan as laid-off shipworker Frank Redmond stumbles on fish-and-chips shop owner Chan (Benedict Wong) in the library and they seem to have a connection. Chan agrees to do some library research for Frank’s attempted English Channel swim.

**On Our Own Vesna [Na svoji Vesni]** (2002, Slovenia). Mitja Licen is Peter the librarian.

**On the Beach** (1959). After a nuclear war has devastated the northern hemisphere, the radiation moves into Melbourne, Australia. During a rally the Salvation Army drapes a banner over the front of the State Library of Victoria that reads, “There is still time . . . brother.”

**Once a Thief** (1997–1998, Canada, TV series). James Allodi plays Nathan Muckle, a librarian working for a shadowy government agency in Vancouver, British Columbia.

**Once Beautiful Past** (2008, short). In 1980, Henry Hall (Robin Calvert) is a reclusive librarian in Berkeley, California, who discovers on the eve of his second marriage that he has Alzheimer’s disease.

**Once Upon a Time . . . When We Were Colored** (1995). Young Cliff Taulbert (played by Ray J) grows up in the 1950s in a small town in the Mississippi Delta and finds that the public library is off-limits to blacks. But a friendly white woman (Polly Bergen as Miss Maybry) offers to check out all the books he can read, including Homer’s *The Iliad*, which he enjoys.

**Ondine** (2009, Ireland/US). Alison Barry as Annie goes to the library and checks out all the books she can find on selkies. Norma Sheahan plays a librarian.

**187** (1997). Harri James plays a librarian at John Quincy Adams High School in Los Angeles.

**One Missed Call** (2008, Japan/US/Germany). Azura Skye as Leann Cole is studying in the university library at closing time. She phones her friend and says, “I just got sprung from the stacks; my brain was mushing out.” Her friend Beth Raymond (Shannyn Sossamon) is in the library researching a mysterious hospital fire when she starts seeing some weird things. An uncredited librarian has a brief scene behind a desk. The library scenes were filmed at the Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta.

**1001 Inventions and the Library of Secrets** (2010, UK, short). Three teenagers are assigned by their teacher to research the impact of the Middle Ages on the modern world. In the library they meet a librarian (Ben Kingsley) who transforms himself into the 12th-century scholar Al-Jazari and enlightens them on the scientific and technological discoveries of the golden age of Muslim civilization.

**Only 38** (1923). Mrs. Stanley (played by Lois Wilson) becomes a widow with teenage twins to support. She sends them to college where she accepts a job as a librarian. To their dismay, she takes up with Prof. Charles Giddings (Elliott Dexter) and becomes a bit wild.

**Only Two Can Play** (1962, UK). Peter Sellers is John Lewis, librarian at the fictional Aberdarcy Public Library in Wales, who is easily distracted by shapely female patrons. After a disastrous affair with the wife of the chair of the Library Committee (Mai Zetterling as Elizabeth Gruffydd-Williams), he decides to drive a bookmobile, assisted by his wife Jean (Virginia Maskell). Kenneth Griffith is his nerdy colleague Ieuan Jenkins, and Graham Stark plays a pervert searching for dirty books in the library.

**Ophelia Learns to Swim** (2000). Dian Kobayashi is The Librarian, a superheroine who is a fount of knowledge.

**Oranges and Sunshine** (2010, UK/Australia). In 1986, Emily Watson as social worker Margaret Humphreys digs through records at libraries and archives looking for evidence of the UK government’s enforced deportation of children to Australia in the 1950s and 1960s. John Robinson is a library researcher.

**Ordeal by Innocence** (1984, UK). Donald Sutherland as American palaeontologist and amateur sleuth Arthur Calgary uses a British library in the 1950s to look at newspapers. An uncredited librarian checks in returned books.

**Order of the Daisy [Les compagnons de la marguerite]** (1967, France/Italy). Claude Rich is Jean-Louis Matouzec, who works in the document-restoration department of the National Library of France. He discovers that he can use his skills to alter his own marriage license and engage in a wife-swapping scheme. Andrée Servilanges plays Madame Henriot, a librarian.

**Osmosis Jones** (2001). In one scene, maverick white blood cell Osmosis Jones (Chris Rock) and cold pill Drix (David Hyde Pierce) are doing research in a library—the host’s Brain Memory Bank—whose librarian tells them that “we’re really all about sports statistics here.”

**Out of Sight** (1998). Richard Ripley (Albert Brooks) is getting shaken down in a Florida prison library by fellow convicts Maurice Miller (Don Cheadle) and Himey (James Black). Jack Foley (George Clooney) looks at them and points to a sign that says “Quiet please.” Later he hits Himey in the face with a big *Chilton’s Auto Repair* manual. Chuck Castlebery is a library guard who comes in and breaks it up. The scene was filmed at the Lincoln Heights Jail in Los Angeles.

**Out of the Body** (1989, Australia). Tessa Humphries as Neva St. Clair is a researcher in the University of Sydney library. Other characters apparently have offices and meeting rooms in the stacks. In one scene, books fly off the shelf and terrorize psychiatrist Lyddia Langton (Carrie Zivits).

**The Oxford Murders** (2008, Spain/UK/France). Martin (Elijah Wood) and Beth (Julie Cox) have an argument at Oxford University’s Bodleian Library.

**The Pagemaster** (1994). While seeking shelter inside a mysterious library from a storm, Richie Tyler (Macaulay Culkin) is knocked unconscious and mystically transported to an animated cartoon world of talking books representing Adventure, Fantasy, and Horror. The librarian Mr. Dewey (Christopher Lloyd) allows the three books to be checked out “just this once,” when the limit is two at a time. Dewey is also the Pagemaster, who tells Tyler that he must pass three tests to leave the library and return to his normal form.

**Painted Lady** (1997, UK/US, made for TV). Helen Mirren as Maggie Sheridan and Lesley Manville as Susie Peel examine prints of paintings by Italian Baroque artist Artemisia Gentileschi in the upstairs library of an art gallery.

**The Paper Chase** (1973). Timothy Bottoms as Harvard law student James T. Hart breaks into the library at night to read the class notes that his teacher Charles W. Kingsfield Jr. (John Houseman) took as a student. An uncredited law librarian tells him about a restricted area where professors’ notes are kept.

**Paperback Romance** (1994, Australia). Eddie (Anthony LaPaglia) falls for Sophie (Gia Carides) after hearing her musing aloud—and erotically (“I felt him devouring me”)—at a public library. But he doesn’t realize that she is a romance writer trying out lines and the plaster cast she’s wearing conceals the fact that her leg has been paralyzed since childhood by polio. Lynda Gibson plays Carol, a library clerk.

**Paranoia** (1998). Released serial killer Larry Drake as Calvin Hawks slits the throat of Librarian Jules (Seth Copans).

**ParaNorman** (2012). Bridget Hoffman is the voice of the librarian.

**Parks and Recreation** (November 5, 2009, TV series), “Ron and Tammy.” Amy Poehler as Leslie Knope and the rest of the parks department express hatred for the Pawnee (Ind.) Public Library, which Leslie declares a “diabolical, ruthless bunch of bureaucrats.” Tammy Swanson (Megan Mullally) is the new library deputy director, who seems sweet at first but acts crazy when she gets together with her ex-husband Ron Swanson (Nick Offerman).

**Parks and Recreation** (February 10, 2011, TV series), “Ron and Tammy: Part Two.” Ron Swanson (Nick Offerman) and his ex-wife Tammy—the psychopathic director of the Pawnee (Ind.) Public Library (played by Offerman’s actual wife, guest star Megan Mullally)—continue their hilarious, insane relationship. Tammy sexily slaps herself in the face with a piece of beef jerky, and Ron and Tammy do some dirty dancing.

**Party Girl** (1995). Mary (played by Parker Posey) asks her librarian godmother Judy Lindendorf (Sasha von Scherler) for bail money after she is arrested for throwing an illegal party. To repay the loan, she begins working as a clerk in a branch of the New York Public Library, dancing as she reshelves books. Scenes were actually shot in the Jersey City (N.J.) Public Library. Wanda (C. Francis Blackchild) helps train her. L. B. Williams is Howard, the assistant librarian. At first she hates it, but she then decides to master the DDC and go to library school. Mary dresses down a patron (Richard Topol) for reshelving a book. In one powerful speech, Lindendorf points out how Melvil Dewey hired women as librarians because the job did not require intelligence.

**The Party Never Stops: Diary of a Binge Drinker** (2007, Canada/US, made for TV). Insecure University of Victoria freshman student Jessie Brenner (Sara Paxton) sits at a library table with



girlfriends and asks, “Does anyone actually study in the library?” However, she goes there repeatedly. Scenes include an uncredited older librarian pushing a “stack maintenance” bookcart and Jessie blaming the library for her stolen phone.

**Patch Adams** (1998). Robin Williams as medical student Patch Adams spends time in the Virginia Medical University library as part of a study group. He is reading a book titled *The Business of Medicine*. The scene was filmed at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

**The Path of Evil** (2005). Rod Richards plays a librarian in Devil’s Lake, Oregon.

**Peeping Tom** (1960, UK). Anna Massey as Helen Stephens works in a children’s library in London but is ashamed to admit it. She is trying to write a children’s book about someone who has a “magic camera” that photographs people as they were when they were kids. She rents a downstairs room in the same house as a serial killer (Karlheinz Böhm as Mark Lewis) and comes to understand his perversions.

**Peggy** (1950). Charles Coburn as Professor Brookfield does some research on General Custer in a Pasadena library but gets upset when he finds the library does not have the papers he needs. Ellen Corby is librarian Mrs. Privet.

**The Pelican Brief** (1993). Library scenes were filmed in the main reading room and a third-floor study room of Georgetown University’s Edward Bennett Williams Law Library.

**A Pendragon legenda** (1974, Hungary). László Szacs vay is the librarian.

**Pendulum** (2001). Scarlett McAlister as Haley Porter is a law student who works in the library of a college where a law professor has been killed. She provides an alibi for two lesbian student suspects, Terry (Alaina Huffman) and Melissa (Stephanie Vogt).

**Penguin’s Memory [Shiawase monogatari]** (1985, Japan). Returning from the Vietnam War, a young male penguin named Mike Davis (voiced by Kôichi Satô) is suffering from PTSD. Leaving his home town, he winds up in Lake City and takes a quiet job in the public library, whose director is voiced by Akira Kume. Mike the Penguin was a Suntory beer advertising mascot in the 1980s.

**The Perfect Bride** (1991, made for TV). Robin Krieger is a librarian.

**The Perfect Nanny** (2000). Christopher Kriesa is a librarian.

**Perry Mason** (September 27, 1962, TV series), “The Case of the Bogus Books.” Detective Paul Drake (William Hopper) goes to the Cosgrove Library and receives a tutorial on rare book identification by the curator (Raymond Greenleaf), who points out that the supposed first edition of *Tristram Shandy* that he is handling is a forgery. Renee Godfrey plays a librarian.

**Personals** (1990, made for TV). Jennifer O’Neill plays Heather Moore, a serial-killer reference librarian who uses newspaper personal ads to find male victims. Terrence Slater is the library receptionist.

**Petticoat Junction** (October 6, 1964, TV series), “Have Library Will Travel.” Uncle Joe (Edgar Buchanan) has grown extremely fond of pretty librarian Phyllis Marsh (Dianne Foster), who has set up a traveling library in the baggage car of the Hooterville Cannonball.

**Petticoat Junction** (February 1, 1969, TV series), “The Cannonball Bookmobile.” Librarian Adelle Colby (Betty White) arrives in the valley to set up a new library. Janet Craig (June Lockhart) suggests that she set up a mobile library in the Hooterville Cannonball .

**The Phantom** (1996, Australia/US). New York librarian Dr. Fleming (Alan Zitner) passes on information to masked superhero The Phantom (Billy Zane) about special collections that the evil Xander Drax (Treat Williams) is researching. Drax tricks him into looking into a microscope with spring-loaded needles that blind him.

**The Phantom of the Opera** (1989). Ambitious singer and Juilliard student Christine Day (Jill Schoelen) is looking for a new piece of music for an audition. Her friend Meg (Molly Shannon) gives her an opera score for *Don Juan Triumphant* by Erik Destler that she finds in the rare books section of an old music library in New York.

**Phenomenon** (1996). After an encounter with a bright aerial light that knocks him out, Northern California mechanic George Malley (John Travolta) becomes an intellectual genius. He checks out six books a day from the local library and gives a demonstration of his new powers at the library book fair.

- Philadelphia** (1993). Tom Hanks as gay lawyer Andrew Beckett is stricken with AIDS and contemplates legal action after getting fired. At one point he is looking for information in a law library, but the insensitive librarian (Tracey Walter) is alarmed about his condition and tries to get him to use a private research room. The library is referred to as the University of Pennsylvania Law School Library, but it's really the Fine Arts Library, located a couple of blocks away.
- The Philadelphia Story** (1940). James Stewart as fast-talking reporter Macaulay Connor goes to a library and asks for local history materials and directions to the restroom. The Quaker librarian (Hilda Plowright) points the way.
- The Photograph** (2003). Jittery library patron Linda (Andrea Cohen) is obsessed with a photo of a movie star. She returns some books to the public library and has an uncanny experience in a basement reading room. Ellen the librarian (Barbara Bratton) tells her that the building sits on a site once occupied by Satan worshipers. A big book falls conveniently in front of her, and she has further unnerving experiences in a dank tunnel. Fatima Biriski plays Donna, a library clerk. Filmed in the Commerce (Tex.) Public Library.
- Pickup on South Street** (1953). Richard Widmark as petty thief Skip McCoy visits the New York Public Library to look at some microfilm that he pickpocketed from a woman on the subway. Jay Loft-Lyn is a library clerk who directs him to the microfilm readers.
- Picture Perfect** (1997). The New York Public Library is the scene of the Gulden's Mustard party where Kate Mosley (Jennifer Aniston) first becomes disillusioned with the advertising world.
- The Pink Chiquitas** (1987, Canada). A pink meteorite crashes to earth near Beamsville and turns women into nymphomaniacs. Librarian Mary Ann Kowalski (Elizabeth Edwards) is transformed into a hot vixen who wants to take over the town by running for mayor. Her boyfriend TV meteorologist Clip Bacardi (Bruce Pirrie) goes to the library to read up on meteorites. Caroline Neilson is another library staffer.
- Pirate Kids II: The Search for the Silver Skull** (2006). Betty Ann Austin plays a librarian.
- The Pit** (1981, Canada). 12-year-old disturbed student Jamie Benjamin (played by Sammy Snyders) cuts a nude photo out of a photography book from the Williams Free Library and pastes an image of librarian Marg Livingstone's head (Laura Hollingsworth) on top of it on a slip of paper. He secretly watches her as she discovers it. Later, he tricks her into stripping in front of a window at her home. John Auten is a library janitor, and Cindy Auten is a library clerk. The library interiors were filmed at the Wayland Academy in Beaver Dam, Wisconsin.
- Pizza: The Movie** (2004). Craig Wisniewski as high-school graduate Kevin Miller works in a library for a horny, matronly supervisor.
- Plain Clothes** (1988). Arliss Howard as policeman Nick Dunbar uses a high school library to solve a teacher's murder.
- La plante humaine** (1996, Canada/France). This combination animation and live action film follows a day in the life of a retired librarian.
- Playroom** (1990). Olivera Viktorovic is a librarian in a Serbian monastery.
- Pleasantville** (1998). Teenagers David and Jennifer (Tobey Maguire and Reese Witherspoon) are sucked into their TV sets and transported to Pleasantville in the 1950s where everything is black and white. Books in the library are blank, but when residents open their minds, color breaks out. The books become useful again and the library is the most popular place in town, with teenagers lining up outside the door. But the town council has other ideas, and library books are looted and burned.
- Poison Friends [Les amitiés maléfiques]** (2006, France). Natacha Régnier as Marguerite is a popular-literature student who works as a clerk at the Sorbonne Nouvelle university library in Paris. She discovers a love letter from another student tucked into a book.
- Polska śmierć** (1995, Poland). Igor Przegrodzki plays a library director.
- Porn 'n Chicken** (2002, made for TV). A Yale University club called Porn 'n Chicken, which screens porn films while its members eat fried chicken, thinks up a stunt to film a porno called "The StaXXX" in the Sterling Memorial Library.

- Portlandia** (January 21, 2011, TV series), Hide and Seek sketch, “Farm.” Two rival teams in Portland’s Adult Hide-and-Seek League, the Sherlock Holmies and the Punky Bruisers, play a competition match in the reading room of the Portland Community College library.
- Positive I.D.** (1986). Stephanie Rascoe as housewife Julie Kenner goes to a library to look through bound newspapers.
- Possessed** (2000, made for TV). Joan Heney plays a librarian nun.
- Possession** (2002, US/UK). American scholar Roland Michell (Aaron Eckhart) is researching Victorian poet Randolph Henry Ash (fictional) in the London Library and finds a letter from the poet to his mistress stuffed in a book. He hides from the librarian (Hugh Simon), zips around the stacks on a rolling chair, and steals the letter. Both he and British women’s studies professor Maud Bailey (Gwyneth Paltrow) handle unique manuscripts without wearing gloves.
- The Possession of Joel Delaney** (1972). Shirley MacLaine as Norah Benson goes to the New York Public Library to look at newspapers on microfilm to find information about some recent murders featuring decapitated victims.
- Pretty in Pink** (1986). Blane McDonnagh (Andrew McCarthy) sends a pre-internet text message and graphics to high school student Andie Walsh (Molly Ringwald) when she is sitting in the library using a computer.
- A Previous Engagement** (2008, Canada/Malta/UK). Juliet Stevenson plays bored Seattle librarian Julia Reynolds, who talks her husband into a second honeymoon on Malta. But she has a secret agenda: a date made 25 years earlier with her first love, Frenchman Alex Belmont (Tchéky Karyo).
- Prick Up Your Ears** (1987, UK). Playwright Joe Orton (Gary Oldman) and his roommate Kenneth Halliwell (Alfred Molina) write obscene messages in books at the Islington South Library in London in 1962. Librarians Miss Battersby (Selina Cadell) and Mr. Cunliffe (Charles McKeown) call the cops on them, and they are jailed for six months.
- Pride and Prejudice** (1940). Melville Cooper plays Mr. Collins, the personal librarian to Lady Catherine de Bourgh (Edna May Oliver).
- Primary Colors** (1998, US/France/UK/Germany/Japan). Allison Janney plays Marion Walsh, a New York school librarian who teaches adult literacy classes. She invites presidential candidate Gov. Jack Stanton (John Travolta) to sit in and observe. Later she is seen exiting his hotel room.
- The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie** (1969, UK). Isla Cameron plays Miss McKenzie, a school librarian in Edinburgh. She scolds two girls for giggling in the library, saying “This is a library, not a fun fair.”
- Primer** (2004). Aaron (Shane Carruth) and Abe (David Sullivan) use the Richardson (Tex.) Public Library to research stock market trades.
- The Prince and Me** (2004, US/Czech). Julia Stiles as farm girl Paige Morgan and Luke Mably as foreign exchange student Eddie make out in the stacks of a library at the University of Wisconsin. Scenes were filmed at the University of Toronto’s E. J. Pratt Library.
- Princess Protection Program** (2009, made for TV). Samantha Droke as Brooke asks the librarian in her high school library in Lake Monroe, Louisiana, for some easy reading in Spanish. In an issue of *¡Estilo!* Magazine, she discovers that her classmate Rosie Gonzalez (Demi Lovato) is actually the relocated Princess of Costa Luna, Rosalinda Montoya, in hiding from an attempted coup.
- Principal Takes a Holiday** (1998, US/Canada, made for TV). Jonathan Young is a high school librarian.
- Prism** (2007). Stephanie Vukadinovich and Judy Lee Watts play librarians.
- The Prodigal** (1983). Ian Bannen plays Riley Wyndham, an author who reads in the library.
- P.R.O.F.S.** (1985, France). Teachers in a French high school use the library as a place to play poker, to the consternation of librarian Josyane (Charlotte Julian). Christophe Bourseiller is Francis Ceze, the lazy deputy librarian.
- The Program** (1993). Omar Epps as football player Darnell Jefferson studies at the university library with Autumn Haley (Halle Berry).
- Prometheus** (2012, US/UK). Charlize Theron as Meredith Vickers, mission director of the spacecraft *USS Prometheus*, has a library in her quarters in which the book spines face inwards.

**Psych** (December 1, 2010, TV series), “Dual Spires.” Sherilyn Fenn plays an enigmatic librarian, Maudette Hornsby, in a satiric tribute to David Lynch’s *Twin Peaks*. A close look at the Dual Spires Public Library shelves reveals a mix of Dewey and LC class numbers as well as extremely poor volume arrangement.

**Psychoville** (May 5, 2011, UK, TV series), “Survivors.” Reece Shearsmith is Jeremy Goode, a librarian who is obsessed with the return of the overdue book *50 Great Coastal Walks of the British Isles, Vol. 2* by a woman who claims she lost it. When angry or paranoid, he sees a figure he calls the Silent Singer, a jagged-toothed man dressed in braided pigtails who pretends to sing into a cane.

**Public Access** (1993). A small town named Brewster is stirred up by a stranger (Ron Marquette as Whiley Pritchler) who launches a program on the local public access TV station that explores the dark side of the town. He dates Rachel, the shy, young librarian (Dina Brooks), who complains to him about the murder of a gay teacher.

**Pulse** (2006). Josh (Jonathan Tucker) enters a university library in Ohio intending to meet his friend Douglas Zeiglar (Kel O’Neill). He rides the elevator down to a lower level and is attacked in the dimly-lit stacks by a half-seen spirit that sucks the life force out of him.

**Pump Up the Volume** (1990). Christian Slater as student Mark Hunter returns a book, Lenny Bruce’s *How to Talk Dirty and Influence People*, to the high school library. Library clerk Nora Diniro (Samantha Mathis) tells him he owes 25 cents.

**Putting It Over** (1919). Shirley Mason as librarian Mary Stacey falls in love with a practical-joking soda jerk.

**Quatermass and the Pit** (1967, UK). Noel Hewlett plays a librarian at Westminster Abbey who translates a medieval Latin manuscript for Prof. Bernard Quatermass (Andrew Keir) that helps him explain mysterious occurrences in a London Underground station.

**Queen of the Damned** (2002, US/Australia). Stuart Townsend as the Vampire Lestat is astonished by the intellect of a researcher at the Talamasca institute for paranormal studies. As she leaves the room, he says, “Well, that makes you a very clever librarian, Talamascan.”

**Queen to Play [Joueuse]** (2009, France/Germany). Chambermaid turned avid chess player Hélène (played by Sandrine Bonnaire) competes in a tournament held in the Bibliothèque Fesch, the rare book hall of the municipal library of Ajaccio, Corsica.

**Quiet Please, Murder** (1942). Nazis and art thieves complicate things in a public library on K Street in Washington, D.C. Lynne Roberts as librarian Kay Ryan helps private eye Hal McByrne (Richard Denning) nab Jim Fleg (George Sanders) who is trying to loot the rare books room to produce forged copies. Byron Foulger plays head reference librarian Edmund Walpole, a mousy fellow who panics when the air-raid sirens go off—even though he is fearless as an air-raid warden. Other librarians are Fern Emmett as Miss Philbert, Margaret Brayton as Miss Oval, and Mae Marsh as Miss Hartwig. George Melford, Frank O’Connor, and Pat O’Malley are library guards.

**Quiz Show** (1994). Anthony Fusco is a librarian.

**Rabbit Hole** (2010). Nicole Kidman as Becca is following high school student Jason (Miles Teller) whom she recognizes as the driver of the car that hit her four-year-old son months earlier. She unexpectedly meets up with him in the library, where he confronts her. She checks out the book Jason had been reading, *Parallel Universes*. Marylouise Burke plays a librarian.

**The Race for the Double Helix** (1987, US/UK, made for TV). Jeff Goldblum as Jim Watson and Tim Pigott-Smith as Francis Crick use a library to find a paper by Linus Pauling. They sit on the floor in the stacks and talk to the librarian.

**Race with the Devil** (1975). Alice Stewart (Loretta Swit) and Kelly Marsh (Lara Parker) steal two books, one of them *The Encyclopedia of Witchcraft and Demonology*, from a Texas public library because the librarian and secret Satanist (Joyce King) says they are reference books and do not circulate.

**Racing Daylight** (2007). Melissa Leo as librarian Sadie Stokes returns to her hometown to take care of her ailing grandmother, but she soon begins to have hallucinations about her Civil War ancestor.



- [Racing with the Moon](#)** (1984). Elizabeth McGovern plays Caddie Winger, a part-time Mendocino, California, public library staffer in 1942. She works with librarian Mrs. Spangler (Patricia Allison). Marine inductee Henry Nash (Sean Penn) accidentally knocks over a range of shelving containing books on religion.
- [The Racket](#)** (1951). Harriet Matthews plays a librarian.
- [Ragtime](#)** (1981). The J. P. Morgan Library in New York City is taken over by enraged ragtime pianist Coalhouse Walker (played by Howard E. Rollins Jr.). Library director Vernon Elliott (Herman Meckler) demands that the police not destroy any books when they assault the building and threatens to go to the President. John Sterland plays a library guard.
- [Raiders of the Living Dead](#)** (1986). Zita Johann plays a librarian who fills in a reporter on the ghastly history of Rockmoore Prison.
- [Raining in the Mountain \[Kong shan ling yu\]](#)** (1979, Taiwan/Hong Kong). During the Ming Dynasty, the worldly Esquire Wen and the fearsome General Wang arrive at the Three Treasures Temple with the aim of stealing the temple library's copy of a priceless religious scroll.
- [Rampart](#)** (2011). Woody Harrelson as corrupt cop David Douglas Brown meets with retired cop Hartshorn (Ned Beatty) in the Los Angeles Law Library. When he slams the table, a patron shushes him.
- [Rape! \[Okasu!\]](#)** (1976, Japan). A young, innocent librarian (played by Natsuko Yashiro) is brutally raped in an elevator.
- [Rare Books and Manuscripts](#)** (2005, UK, short). In the reading room of the British Library, Jess (Neve McIntosh) falls in love with the gorgeous Heinz (Ian Mosby). Too shy to talk to him, she starts sending him books spelling out her feelings for him. But she starts receiving books in return—and they are not from Heinz.
- [Read or Die](#)** (2001, Japan, anime video). This series consists of three episodes of a popular series about a superheroine (Yomiko Readman or “The Paper,” voiced by Kimberley Yates in the English version) who paranormally manipulates paper into weapons, shields, or any other tools she happens to need. She is a substitute teacher attached to the Royal British Library's Division of Special Operations. A madman has discovered, concealed in a rare German book, the score for a lost Beethoven symphony that, when played, causes listeners to commit suicide. Another British Library special agent (Nancy “Miss Deep” Mukuhari, voiced by Amanda Winn Lee) is a bit clumsy.
- [The Reader](#)** (2008, US/Germany). Kate Winslet as Hanna Schmitz is sent to prison for murders she was held responsible for as an SS guard 20 years earlier. She learns to read in the prison library, where Carmen-Maja Antoni is the librarian.
- [The Reading Room](#)** (2005, made for TV). James Earl Jones plays affluent suburbanite widower William Campbell, who honors his wife's dying wish by opening up a reading room in a gang-dominated inner city neighborhood and donating his extensive library.
- [The Real Howard Spitz](#)** (1998, UK/Canada). Kelsey Grammer as would-be children's book author Howard Spitz reads kid lit in the library. Ciel Crosby as the librarian gives him a nasty look.
- [RED](#)** (2010). Ex-CIA agent Frank Moses (Bruce Willis) recognizes the mysterious numbers on a postcard as the Harvard-Yenching call number of a book in the Bobst Library at New York University. He goes to the library (actually Toronto Public Library) and finds the book, which contains a list of agents involved in a dirty war in Guatemala in the 1980s.
- [Red Dragon](#)** (2002, USA/Germany). Ken Leung as FBI Detective Lloyd Bowman visits the Library of Congress to track down the source of a coded message placed in a newspaper by imprisoned serial killer Hannibal Lecter (Anthony Hopkins). The scene was actually filmed at the Pasadena (Calif.) Public Library.
- [Red Hot](#)** (1993, Canada). Mara Zemdega is a Russian music librarian.
- [Red Roses and Petrol](#)** (2003). Malcolm McDowell plays Irish poet and university librarian Enda Doyle, whose family gathers for his wake in Dublin after his death and begins to unravel his secrets.
- [The Red Violin \[Le violon rouge\]](#)** (1998, Canada/Italy/UK/US/Austria). One segment was filmed in Radcliffe Camera, Bodleian Library, Oxford University.

**Regarding Henry** (1991). Harrison Ford as lawyer Henry Turner has lost his memory from a brain injury resulting from a gunshot wound. His tween daughter Rachel (Mikki Allen) takes him to the New York Public Library, but he flicks wadded-up call slips at her as he distractedly tries to read *National Geographic*.

**Regjeringen Martin** (2002, Norway, short). Per Lillo-Stenberg is a librarian.

**Rehearsals for War [Teatro di guerra]** (1998, Italy). Lidia Koslovic plays a librarian.

**Reincarnation [Rinne]** (2005, Japan). Ghostly, blue-hued hands reach out from the college library bookshelves to attack Nagisa Sugiura (Yûka) and drag her away.

**Remember Me** (1995, Canada/US, made for TV). Marcia Bennett is a librarian.

**Remember Me** (2010). Tyler Hawkins (Robert Pattinson) is a student worker in the New York University library. He falls off a library ladder during an argument.

**Resting Place** (1986, made for TV). John Lithgow as Maj. Kendall Laird is assigned to help the family of Lieut. Luther Johnson, a black officer who was killed in Vietnam. In looking into Johnson's background, Laird learns that when he was about eight years old a small-town Georgia librarian wouldn't let him borrow a book because he was black. Johnson said he would wait until she changed her mind, staying all day until she finally gave in and let him have the book.

**The Return of Ironside** (1993, made for TV). Debra-Jayne Brown is a librarian.

**Return to Peyton Place** (1961). Robert Sterling as principal Mike Rossi is fired for refusing to give in to trustee Roberta Carter's (Mary Astor's) demand to remove his stepdaughter Allison Mackenzie's (Carol Lynley's) racy, semi-autobiographical novel from the high school library. Library scenes were filmed in Fitchburg, Massachusetts.

**The Returning** (1990, US/New Zealand). Shirley Grace plays Olive, a Kiwi librarian. Mrs. Kilpatrick and Mrs. Thomson are "library ladies."

**Revelation** (2001, UK). Three relic hunters discover, from searching the Isaac Newton Collection at the Cambridge University Library, information that leads them to the Loculus, an artifact that contains the DNA of Jesus Christ. The librarian (Derek Jacobi) eavesdrops after the library closes and gets gagged with the gloves worn to preserve the books. With no photocopier in sight, relic hunter Jake Marcel (James D'Arcy) rips out a page and the librarian screams as best he can with his mouth full of glove.

**Ricochet** (1991). Don Perry as the Book Man offers criminal Earl Talbot Blake (John Lithgow) a copy of *War and Peace* in the prison hospital. Blake uses the book and a heavy Bible to serve as a leg splint and break out of prison by stealing a bookmobile and shooting the Book Man, who is driving it. He sets the vehicle on fire and pushes it over a cliff.

**Riding in Cars with Boys** (2001). A librarian sorts books on a cart.

**The Right Questions** (2003). Zina Ludvich plays a librarian.

**The Ring** (2002, US/Japan). Journalist Rachel Keller (Naomi Watts) and her divorced husband Noah Clay (Martin Henderson) go to a library to use the internet to research a mysterious video. Guy Richardson plays a library clerk. Scenes were filmed at the University of Southern California's Mudd Hall of Philosophy.

**Rio das Mortes** (1971, West Germany, made for TV). Carl Amery is the librarian.

**A River Runs through It** (1992). Craig Sheffer as Norman Maclean stands on the steps of the Missoula (Mont.) Public Library and reminisces about how he met boxer John L. Sullivan when he was at Dartmouth College.

**Robot & Frank** (2012). Susan Sarandon plays Jennifer, a librarian at the Cold Spring (N.Y.) Public Library in the "near future" whose new manager, smarmy consultant Jake Finn (Jeremy Strong), is replacing its books with digital resources in order to "reimagine the modern library experience." The library has a robot named Mr. Darcy who locates and reshelves books. Jennifer bonds with old codger Frank (Frank Langella), an ex-jewel thief who has a robot caretaker that helps him carry out heists, the first of which is saving a rare printed edition of *Don Quixote* before the library discards it. Scenes were filmed at the Rye (N.Y.) Free Reading Room.

- [Rocket Science](#)** (2007). Jonah Hill plays the Junior Philosopher, a teen whom Hal Hefner (Reece Thompson) meets in the high school library while studying for a policy debate with Ginny Ryerson (Anna Kendrick).
- [Rollerball](#)** (1975, UK). In 2018, a library clerk (Nancy Bleier) tells Jonathan E. (James Caan) that information on the rollerball game is stored in Geneva, Switzerland, at a central computer repository named Zed. Ralph Richardson, an absent-minded librarian in charge of Zed, tells him that all the data about the 13th century has been lost.
- [Rome Adventure](#)** (1962). Suzanne Pleshette plays Prudence Bell, assistant librarian at the Briarcroft College for Women. She appears before a faculty committee to justify her recommending to a senior student *Lovers Must Learn* by Irving Fineman, a book considered not suitable for teens (although the script of this movie was based on that novel).
- [The Roommate](#)** (2011). An unhinged college student (Leighton Meester as Rebecca Evans) stalks Stephen (Cam Gigandet) in the library stacks of a Los Angeles university. Stacy Barnhisel plays a librarian.
- [The Rosary Murders](#)** (1987). A Detroit librarian (Sandy Broad) directs Fr. Robert Koesler (Donald Sutherland) to the school yearbooks. The library scene was filmed at Fordson High School in Dearborn, Michigan.
- [Rounding First](#)** (2005). Jo Mercer plays a librarian at the Allentown (Pa.) Public Library.
- [Roxy Hunter and the Mystery of the Moody Ghost](#)** (2007, made for TV). Julian Richings plays the Serenity Falls librarian, Mr. Tibers.
- [Rubdown](#)** (1993, made for TV). Rochelle Swanson is a librarian.
- [Rudy](#)** (1993). Marie Anspaugh plays Notre Dame librarian Miss McKenzie who closes the library at midnight and clears everyone out, including the snoozing wannabe football player Rudy Ruettinger (Sean Astin).
- [Running on Empty](#)** (1988). Danny Pope (River Phoenix) is the oldest son of two 1960s radicals who have been on the run for 15 years. He looks through obituaries in microfilmed newspapers in a public library to create a new identity for himself. He tells the librarian (Justine Johnson) that he is researching local reactions to the “MacArthur feud with Truman.”
- [Rushmore](#)** (1998). Jason Schwartzman as Rushmore Academy student Max Fischer is reading *Diving for Sunken Treasure* by Jacques Cousteau in the school library when he notices a written quotation in the margin. The librarian provides him with the circulation record for the book, revealing that 1st-grade teacher Rosemary Cross (Olivia Williams) had checked it out.
- [Ruth Rendell Mysteries](#)** (December 27, 1992, UK, TV series), “Talking to Strange Men.” Sara Griffiths plays Penelope, a librarian.
- [Salmonberries](#)** (1991, Germany). A woman (k. d. lang) who grew up in Kotzebue, Alaska, returns to its public library to find out who her parents were. She befriends Roswitha the librarian (Rosel Zech), an East German refugee who lost her husband while escaping. Jane Lind plays Nonyak, another librarian.
- [Salvage](#)** (2006). Lauren Currie Lewis as convenience store clerk Claire Parker goes to the library to look at newspapers on microfiche. Georgine A. Timko is a librarian.
- [Same Old Song \[On connaît la chanson\]](#)** (1997, France/Switzerland/UK/Italy). André Dussollier as Simon spends his time in the library researching radio dramas. He quietly pursues Camille (Agnès Jaoui), who is studying medieval history at the Sorbonne. Scenes were filmed at the Library of the Arsenal in Paris.
- [Sand Screens \[Écrans de sable\]](#)** (1992, France/Tunisia/Italy). The wife of a sheik hires Lebanese librarian Mariame (Laure Killing) to create a library for a women’s university in a desert city. When she arrives, she finds there are no books other than the Qu’ran.
- [Savage Messiah](#)** (1972, UK). Alexei Jawdokimov is a library student.
- [Scandal Street](#)** (1938). Louise Campbell plays Nora Langdon, public librarian in Midberg, who warns her friend Austin Brown (Roscoe Karns) that his new business is in violation of postal regulations.

- [Scent of a Woman](#) (1992). Circulation desk student worker Charlie Simms (Chris O'Donnell) allows his prep school classmate George Willis Jr. (Philip Seymour Hoffman) to take out a reserve book, but he makes a point of explaining why the reserve policy exists.
- [School Daze](#) (1988). Spike Lee as Half-Pint wants to join a fraternity at a Historically Black University in Atlanta. One scene takes place in the library.
- [Scorpio Nights 2](#) (1999, Philippines). Maricor Fortun plays a librarian.
- [Scott Pilgrim vs. the World](#) (2010, US/UK/Canada/Japan). Michael Cera as Scott Pilgrim is helping his girlfriend Knives Chau (Ellen Wong) pick out some calculus books at a public library. He sees the mysterious pink-haired Ramona Flowers (Mary Elizabeth Winstead) dropping off a package at the circulation desk.
- [Scream 2](#) (1997). Neve Campbell as Sidney Prescott is using (but not signed into) a computer in the fictional Windsor College Library. One of her stalkers mysteriously sends a couple of ominous IMs. Cotton Weary (Liev Schreiber), who served a year in prison erroneously convicted of her mother's murder, accosts Sidney and gets rearrested. To the police he says, "You got me for raising my voice in the public library." The library scenes were filmed in the McCain Library at Agnes Scott College in Decatur, Georgia.
- [Scream 3](#) (2000). While searching for clues, Gale Weathers (Courteney Cox) and Jennifer Jolie (Parker Posey) visit a basement movie-studio archives to research a bit player from decades earlier. The rude archivist (Carrie Fisher as Bianca Burnette) decides to help only after being bribed with a \$2,000 ring. When shown a photograph of a dead actress, she instantly recalls the name of the woman who appeared in a handful of horror films 30 years ago.
- [Scream, Blacula, Scream](#) (1973). Don Mitchell as Justin Carter researches voodoo and the occult at a public library. The librarian (Sybil Scotford) shows him where the Black Arts are shelved.
- [The Scream Team](#) (2002, made for TV). Kay Hawtrey plays a Steeple Falls librarian.
- [Screwballs](#) (1983, US/Canada). Carolyn Tweedle is a shushing librarian at T&A High School who prohibits all student communication, even by sign language.
- [Sea Devils](#) (1937). Coast Guard Chief Petty Officer Mike O'Shay (Preston Foster) goes to the public library to woo librarian Doris Malone (Ida Lupino). After he makes a snide remark about Shakespeare, Malone asks her coworker Miss McGonigle (Fern Emmett) to get rid of him by showing him the picture books in the children's department.
- [The Search for Bridey Murphy](#) (1956). Louis Hayward as Morey Bernstein goes to a crowded public library to research hypnosis. He sits at a table next to a woman who is loudly eating snacks.
- [A Season for Miracles](#) (1999, made for TV). Jill Parker-Jones plays a librarian who helps 10-year-old Lani Thompson (Mae Whitman) find *The Secret Garden* by Frances Hodgson Burnett.
- [The Secret \[Si j'étais toi\]](#) (2007, France). David Duchovny as Dr. Benjamin Marris goes to the library to look up "scientific research" on the web.
- [The Secret Life of Girls](#) (1999). Majandra Delfino as 15-year-old Natalie Sanford hides out in the university library after she finds out that her father, a professor, is having an affair. She meets college student Theo Howard (Keith Bogart), who helps her find a book after an unhelpful, uncredited librarian fails. Filmed at Harvey Mudd College in Claremont, California.
- [Seinfeld](#) (October 16, 1991, TV series), "The Library." Jerry Seinfeld learns he has a fine on an unreturned library book, *Tropic of Cancer*, from 1971. Marion the Librarian (Ashley Gardner) tells him the case has been turned over to the library investigations officer, Lt. Bookman (Philip Baker Hall), who finally hounds him into paying the fine. Meanwhile, Kramer has a fling with Marion.
- [Separated by Murder](#) (1994, made for TV). Florence Roach is a librarian.
- [The Serpent's Egg](#) (1977, West Germany/US). David Carradine as Abel Rosenberg is hired as an assistant archivist in the sinister St. Anna's Clinic in 1920s Berlin. The archive, run by Dr. Silbermann (Hans Quest) and Dr. Soltermann (Fritz Strassner), is the largest hospital archive in Europe, with 100,000 entries in its "card index." Rosenberg is locked in and told to shift papers from gray folders into yellow folders.



**Se7en** (1995). Detective William Somerset (Morgan Freeman) studies books by Dante, Milton, and Chaucer in the public library after closing time for hints to grisly serial killings involving the seven deadly sins. He gets a sudden hunch that the killer has a library card. Detective David Mills (Brad Pitt) tells him: “Just because the f\*\*ker’s got a library card, doesn’t make him Yoda.” Somerset gets from the FBI a list (that they obtained illegally?) of people who have checked out books about the seven deadly sins from the library. With Hawthorne James, Roscoe Davidson, and Bob Collins as library guards, and Jimmy Dale Hartsell as a library janitor.

**7 Faces of Dr. Lao** (1964). Barbara Eden plays Angela Benedict, public librarian of Abalone, Arizona, who gives up her inhibitions over handsome newspaperman Ed Cunningham (John Ericson) when she goes into a circus tent where the god Pan is playing his pipes.

**The Seven Minutes** (1971). Lillian Lehman as Oakwood, California, librarian Rachel Hoit provides some crucial information about a rape allegedly inspired by an erotic novel, *The Seven Minutes*, which is also the focus of a trial of a bookseller indicted on obscenity charges for selling it.

**The Seventh Coin** (1993, US/Israel). While looking for clues to solve some old murders in Jerusalem, a police officer looks through newspapers on microfilm. He asks the librarian (Mark Nelson) how to find out whether one of the people mentioned is still alive. The librarian replies, “How about a phone book?”

**The Seventh Sign** (1988). Demi Moore as Abby Quinn visits a library in Venice, California, to research the Apocalypse.

**The Seventh Victim** (1943). Erford Gage as poet Jason Hoag goes to a library in Manhattan to find out what books suspected Satanic cultists have been reading. He gives the librarian (Sarah Selby as Miss Gottschalk) a few cheap compliments and explains, “I want to see what they read so I’ll know what kind of books to give my friends as presents. There’s nothing nicer for a gift than a book.” She gives him the information.

**Sex and the City** (2008). Sarah Jessica Parker as Carrie Bradshaw returns a book (volume 1 of *Love Letters of Great Men*) to the New York Public Library (although the Research Library had not circulated books for decades), sees that a wedding is taking place in the McGraw Rotunda, and decides to hold her own wedding there as well. But when the date arrives, Mr. Big (Chris Noth) calls her cellphone while she is standing in the Astor Hall area and says he won’t go through with it.

**Sex Is Zero 2 [Saekjeuk shigong ssizeun 2]** (2007, South Korea). Good-hearted Eun-sik (Chang Jung Lim) is a law student who is preoccupied with checking out miniskirt-clad legs in the library.

**Shadow Man** (2006, US/UK/Romania). Steven Seagal as former CIA agent Jack Foster agrees to exchange data on a killer virus for his daughter at the Romanian central library in Bucharest and winds up destroying it.

**Shadow of a Doubt** (1943). Eily Malyon is Miss Cochran, the strict librarian at Santa Rosa (Calif.) Public Library who grudgingly allows Charlie Newton (Teresa Wright) to stay three minutes past closing in order to find a newspaper story that implicates her Uncle Charley (Joseph Cotten) as a killer.

**Shadow on the Wall** (1950). Frank Darien plays a law librarian.

**Shadowlands** (1993, UK). Anthony Hopkins as C. S. “Jack” Lewis conducts literary research in Duke Humfrey’s Library at the Bodleian, Oxford University.

**Shadows in the Storm** (1988). Thelonious Pitt (Ned Beatty) is fired from his position as a librarian at Begonia Research. He quotes John Donne at breakfast, drinks on the job, and lets fellow staffers have sex in the library—an action that gets him fired.

**Shake It Up** (March 25, 2012, TV series), “Parent Trap It Up.” Tyra Banks appears in a cameo as Miss Burke, a school librarian with pencils in her hair, oversized glasses, and a cardigan. She helps Rocky Blue (Zendaya) and CeCe Jones (Bella Thorne) come up with a plan to create the right circumstances for CeCe’s father to propose marriage again to her mother.

**Shameless** (2010–2011, UK, Season 7–8, TV series). Pauline McLynn plays Libby Croker, a librarian who spends time in jail for inciting a protest riot over her library closing and falls for the drunken slacker Frank Gallagher (David Threlfall).

- [Shanghai Knights](#)** (2003, US/Hong Kong). Jackie Chan as Chon Wang creatively fights bad guys in 1887 London in the private library of Lord Nelson Rathbone (Aidan Gillen) using rare books as shields and a bookshelf ladder as a weapon.
- [The Shawshank Redemption](#)** (1994). In the late 1940s, Tim Robbins as model prisoner Andy Dufresne befriends the old Shawshank Prison librarian (James Whitmore as Brooks Hatlin, who calls his library job “Easy peasy Japanesey”) and transforms the library into a well-stocked collection over the next 23 years. He offers high-school-equivalency educational programs, opera-appreciation day, and tax services for prison officials. One prisoner, holding a book as if it’s the first he has ever picked up, reads the title with wonder: “*The Count of Monte Cristo*, by Alexandree Dumbass.”
- [She Cried No](#)** (1996, made for TV). Some fraternity boys stalk Melissa Connell (Candace Cameron Bure) in the college library, tapping their rings on the tables. Kris Iyer is a librarian.
- [Shelf Life](#)** (2005). Betsy Brandt as goth slacker Nikki Reynolds gets a job as a shelver in a small-town public library as part of her drug-recovery program. She immediately faces off with huffy Library Director Betty Bonhauser (Elisa Bocanegra), who brags of having librarians in her family tree for four generations but yells at children to pay attention during storytime. When Betty accuses Nikki of stealing a dictionary, Assistant Librarian Ronald (Joe Smith) takes Nikki’s side. Ray the Mumbler (Richard Ankrom) teaches Nikki to shelve books.
- [Sherlock Holmes and the Deadly Necklace](#)** (1962, France/Italy/West Germany). Danielle Argence plays a newspaper librarian.
- [The Shiver of the Vampires \[Le Frisson des vampires\]](#)** (1971, France). Books go on the attack in the library of an ancestral castle populated by sex-crazed vampires.
- [Shock Treatment](#)** (1964). Stuart Whitman as actor Dale Nelson is hired to feign insanity and get committed to a mental hospital so he can discover where institutionalized schizophrenic murderer Martin Ashley (Roddy McDowall) has hidden a stolen fortune. He goes to the Los Angeles Public Library where a library clerk (Harold Goodwin) gives him books on crime and psychology.
- [Shooting the Past](#)** (1999, UK, TV miniseries). The Fallon Photo Library, a photographic archive housed in a London mansion, is threatened when American millionaire Christopher Anderson (Liam Cunningham) buys the building in order to turn it into a business school. Head Curator Marilyn Truman (Lindsay Duncan) has one week to find a buyer for the collection or it will be destroyed. Using the collection, eccentric photo librarian Oswald Bates (Timothy Spall) puts together a picture essay of the millionaire’s surprising past, based on the slimmest of clues. The other archivists are played by Emilia Fox, Billie Whitelaw, and Blake Ritson.
- [SideFX](#)** (2005). Amanda Phillips as Tuesday is in a Dallas university library studying when she sees a creepy old man watching her.
- [Sidewalk Stories](#)** (1989). Olivia Sklar is a librarian.
- [Silence of the Lambs](#)** (1991). Jodie Foster as FBI agent trainee Clarice Starling consults newspapers on microfilm in the FBI Academy library in Quantico, Virginia, to learn more about the murders committed by Baltimore psychiatrist Hannibal Lecter (Anthony Hopkins). All four articles by Lecter are surrounded by the same text about a government conference.
- [Silent Library](#)** (2008–2011, TV series). A team of six players sits at a table on a set that looks like a public library in this MTV game show. Whoever draws a skull-and-crossbones card must endure a punishment challenge. The entire team must last through each challenge silently (without laughing or crying out) to win four rounds and the game. The show was based on a segment of the Japanese variety show *Downtown no gake no tsukai ya arahende!!*
- [A Simple Plan](#)** (1998, France/UK/Germany/US/Japan). Bridget Fonda plays Sarah Mitchell, who hates her work as a shelver in a public library in Minnesota.
- [The 6th Day](#)** (2000). The Colosseum-like building housing the genetic lab is actually the Vancouver (B.C.) Public Library.
- [Skuggan](#)** (1953, Sweden). Olav Riégo plays a librarian at the Stockholm Public Library.
- [The Skulls](#)** (2000, US/Canada). College students in a secret frat club (loosely based on the Yale Skull and Bones society) have surveillance videotapes hidden in a room behind a bookcase in the university

library, accessed by moving a certain book. A killer runs into the special collections area. Filmed at the University of Toronto.

**The Skulls III** (2004, Canada). Clare Kramer as Taylor Brooks researches the law on campus gender equity so she can be admitted to an all-male secret fraternity. Later she and some friends use the library computer to hack into the university server and read archived emails. They leave without turning the computer off. Irene Dale plays a librarian.

**Sky High** (2005). An amusing romp about a high school for superheroes. Exteriors of the school were filmed at the Delmar T. Oviatt Library building, California State University, Northridge.

**Slam Dance** (1987, UK/US). Lin Shaye is a librarian who helps C. C. Drood (Tom Hulce) find newspaper stories about a murder.

**Slaughter of the Innocents** (1993). Scott Glenn as FBI agent Stephen Broderick questions Salt Lake City librarian Donna Todd about a murder suspect who was in the library looking at an art book. Zakes Mokae plays a library janitor.

**Sleep Furiously** (2008, UK). The stories of villagers in Trefeurig, Wales, are framed in this documentary by scenes showing the yellow mobile library van on its monthly tour driven by kindly librarian John Jones who talks to patrons about books and the town.

**The Sleep Room** (1998, Canada). Kathryn Kirkpatrick plays a librarian.

**Sleepers** (1996). Two scenes take place in the library of a reform school.

**Sleeping with the Enemy** (1991). Julia Roberts as Laura Burney changes her name to Sara Waters and gets a job as a college library assistant in Cedar Falls, Iowa, where she hides from her abusive husband after faking her death.

**Sliders** (April 26, 1995, TV series), “Eggheads.” The Sliders visit an alternative world where intellect is prized, the San Francisco Public Library boasts of longer hours, and hip-hoppers rap about going to the library (“Library Rap” by MC Poindexter & The Study Crew: “I give you one warnin’ there will be no repeats, Get outta my face when I’m readin’ my Keats”).

**Slightly Dangerous** (1943). Lana Turner as Hotchkiss Falls soda jerk Peggy Evans runs away to New York in search of a more glamorous identity. She searches the public library’s newspaper holdings for long-lost heiresses to impersonate and reads a story about Carol Burden, a little girl who was kidnapped 17 years earlier and never found.

**Slipstream** (1989, UK). In a postapocalyptic world, a well-stocked library is kept in a vast, underground city.

**Sliver** (1993). Sharon Stone as Carly Norris goes to the New York Public Library to look up newspaper articles on microfiche concerning strange accidents in her apartment building.

**Slow Fires: On the Preservation of the Human Record** (1987, made for TV, US/Canada). This documentary looks at the disintegration of library holdings worldwide due to acidic paper and other fragile media, and the efforts to preserve the information (if not the items themselves) before it is lost forever.

**Small Faces** (1996, UK). Liz Lochhead plays a librarian in Glasgow in 1968.

**Smashing the Money Ring** (1939). Counterfeiters in a state prison smuggle bills out through the prison library in stacks of newspapers.

**The Smile Behind the Mirror** (2010). Evangeline Joy Galliford is Eleanor, a librarian who seeks to make her mark on history with the help of a friend’s time-machine computer.

**Smilla’s Sense of Snow** (1997, Denmark/Germany/Sweden). In Copenhagen, Julia Ormond as Smilla Jaspersen is looking into the supposedly accidental death of her 6-year-old friend. She breaks into the Greenland Mining company archives and steals some relevant files.

**The Snapper** (1993, UK, made for TV). Colm Meaney as Dessie Curley goes to an Irish library to check out a book on pregnancy for his unmarried daughter.

**Snoopy Come Home** (1972). Charlie Brown, kid sister Sally, and Snoopy visit the local library, but no dogs are allowed.

- So Well Remembered** (1947, UK). Martha Scott plays Olivia Channing, an assistant librarian in Browdley, England, who gets her job in 1919 over the objections of the local council. Roddy Hughes plays chief librarian Mr. Teasdale.
- Society's Child** (2002, Canada, made for TV). Doreen Brownstone plays a school librarian.
- The Socratic Method** (2001). Amber Elise Cox plays a law librarian.
- Solaris [Solvaris]** (1972, Soviet Union). Hari (Natalya Bondarchuk) and Kris Kelvin (Donatas Banionis) sit in the space station library as its artificial gravity is deactivated. They begin to rise from their chairs as a glass, a candlestick, and a book float around them.
- Solitary Man** (2009). Michael Douglas as car dealership magnate Ben Kalmen was a major donor to his alma mater, an East Coast college, and the library is named after him.
- Solitude** (2001, Canada). MaryAnn Wourms is a librarian.
- Some Kind of Wonderful** (1987). High school students Keith Nelson (Eric Stoltz) and Amanda Jones (Lea Thompson) interact in the school library.
- Something Borrowed** (2011). Rachel (Ginnifer Goodwin) and Dex (Colin Egglesfield) goof around while studying torts in the New York University Law School Library and get shushed by another student (Noel Davis Poyner).
- Something Wicked This Way Comes** (1983). Jason Robards Jr. plays Charles Halloway, a librarian at Green Town (Ill.) Public Library, who resists the temptations of Pandemonium Carnival owner Mr. Dark (Jonathan Pryce) in the library as he tears pages from a book.
- Somewhere in Between** (2005, short). Adapted from Paul Gitschner's short play *The Diary Library*, this is the story of Dawn (Francesca Lynne), a confused young woman who wanders into a strange, cluttered library. She meets Lib (Erica Engelhardt), a quirky librarian charged with collecting and filing the diaries of all the library's previous visitors.
- Somewhere in Time** (1980). Christopher Reeve as Richard Collier falls in love with an actress in a 1912 photograph. He goes to the Mackinac Island (Mich.) Public Library to research the actress, Elise McKenna. A librarian (Noreen Walker) reluctantly brings out some theater magazines from the back room.
- Sons & Lovers** (2003, UK, made for TV). Karen Henthorn plays a librarian in this D. H. Lawrence adaptation.
- Sons of Anarchy** (December 1, 2009, TV series), "Na Trioblóidi." In the Stockton State Prison library, Kurt Sutter as Big Otto Delaney takes his revenge on David J. Wright as Squirrel for gouging his eye out.
- Sophie's Choice** (1982). Meryl Streep as Sophie Zawistowska, a Polish immigrant, seeks a book by the American poet Emily Dickinson, but she mispronounces it "Emil Dickens." A prissy, surly male New York librarian played by John Rothman assumes the role of poster child for worst reference interview and tells her to go to the card catalog, even though she won't find anything. "Charles Dickens was an English writer," he oozes. "There is no American poet by the name of Dickens." Sophie is so taken aback by his bedside manner that she faints.
- The Soul Keeper [Prendimi l'anima]** (2002, Italy/France/UK). Marie Franquin (Caroline Ducey) is doing research in the archives of the Lenin Library in Moscow to shed light on the history of Carl Jung's psychiatric patient, Sabina Spielrein. She steals a diary folded into the pages of a French newspaper, but Prof. Richard Fraser (Craig Ferguson) notices it and confronts her outside. They decide to team up on the project. Tatiana Sciankina plays a librarian.
- Soul Man** (1986). C. Thomas Howell as law student Mark Watson is passing for black in the law library stacks when he overhears two white students making a racist joke. This and other scenes were filmed in the Wheaton College library, which stands in for Harvard Law School library.
- Soulkeeper** (2001). When a power outage interrupts their online searching, Terrence Christian (Kevin Patrick Walls) and Corey Mahoney (Rodney Rowland) visit a library to find the books they need.
- Sovlent Green** (1973). In 2022, Detective Thorn (Charlton Heston) visits a library (now called the "Supreme Exchange"), accessible only by a dark corridor and a coded knock on the door, where the elderly librarians are called "books" and are privy to top secret oceanographic documents. Celia



Lovsky is the library director; the librarians are played by Morgan Farley, John Barclay, Belle Mitchell, and Cyril Delevanti.

**The Speaker: A Film about Freedom** (1977). Produced by the ALA Intellectual Freedom Committee, this educational film centers on the attempt by a student current events committee and its adviser, history teacher Victoria Dunn (played by Mildred Dunnock), to invite a controversial speaker to the high school. They contact a scientist notorious for espousing the racist theory that black people are genetically inferior to whites. Parents and students protest, so the school board steps in and cancels the invitation. Three uncredited actors play librarians. Designed to serve as a focal point for discussions about the First Amendment, it became a divisive issue at the 1977 ALA Annual Conference in Detroit, denounced by some librarians who called it “insulting in its characterization of black people.”

**Special Agent** (1949). William Eythe as railroad agent Johnny Douglas visits the public library to ask the librarian (uncredited) why robbers might have gone there before the crime. She is upset that they scratched the floor with their shoes.

**Spellbound** (1945). Ingrid Bergman as psychoanalyst Constance Peterson borrows a copy of a book by Dr. Anthony Edwardes (Gregory Peck) from the Green Manors mental hospital where they are working together. Later she notices that his autograph in the book does not match his current handwriting.

**Spencer’s Mountain** (1963). Virginia Gregg as teacher Miss Parker encourages Col. Coleman (Hayden Rorke) to set up a free library in a log cabin on Spencer’s Mountain in Wyoming so that Clayboy Spencer (James MacArthur) can work as the librarian (for \$10 a week), learn Latin, and meet a university entrance requirement. He falls in love with Claris Coleman (Mimsy Farmer) while studying there.

**Spider-Man** (2002). Outside the New York Public Library on Fifth Avenue, Uncle Ben (Cliff Robertson) leaves Peter Parker (Tobey Maguire) to his studies, warning him, “With great power comes great responsibility.” Later, Ben gets killed outside the main entrance.

**The Spirit of Youth** (1929). Dorothy Sebastian as village librarian Betty Grant falls in love with middleweight boxing champion Jim Kenney (Larry Kent).

**Spiritual Kung Fu [Quan jing]** (1978, Hong Kong/Taiwan). Jackie Chan plays Yi-Lang, the class clown in a shaolin temple whose deadliest secret is stolen. All is lost until he discovers the five androgynous white ghosts with bright red hair who haunt the temple library.

**The Spy Who Came in From the Cold** (1965, UK). Claire Bloom plays Nan Perry, a communist working as a librarian at the Institute of Psychical Research. Richard Burton is Alec Leamas, a spy who takes an undercover job as a library assistant. Chief Librarian Miss Crail (Anne Blake) teaches him the rudiments of cataloging. Michael Ripper is Mr. Lofthouse, Alec’s replacement.

**The Squid and the Whale** (2005). Owen Kline as preteen Frank Berkman rubs up against library shelves to masturbate as an act of defiance against his divorcing parents. Shot in Midwood High School library in Brooklyn, New York.

**Stanley & Iris** (1990). Jane Fonda as recent widow Iris Estelle King takes the illiterate cook Stanley Everett Cox (Robert De Niro) under her wing, teaches him to read, and gets him a library card. Dortha Duckworth is a Waterbury (Conn.) public librarian who shushes the newly literate Cox for reading out loud.

**Stanley’s Dragon** (1994, UK). Valerie Minifie is a librarian.

**Star Trek: Insurrection** (1998). Riker (Jonathan Frakes) and Troi (Marina Sirtis) do some library research about an alien race they plan to visit. The scene in which a librarian (played by Lee Arnone) helps them find the information was cut.

**Star Trek: The Original Series** (March 14, 1969, TV series), “All Our Yesterdays.” The *USS Enterprise* visits a planet with a sophisticated computer-disk library under the care of Mr. Atoz (Ian Wolfe). By viewing the disks, a time portal can send any who enter back in time to the point recorded in the data.

**Star Wars: The Clone Wars** (October 2, 2009, TV series), “Holocron Heist.” Flo Di Re appears in this and two later episodes as librarian/archivist Jocasta Nu.

- Star Wars, Episode II: Attack of the Clones** (2002). Needing to find the location of a distant planetary system, Obi-Wan Kenobi (Ewan McGregor) visits the Jedi Library (which looks similar to the Long Room at Trinity College Library, Dublin), but suspects that the information is missing. A librarian/archivist (Alethea McGrath as Madame Jocasta Nu) declares that if the archive doesn't have it, the information doesn't exist.
- Stardust** (1998). Robert G. Rucker plays a librarian. Filmed in Hamtramck, Michigan.
- Start Cheering** (1938). Arthur Hoyt plays a Midland College reference librarian who acts as straight man when Willie Gumbatz (Jimmy Durante) comes in looking for a title that begins with the letter "z."
- State of Play** (2009, US/UK/France). The scene in which Anne Collins (Robin Wright) makes a statement to the press was shot at the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C.
- The Station Agent** (2003). Peter Dinklage as train lover Finbar McBride inherits an abandoned train depot in rural New Jersey. Emily (Michelle Williams), an attractive, blonde library staffer, helps him obtain a library card.
- Stay** (2005). One scene shows the Gould Memorial Library dome at Bronx (N.Y.) Community College.
- Stay until Tomorrow** (2004). Barney Cheng as Providence (R.I.) Public Library worker Jim likes to read the books while he is shelving them, even though the rule is that at work "librarians are only supposed to read book reviews." He lets his childhood pal Nina (Eleanor Hutchins) stay at his place for a while. She tries to learn Italian at the library for her next job, but manages to have flings with a security guard and a high school student on the library roof. Seven librarians are credited in the film, including Cynthia M. Reed.
- The Steel Jungle** (1956). Perry Lopez as convict Ed Novak is assigned to the prison library, where thugs beat him up in the library basement.
- The Steel Trap** (1952). Joseph Cotton as bank officer James Osborne goes to the Los Angeles Public Library to look up information on extradition treaties and finds out that Brazil will provide a safe haven where he can abscond with his stolen million dollars.
- Stellina Blue** (2009). Shawn M. Richardz plays a librarian.
- The Stepford Children** (1987, made for TV). Patricia Darling is a librarian in Stepford, Connecticut.
- Stephen King's It** (1990, made for TV, US/Canada). Tim Reid is Mike Hanlon, librarian at Derry (Maine) Public Library; Megan Leitch plays a library aide. The evil clown Pennywise (Tim Curry) throws blood-filled balloons at Richie Tozier (Harry Anderson) as he reads a woman's magazine in the library.
- Stepping Out** (1991). Andrea Martin plays Dorothy, a drab librarian with allergies who takes tap-dancing lessons.
- Stones of Death** (1988, Australia). A high school student studying late in the library of a seaside housing development is attacked by a bizarre spider.
- Storm Center** (1956). Bette Davis plays Alicia Hull, the Kenport public librarian who refuses to remove a book on communism from the shelves, an action the city fathers have made a prerequisite for granting funds for a children's wing. At the town meeting, a local attorney accuses her of being a communist herself and turns the citizens against her, ultimately undermining the loyalty of a young patron who burns the library down. Kim Hunter is Martha Lockridge, assistant, then acting librarian; Kevin Coughlin is Freddie Slater, young adult reader and arsonist. The screenplay was loosely based on Ruth Brown, librarian at the Bartlesville (Okla.) Public Library, who was fired in 1950, ostensibly for having subversive books in the library, but in reality for her civil-rights activism in the 1940s.
- The Story of the Vatican** (1941). This *March of Time* documentary shows the Vatican Library and some of its holdings, including papal bulls, manuscripts, and other examples of Catholic church history. Some of the footage came from "The Vatican of Pius XII" newsreel released in February 1940.
- Storyville** (1992). Ron Gural plays a government agency librarian in New Orleans. He assists Senate candidate Cray Fowler (James Spader) in a search for records.
- Straight Talk** (1992). Shirlee Kenyon (Dolly Parton) walks into a Chicago library and asks about a job. The circulation desk clerk (Susan Philpot) stares at her short dress and disapproves.

- Stranger in Town** (1998, Canada, made for TV). Trevor Blumas as Aaron goes to a public library to examine old newspapers. Kris Alvarez is a librarian.
- Strike Up the Band** (1940). Judy Garland as lonely young library staffer Mary Holden sings “Nobody” at the information desk and in the stacks. As she puts away a set of books, one falls behind the shelf. She gathers up books from patrons at closing time.
- Strip Mind** (2007, Germany). Jodie Ahlborn as clinical psychiatry student Samantha spends extra time studying in the library. Barrett Jones plays a crazed library assistant in Munich.
- The Substitute** (1996). Tom Berenger as ex-marine Jonathan Shale is posing as a substitute history teacher at Columbus High School in Miami. Four gang members try to beat him up in the library, but he shushes them, hurls books at them, then begins throwing the thugs out the library windows. He asks red-headed librarian Hannah Dillon (Peggy Pope) to lock up their guns in a caged office in the library but is shot by Juan Lacas (Marc Anthony), who finds another gun. He then turns to shoot Dillon but she is aiming a gun at him. Berenger then revives (he was wearing a bullet-proof vest) and tosses Juan out the window.
- Suburban Girl** (2007). Sarah Michelle Gellar as assistant editor Brett Eisenberg and Maggie Grace as Chloe go to a literary lecture in a library (filmed at the New-York Historical Society). Geoffrey Cantor is a library curator.
- Sugar Hill** (1974). The Heights Neighborhood branch of the Houston Public Library serves as the location for this film’s Voodoo Museum and Research Library.
- Summer of the Monkeys** (1998, Canada). Beverly Cooper plays a 19th-century librarian at the Ridgewell Town Library in Canada who helps a boy (Corey Sevier as Jay Berry Lee) find out how to catch chimpanzees that escaped from a circus.
- Summer School** (1987). Mark Harmon as high-school gym teacher Freddy Shoop brings his summer school class to the library to work on a book report. Filmed at Charles Evans Hughes Jr. High School in Los Angeles.
- Super** (2010). Rainn Wilson as hapless short-order cook Frank D’Arbo decides to turn his life around by becoming a superhero, The Crimson Bolt. He poses as a student with a fake beard, goes to the college library to read comics about superheroes, and asks the librarian (played by Laurel Whitsett) where he can find information on recent crimes. She locates abundant drug dealing on the internet and tells him the worst activity is on Euclid Street.
- The Sure Thing** (1985). John Cusack as Gib Gibson and Daphne Zuniga as Alison Bradbury meet in the library of an Ivy League college to study English, but Gib gets bored and says they should go exploring. They wind up on the library roof where Gib identifies constellations.
- Surrender Dorothy** (1998). Jason Centeno as Denis wants to turn his roommate Lanh (Kevin DiNovis) into a woman, so he visits the Free Library of Philadelphia to look up surgical procedures.
- Suspect** (1987). Public defender Kathleen Riley (Cher) and juror Eddie Sanger (Dennis Quaid) are nearly caught by Judge Helms (John Mahoney) as they collaborate in looking for an incriminating case. Filmed in a law library in Washington, D.C.
- Swan Song [Łabędzi śpiew]** (1988, Poland). Maria Chwalibóg plays a provincial librarian.
- The Sweetest Gift** (1998, made for TV). Marcia Bennett plays a Florida librarian.
- The Swordsman [Xiao ao jiang hu]** (1990, Hong Kong/Taiwan). In the later years of the Ming dynasty, a kung fu manual known as the sacred scroll is stolen from the Emperor’s library, triggering a power struggle to retrieve it.
- Sydney White** (2007). Amanda Bynes as Southern Atlantic University freshman student Sydney White falls asleep studying in the library. She almost misses a debate, but her boyfriend Tyler (Matt Long) kisses her awake in time. Phyllis Fludd White plays a librarian.
- Sylvia** (1965). Viveca Lindfors as Pittsburgh branch librarian Irma Olanski recommends *Robin Hood* to young patron Herbert (Ricky Allen) instead of the *War and Peace* he was going to check out. Another library patron (Carroll Baker as Sylvia Karoki) wants to read a book about a “beautiful lady” and Olanski recommends *Pride and Prejudice*.
- Szerafina** (2007, Hungary, short). Mari Nagy is a librarian.

**Tail Gunner Joe** (1977, made for TV). Tim O'Connor is a librarian.

**Taiyang yu** (1988, China). The film explores the relationship between a shy librarian and the energetic teenager she befriends.

**Take Shelter** (2011). Disturbed by apocalyptic visions, Curtis (Michael Shannon) checks out a book on mental illness from the Elyria (Ohio) Public Library.

**Tale of a Vampire** (1992, UK). A mysterious man in a hat (Kenneth Cranham) gets Anne (Suzanna Hamilton) a job in the Foster Library in London, which specializes in mysticism and the occult. Julian Sands plays a vampire named Alex who goes to the library every night to research a 19th-century woman named Virginia Clemm. He becomes attracted to Anne. Denise (Marian Diamond) is the library manager. Another library regular is Magazine Man (Michael Kenton), who won't let anyone else touch the magazines he is reading.

**The Tale of Despereaux** (2008, UK/US). The bold and daring mouse Despereaux (voiced by Matthew Broderick) is taken to the library of the Castle of the Kingdom of Door to learn to eat paper, but he reads a fairy tale about a princess instead.

**A Tale of Winter [Conte d'hiver]** (1992, France). Loic (Hervé Furic) is a Paris librarian to whom Félicie (Charlotte Véry) is intellectually attracted.

**Tales from the Crypt** (August 19, 1992, TV series), "Maniac at Large." Timid librarian Margaret (Blythe Danner) becomes obsessed with a serial killer and believes that she is his next victim.

**Tambourine, Drum [Buben, baraban]** (2009, Russia). Depressed librarian Katya (Natalya Negoda) steals books from the library and sells them on trains.

**Tangled** (2001). Jane Moffat plays a librarian.

**The Tao of Steve** (2000). At his 10-year high school reunion in Santa Fe, Donal Logue as Dex has standing-up sex with another man's wife (Ayelet Kaznelson as Beth) in the philosophy section of the library stacks.

**Tears for Simon** (1956, UK). Mona Washbourne plays the manager of a Booklovers' library.

**Teen Wolf Too** (1987). Jason Bateman as freshman Todd Howard meets his love Nicki (Estee Chandler) in the college library. The scene was filmed in the dining hall at Pomona College in Claremont, California.

**Teenage Mother** (1967). Julie Ange plays Erika Petersen, who has been hired to teach sex education in a high school (filmed at East Rockaway High School on Long Island). She asks the stuffy school librarian Miss Fowler (uncredited) why the library does not own a particular sexuality textbook, and she replies that it is a "filthy book" with "positively vulgar" illustrations inappropriate for teenagers.

**The Tell-Tale Heart** (1960, UK). Laurence Payne as Edgar Marsh is a shy, disabled, and obsessed 19th-century Parisian reference librarian (he lives in the fictional Rue Morgue) who murders Carl Loomis (Dermot Walsh) and conceals his body under the floorboards.

**The Ten** (2007). Gretchen Mol plays uptight librarian Gloria Jennings, who goes on vacation to Mexico and has a torrid affair with a mysterious man named Jesus H. Christ. Other librarians are Oliver (A. D. Miles) and Tony (Jason Sudeikis).

**Ten Inch Hero** (2007). Julia (Adair Tishler) goes to the Santa Cruz (Calif.) Public Library with her father and surprises art student Piper (Elisabeth Harnois) whom she persuades to give her drawing lessons.

**Tennessee Johnson** (1942). Ruth Hussey as Eliza McCardle is allegedly the librarian in Greeneville, Tennessee, in 1830 when she meets young tailor Andrew Johnson (Van Heflin) and agrees to teach him how to read and write in exchange for his making her new clothes. They marry and he becomes the 17th President of the United States.

**The 10th Kingdom** (March 19, 2000, miniseries, UK/Germany/US), "Episode #1.8." Mike Edmonds plays a dwarf librarian.

**That Darn Cat** (1997). Christina Ricci as Patti Randall uses a library computer to look up information about a kidnapped maid.

**That Kind of Girl** (1963, UK). Frank Jarvis as Max and Charles Houston as Ted work in a library.



- That '70s Show** (November 19, 2003, TV series), “The Acid Queen.” Shannon Elizabeth as public library worker Brooke Leslie Rockwell gets pregnant by Ashton Kutcher as recent high school grad Michael Kelso.
- That Touch of Mink** (1962). Honeymooners are interrupted in Al’s Motel in Asbury Park, New Jersey, by Philip Shayne (Cary Grant), who leads Mr. Smith (John Fiedler) to believe that he had an affair with Mrs. Smith (Barbara Collentine). After Grant departs, Mr. Smith says to his wife, “You librarians live it up pretty good.” Mrs. Smith insists that there was no other man in her life until he walked into the library.
- Their Last Night [Leur dernière nuit]** (1953, France). Jean Gabin plays Paris gangster Pierre Ruffin, who has taken a job as a mild-mannered library worker to conceal his activities.
- These Amazing Shadows: The Movies That Make America** (2011). Librarian of Congress James Billington appears in this documentary showcase of films selected since 1989 by the National Film Preservation Board for preservation in the National Film Registry of the Library of Congress.
- They Might Be Giants** (1971). Wilbur Peabody (Jack Gilford) is a librarian who thinks he is the Scarlet Pimpernel. He is friends with New York Judge Justin Playfair (George C. Scott) who thinks he is Sherlock Holmes. Wilbur does research to track down the imaginary Moriarty.
- The Thief** (1952). Ray Milland is Allan Fields, an atomic spy who uses the Library of Congress Reading Room as a drop-off point for microfilmed secrets.
- 13 Going on 30** (2004). Jennifer Garner as Jenna Rink and Mark Ruffalo as Matt Flamhaff stage their *Poise* magazine photo shoot on the front steps of the New York Public Library.
- This Happy Breed** (1944, UK). Alison Leggatt plays the widowed Aunt Sylvia who lives with her brother’s family in South London in the 1920s. She considers retiring from her library job and takes up spiritualism.
- This House Possessed** (1981, made for TV). K Callen is the library woman who wants to give Sheila Moore (Lisa Eilbacher) some newspaper articles.
- This Rebel Breed** (1960). Rita Moreno as high school student Lola Montalvo visits a Los Angeles library to study sociology. A librarian (Lovyss Bradley) points her in the right direction. Aided by a Mexican-American gang, Lola’s brother Manuel (Richard Laurier) beats up her study partner Frank Serano (Mark Damon) as he leaves the library with Lola.
- This Was Paris** (1942, UK). Ben Lyon as *Sydney Chronicle* reporter Butch is working in Paris in 1940. He suspects that a man named Van Der Stuyt (Robert Morley) is a Nazi agent, so he visits the newspaper library and rummages through files without consulting the librarian (Miles Malleon as Watson), whom he claims couldn’t find his own Aunt Fanny.
- The Thomas Crown Affair** (1999). The Metropolitan Museum of Art refused permission for the interior to be used in a film where its security system is outsmarted, so the filmmakers shot at the New York Public Library for many interior scenes.
- Thor** (2011). After his laptop is stolen, Stellan Skarsgård as scientist Erik Selvig uses a public computer at a New Mexico library to email a colleague. While he is there, he happens upon a book of Norse mythology.
- A Thousand Years of Good Prayers** (2007). Retired Beijing widower Mr. Shi (Henry O) decides to visit his divorced daughter Yilan (Faye Yu), who works as a librarian at Gonzaga University’s Chastek Law Library in Spokane, Washington.
- Three Days of the Condor** (1975). Robert Redford as CIA spy Joe Turner spends his time looking for coded messages in books and magazines at the American Literary Historical Society library in New York City.
- The Three Lives of Karen** (1997, made for TV). Jemila Ericson plays a librarian.
- Three O’Clock High** (1987). Mike Jolly as football player Craig Matthey is hired to beat up nasty transfer student Buddy Revell (Richard Tyson). The fight takes place in the school library, but Buddy breaks Craig’s finger, punches him in the face, and knocks him into a bookshelf, which causes all the shelves in the room to fall like dominos. Filmed at Ogden (Utah) High School.

- [Three Seats for the 26th \[Trois places pour le 26\]](#)** (1988, France). Hélène Surgère and Dominique Varda play librarians.
- [Threesome](#)** (1994). Lara Flynn Boyle as college student Alex squirms sensually on a library table as her gay roommate Eddy (Josh Charles) reads multisyllabic words to her from a book. She reveals that she finds libraries and big words erotic. A librarian (Anna Marie O'Donnell) glares at her from the stacks. Filmed in the Doheny Library, University of Southern California.
- [Thriller](#)** (June 2, 1973, UK, TV series), "File It under Fear." Maureen Lipman plays dowdy yet sensual British village librarian Liz Morris and Richard O'Callaghan plays library assistant George Bailey. Much of the action takes place in the library, where the villagers come together to gossip about a grisly series of murders. The murderer is revealed when Morris is locked inside the library by the just-fired Bailey and stalked by the killer.
- [Time Changer](#)** (2002). Jennifer O'Neill plays fundamentalist Christian library worker Michelle Bain.
- [The Time Machine](#)** (1960). The Eloi take time traveler H. George Wells (Rod Taylor) to a library with physical books, but the pages turn to dust as he touches them. Later he visits an old museum containing a "history machine" with metal rings that speak when spun.
- [The Time Machine](#)** (2002). Orlando Jones is Vox NY-114, a holographic librarian who contains all human knowledge, conducts reference interviews, and puts on storytime. He turns up first in 2030, then some 800,000 years into the future.
- [Time of Her Life](#)** (2005, UK). Gemma Robinson is a library assistant.
- [The Time Traveler's Wife](#)** (2009). Special Collections Librarian Henry DeTamble (Eric Bana), who works at the Newberry Library in Chicago, has a genetic disorder that causes him to involuntarily travel through time. He occasionally returns to work nude from a time trip. He is approached by 20-year-old Clare Abshire (Rachel McAdams) who knows and loves him since she met him at age six. Carly Street is a librarian, and Bart Bedford is a library researcher.
- [Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy](#)** (1979, UK, TV miniseries). Michael Jayston as agent Peter Guillam steals a file from the MI6 archives.
- [Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy](#)** (2011, France/UK/Germany). Benedict Cumberbatch as Peter Guillam goes to the MI6 Secret Intelligence Service archive in the early 1970s to look at (and snitch) a critical document. Sal the archival clerk (Laura Carmichael) lets him into the closed stacks with the information: "Corridor D, the 2-8's are halfway on your right. The 3-1's the next alcove down."
- [Tiny Furniture](#)** (2010). Lena Dunham as Aura moves back home to Brooklyn after graduating from college in Ohio. She is depressed and calls her friend Frankie (Merritt Wever), who happens to be sitting on the floor of the college library stacks. Later, Aura meets up with Jed (Alex Karpovskiy), a YouTube video artist, and asks him what people without money do; he suggests that they "loiter at libraries."
- [To Love, Honor, and Deceive](#)** (1996, made for TV). Janet Sherkow plays a librarian.
- [Todd and the Book of Pure Evil](#)** (2003, short, Canada). Steve Arbuckle as high school student Todd discovers in the school library an ancient tome that can summon the devil. Lory Wajnberg is the school librarian.
- [Tokyo Sonata](#)** (2008, Japan/Netherlands/Hong Kong). Ryûhei Sasaki (Teruyuki Kagawa) loses his job after 46 years and tries to hide it from his family, going to the public library instead.
- [Tomcats](#)** (2001). Jerry O'Connell as Michael Delany decides in a library bathroom that he will seduce the first woman he sees. He passes on the first, but the second is stereotypical librarian Jill (Heather Stephens), who invites him inside after their date. There he meets Grammy (Marnie Crossen), a retired librarian. Jill quickly transforms into a leather-clad librarian dominatrix who berates him for disrespecting books and gives him one whack for each day his book is overdue. Then Grammy joins the pair, wielding a whip.
- [Tora-san's Lovesick \[Otoko wa tsurai yo: Torajiro koivatsure\]](#)** (1974, Japan). A young widow (Sayuri Yoshinaga as Utako) who works in the municipal library retires from work.

- [Toronto Stories](#)** (2008, Canada). In “The Brazilian” segment, Sook-Yin Lee as Willia goes to the public library to look up what “Polkaroo” means, a name that her reserved friend Boris (Tygh Runyan) has been calling himself.
- [La totale!](#)** (1991, France). Miou-Miou plays Hélène Voisin, a stereotypical librarian (complete with cardigan) bored with her life and her husband, who is really an undercover secret agent. Corinne Merle plays another library staffer. The library scenes were filmed at the Agora Library in Évry, near Paris.
- [Toute la mémoire du monde](#)** (1956, France). This documentary short directed by Alain Resnais shows the behind-the-scenes workings of the Bibliothèque Nationale and follows a new book around as it is processed, cataloged, and shelved.
- [Toy Story 3](#)** (2010). The Bookworm (voiced by Richard Kind) is a green worm flashlight toy with glasses who maintains a library of instruction manuals in a closet.
- [Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen](#)** (2009). Isabel Lucas plays Alice, a Decepticon Pretender, who chases Sam (Shia LeBeouf), Leo (Ramon Rodriguez), and Mikaela (Megan Fox) into a Princeton library and destroys it, crashing through walls and knocking over bookshelves and tables. Scenes were filmed outside the Firestone Library at Princeton and at the Free Library of Philadelphia.
- [Transylvania Twist](#)** (1989). Steve Altman as Dexter Ward must collect the fine on and retrieve *The Book of Ulthar*, which was loaned from the Arkham (Mass.) Public Library by the librarian, his Uncle Ephram (Jay Robinson), 20 years earlier to a man named Marinas Orlock (Howard Morris). The book has the power to unlock doorways to another dimension and is hidden somewhere in the Transylvanian castle of Lord Byron Orlock (Robert Vaughn).
- [Traps](#)** (1986, Australia). Lesley Stern plays a librarian.
- [A Tree Grows in Brooklyn](#)** (1945). Peggy Ann Garner as 13-year-old Francie Nolan goes to a Brooklyn library in the 1900s, determined to read every book in call number order. Lillian Bronson is uncredited as the children’s librarian.
- [The Tree, the Mayor, and the Médiathèque \[L’arbre, le maire, et la médiathèque\]](#)** (1993, France). The leftist mayor of a small town (Pascal Gregory as Julien Dechaumes) wants to build a médiathèque (a combination theater, cinema, sports complex, and library) to revitalize the community, but competing ideologies interfere.
- [The Trespasser](#)** (1947). Janet Martin as Stevie Carson gets a job as a research librarian at the *Evening Gazette*. Her supervisor is the womanizing Danny Butler (Warren Douglas), but they collaborate in proving a rare book is a forgery. Carson notices that the printer’s correction sheet, supposedly dating from the 16th century, has been attached to the binding with a 19th-century pin. Adele Mara as Dee Dee is another research librarian.
- [Tru Confessions](#)** (2002, made for TV). Shia LeBeouf as mentally challenged teen Eddie Walker has a breakdown when he gets separated from his sister and finds himself lost in the stacks of a huge library. Bruce Vavrina plays an unsympathetic librarian. Filmed in the Toronto Public Library.
- [True Colors](#)** (1991). A law student must spend Christmas at school, so he uses the library to read magazines. Filmed in the University of Virginia’s Brown Science and Engineering Library.
- [The Truman Show](#)** (1998). Jim Carrey as Truman Burbank and Natascha McElhone as show protester Sylvia meet in the campus library. Scenes were filmed in the University of West Florida’s Fort Walton Beach Campus library.
- [Twelve Monkeys](#)** (1995). One scene of a graffiti-covered ruined building was filmed at the then-abandoned Ridgeway branch of the Free Library of Philadelphia.
- [29 Reasons to Run](#)** (2006). Renee Waits plays a librarian.
- [Twilight Man](#)** (1996, made for TV). Randell Haynes is a library guard.
- [Twilight Zone](#)** (November 20, 1959, TV series), “Time Enough at Last.” Burgess Meredith plays a bookish bank teller who survives a nuclear holocaust. He discovers that the public library’s collection is intact, and he begins a plan of uninterrupted reading for years to come. Just as he settles down to read, his glasses slip from his face and shatter. The episode ends as he cries, “That’s not fair at all. There was time now. There was all the time I needed! *It’s not fair!*”

**[Twilight Zone](#)** (June 2, 1961, TV series), “The Obsolete Man.” In a totalitarian State that has made literacy a crime, librarian Romney Wordsworth (Burgess Meredith) is considered obsolete. The prosecuting Chancellor (Fritz Weaver) declares that there are no longer any books and therefore no need for a librarian. Wordsworth is sentenced to die, but he cleverly sets a trap to demonstrate that the individual is stronger than the State.

**[Twisted Nerve](#)** (1968, UK). Hayley Mills is library assistant Susan Harper, who recommends a book on the Tower of London to two teens. She is stalked by obsessed psychopath Martin Durnley (Hywel Bennett), who poses as a mentally challenged young man named Georgie. Timothy Bateson plays her supervisor Mr. Groom, who has the initials “A.L.A.” after his name.

**[The Two Lives of Mattia Pascal \[Le due vite di Mattia Pascal\]](#)** (1985, Italy/France/West Germany/Spain/UK). Marcello Mastroianni as Mattia Pascal is a library clerk. In one scene he and another staffer sit together in the library cutting cheese into little pieces for the mousetraps.

**[The Two Ronnies](#)** (1983–1984, Season 10, UK, TV series), “The Confusing Library.” Ronnie Barker as the librarian and Ronnie Corbett as a patron debate the merits of having books shelf-arranged by color.

**[2:13](#)** (2009). Jo Steele plays a librarian who brings Police Detective Russell Spivey (Mark Thompson) the complete works of William Shakespeare.

**[UHF](#)** (1989). Weird Al Yankovic as George Newman becomes manager of a small TV station and hits it big with a mix of crazy programs. A vignette for the program “Conan the Librarian” features a patron (Robert Frank) asking for a book on astronomy. Conan (Roger Callard) lifts him into the air and says threateningly, “Don’t you know the Dewey Decimal system?” Later, Conan slices another borrower (Jeff Maynard) in half for returning a book late.

**[The Ultimate Gift](#)** (2006). Spoiled kid Jason Stevens (Drew Fuller), in order to claim an inheritance after the death of his billionaire grandfather (James Garner as Howard “Red” Stevens), must complete a series of tasks designed to teach him the value of money. One is to work for a month in a nearly bookless rural library (Stevens Biblioteca) that his grandfather established in Ecuador. Rose Bianco plays Bella, the Ecuadorian librarian.

**[The Underground Man](#)** (1974, made for TV). Maxine Stuart plays a librarian.

**[The Undying Monster](#)** (1942). Bramwell Fletcher as Jeff Colbert removes a book containing a history of the Hammond family from a private library so that police lab assistant Christy (Heather Thatcher) won’t learn the family’s werewolf curse.

**[Universal Signs](#)** (2008). Sabrina Lloyd is Mary, an academic librarian who befriends a deaf artist named Andrew (Anthony Natale). Susan Wilder plays another librarian.

**[The Unnamable II: The Statement of Randolph Carter](#)** (1992). Randolph Carter (Mark Kinsey Stephenson) and Eliot Howard (Charles Klausmeyer) look for missing pages of the *Necronomicon* in the rare book room of the Miskatonic University library in order to defeat a demon that is chasing them.

**[The Unquiet Library](#)** (1986). This documentary looks at the decades-long involvement of the Library of Congress in the making, performing, recording, and preservation of music. The retired chief of the Music Division, Donald Leavitt, tells of his activities.

**[Unusual Occupations](#)** (1942, short). One segment of this documentary highlights librarian Grace MacDonald and the Edmonton (Alberta) Public Library’s trolley car bookmobile.

**[Up, Down, Fragile \[Haut bas fragile\]](#)** (1995, France/Switzerland). Laurence Côte is Ida, a Parisian librarian who is obsessed by an old pop melody that may be the key to the identity of her natural parents.

**[Up the Down Staircase](#)** (1967). Frances Sternhagen plays stodgy Calvin Coolidge High School librarian Charlotte Wolf, who insists that books be reshelfed neatly and is horrified that a copy of *Ivanhoe* has been hollowed out.

**[Urban Legend](#)** (1998). Alicia Witt as Pendleton University student Natalie Simon goes to the library to research urban legends and reads a book titled *The Encyclopedia of Urban Legends*. Jan Harold



Brunvand wrote a book with the same title in 2002 in response to the film. Kay Hawtrey is a library attendant.

**Urząd** (1969, Poland, made for TV). Józef Rosiński plays a librarian in the Vatican.

**Utah Wagon Train** (1951). During a wagon train recreation on the Colorado Trail, rancher Rex Allen (playing himself) climbs a nearby telephone pole and, with a handset secretly borrowed from a telephone lineman, calls the National Library of American History in Salt Lake City just before closing time and learns that the religious Wendover Party was involved in the Gold Rush.

**Uttaravan** (2005, India). Nina Kulkarni plays Durgi, a lonely librarian in Mumbai who has survived an abusive marriage.

**Va savoir? (Who Knows?)** (2001, France/Italy/Germany). Sergio Castellitto as Ugo is researching a supposedly lost work by the Italian playwright Carlo Goldoni in the Library of the Arsenal in Paris. He is helped in his quest by a young blonde student (Hélène de Fougerolles as Do). Claude Berri plays a librarian.

**Vampiros** (2004, Puerto Rico). Vampire-bite victim Jonathan (played by Jorge Dieppa) goes to a public library to research the undead, but a library staffer refers him to books by Anne Rice and Bram Stoker.

**Vares: Kaidan tien kulkijat** (2012, Finland). Friendly public library clerk Anna-Liisa Vaara (Heini Kanniainen) is found murdered. Merja Larivaara plays head librarian Elisabeth Raappana.

**Vault of Darkness** (2009). The “Its Hour Come Round” segment features Christina Cupo as Alma, a librarian who has some terrifying moments.

**Vera** (1986, Brazil). Ana Beatriz Nogueira as teenage orphan Vera Bauer finds a job in a library after she gets out of juvenile prison. She falls in love with Clara (Aida Leiner), who works in the video department. Abrahão Farc plays a librarian.

**Verification [Weryfikacja]** (1987, Poland). Anna Kazmierczak plays librarian Dorota Marcelówna.

**A Very Good Young Man** (1919). Ruth Douglas (Helene Chadwick) turns down a marriage proposal from an assistant at the public library (Bryant Washburn as LeRoy Sylvester) because her mother has convinced her that he is too morally faultless. He sets out to sow some wild oats.

**Vicky Cristina Barcelona** (2008, Spain/US). Rebecca Hall as Vicky is on vacation in Barcelona, but she spends time in local libraries researching Catalan culture.

**Videodrome** (1983, Canada). Sonja Smits as Bianca O’Blivion maintains a private library of videotapes of her father Brian (Jack Creley), whose goal is a world in which television replaces every aspect of human life.

**La vie fantôme** (1996, Canada). Ron Lea as literature professor Pierre successfully lives two fulfilling lives: one with his wife and two children, and another with his librarian mistress Laure (Pascale Bussières).

**Violent Saturday** (1955). Sylvia Sidney plays Elsie Braden, a librarian in Bradenville, Arizona, who steals a patron’s purse to help pay her bills.

**Virtual Nightmare** (2000, Australia, made for TV). Michael Muhney as advertising agent Dale Hunter begins to see cracks in the reality of what seems to be his perfect town. With the help of a plucky librarian (Jennifer Congram as Natalie), he tries to solve the mystery.

**La vita agra** (1964, Italy). Pippo Starnazza is the librarian.

**Vlyublyon po sobstvennomu zhelanivyu** (1983, Soviet Union). Evgeniya Glushenko plays Vera Silkova, a plain but brainy librarian.

**Voyage into Fear** (1993, Australia). Monique Dykstra plays a librarian.

**Wacko** (1982). Jacqueline Cole plays a librarian at Alfred Hitchcock High School who counsels a student (Julia Duffy as Mary Graves) to get over her lawnmower phobia.

**Wag the Dog** (1997). Johnny Dean’s (Willie Nelson’s) song “Good Old Shoe” is recorded on a fake album. Presidential adviser Conrad Brean (Robert De Niro) orders: “Put this in the Library of

Congress right away. Folk music section, 1930, right away. Get it in the stacks of the Library of Congress, now.”

**The Waiting List [Lista de espera]** (2000, Spain/Cuba/France/Mexico/Germany). A group of people are stuck at a decrepit Cuban bus station for months waiting for their bus to arrive, so they work together to make the station over as a place worth visiting. One of the things they do is build a library.

**Waitress!** (1981). Carol Bevar as Jennifer goes to a New York library to look for a man, but finds only a nerd played by Carl Sturmer. Lola Ross is the librarian who tries to quell the disturbance they make.

**Walter and Henry** (2001, Canada/US, made for TV). Paulette Sinclair is a librarian.

**Wanted** (2008, US/Germany). Several scenes take place in the headquarters library of a secret Fraternity of assassins.

**WarGames** (1983). Matthew Broderick as gamer and hacker David Lightman goes to a library to find information about a famous computer programmer (John Wood as Stephen Falken). Filmed in the library at California State University, Long Beach.

**The War of the Roses** (1989). Filming in Toronto, the movie producers rented law books from the Bora Laskin Law Library to use in the scenes in the lawyer’s office.

**The War of the Worlds** (1953). Sylvia Van Buren (Ann Robinson) is a library science teacher at the University of Southern California.

**Washington Merry-Go-Round** (1932). Lee Tracy as Congressman Button Gwinnett Brown goes to the Library of Congress to research a bill and discovers that it is fraudulent, meant to honor a man who stole land from Native Americans.

**The Watermelon Woman** (1996). Cheryl Dunye (playing herself) goes to the fictional CLIT Institute, an all-volunteer lesbian archives, to research a gay African-American actress from the 1930s. The archivist (Sarah Schulman) is careless with rare, primary materials.

**A Way of Life** (2004, UK). Stephanie James as teenage mother Leigh-Anne Williams, accompanied by her brother and two friends, has a confrontation with a Turkish man in a Welsh library. Siriol Jenkins plays a librarian.

**The Way We Were** (1973). Barbara Streisand as Katie pretends to study in the college library but really goes to sneak a peek at Hubbell Gardner (Robert Redford).

**The Web** (1947). Edmond O’Brien as lawyer Bob Regan uses the Index Department at the *New York Star* to investigate an old criminal case. The librarian (Robin Raymond) retrieves a large, bound volume for him.

**Web of Evidence** (1959, UK). Vera Miles as Liverpool librarian Lena Anderson helps Paul Mathry (Van Johnson) clear his father of murder.

**The Wedding Cow [Die Hochzeitskuh]** (1999, Germany/Switzerland). Isabella Parkinson as Flora is on her way to a new job as a librarian in southern Germany, but her money is stolen and she gets kicked off the train. Flora hitchhikes and gets picked up by a pink truck driven by a plumber named Tim (Oliver Reinhard) who is traveling with his cow Hannah.

**Weeds** (1987). Nick Nolte as suicidal San Quentin inmate Lee Umstetter checks a book out of the prison library and gets the idea to write a play.

**Weird Woman** (1944). Evelyn Ankers as scorned academic librarian Illona Carr spreads gossip about her ex, Monroe College anthropology professor Norman Reed (Lon Chaney Jr.), until her former friends create a librarian voodoo doll and drive her to suicide. Lois Collier plays love-struck student assistant Margaret Mercer.

**Welcome Home** (2004, Austria). Stephanie Commings plays a librarian.

**Welcome to Mooseport** (2004, US/Germany). Gene Hackman as former US President Monroe Cole has retired to his vacation home in Mooseport, Maine, where he plans to build his massive presidential library. The library architect, Izuki Nami (Denis Akiyama), describes it as “European rationalism interwoven with American modernism, a metaphor of organic growth, a man-made mountain over which soars the eagle.”

**Welcome to Sarajevo** (1997, US/UK). Serbian shelling completely destroys the Bosnian National Library in Sarajevo on August 25, 1992, during the Bosnian War.

- The West Wing** (May 10, 2000, TV series), “Lies, Damn Lies, and Statistics.” Lisa Edelstein as law student/call girl Laurie is in the law library studying for the bar exam.
- Westinghouse Desilu Playhouse** (June 22, 1959, TV series), “Perilous.” Joan Fontaine plays British spy Margaret Lewis, who is posing as a librarian in 1937 Germany. She encounters deep emotional problems when she falls in love with a German newspaperman.
- Wet Gold** (1984, made for TV). Laura (Brooke Shields) takes her friend Sampson (Burgess Meredith) to a library, where she finds an old newspaper article that substantiates his story of a lost treasure.
- Wet Hot American Summer** (2001). In August 1981, Camp Firewood director Beth (Janeane Garofalo) and local astrophysicist David Hyde Pierce ask Nancy (Nina Hellman) where to find books on astrophysics and camp directing. She tells them to go the library. At the Waterville (Maine) Public Library, the stacks are marked “astrophysics” and “camp directing.”
- Wetherby** (1985, UK). Dame Judi Dench plays Wetherby (Yorkshire) Deputy Librarian Marcia Pilborough. She informs young John Morgan (Tim McInnerny) that the library only loans books “under special circumstances.”
- What Dreams May Come** (1998, US/New Zealand). The deceased Chris Neilsen (Robin Williams) is in Heaven and must find his wife Annie (Annabella Sciorra), who in the act of suicide has gone to Hell. He meets his guide in a vast library where gondoliers drift through canals between the bookshelves.
- What’s It All About [El perquè de tot plegat]** (1995, Spain). In the “Amor” segment, Rossy de Palma plays a librarian in a zoological museum.
- What’s New Pussycat?** (1965, US/France). Woody Allen as Victor is talking to his girlfriend Carole (Romy Schneider) while they are standing on two ladders in a library. He is chased around by a large man (played by French wrestler Jack de Lassartesse) who takes a book of poems by Shelley that Carole wanted to read. During the *mélée* she hits him with a big book and knocks him unconscious.
- What’s Your Number?** (2011). Anna Faris as Ally Darling tries to spy on ex-boyfriend Tom Piper (Anthony Mackie) in the “Adams Library” in Washington, D.C., by asking patrons to move a study table so she can see him better. The courtyard of the Boston Public Library was transformed into a romantic restaurant for another scene.
- When a Man Falls** (2007, Germany/Canada/US). Dylan Baker as agoraphobic janitor Bill compulsively rearranges the audiocassette collection at a public library until he finds a self-help tape on lucid dreaming.
- When the Wind Blows** (1986, UK). Jim Bloggs (voiced by John Mills) picks up a government nuclear-blast survival leaflet and a book from a Sussex library after the radio announces that a bomb will drop on Britain.
- Where the Heart Is** (2000). Forney Hull (James Frain) takes over for his sister Mary Elizabeth (Margaret Hoard) as librarian in Sequoyah, Oklahoma, while she is bedridden from chronic alcoholism. He befriends single teen parent Novalee Nation (Natalie Portman) when she visits the library.
- Whisper of the Heart [Mimi wo sumaseba]** (1995, Japan). In this animated feature, middle school student Shizuku Tsukishima finds that all the books she wants to check out from the public library (where her father is a librarian) were previously checked out by the same boy, Seiji Amasawa.
- The Whisperers** (1967, UK). Dame Edith Evans plays Maggie Ross, a lonely old lady who spends lots of time reading the daily papers and warming her toes in the library.
- Whispering City** (1947, Canada). Palmieri plays a law librarian in Quebec City.
- Whispering Footsteps** (1943). Marie Blake plays Sally Lukens, a worker at the Medallion (Ohio) Public Library. She has a crush on Mark Borne (John Hubbard) and lets him take out a book before he has a valid library card.
- The White River Kid** (1999). Antonio Banderas as illegal immigrant Morales Pittman visits an Arkansas bookmobile and picks out what he thinks is a book on immigration. However, it is actually a book on litigation and he begins to think he can become a lawyer. Allison Pace plays the librarian.
- Why Not Me? [Pourquoi pas moi?]** (1999, Spain/France/Switzerland). Paca Barrera is a librarian.
- The Wicker Man** (1973, UK). Though credited as the “librarian,” Ingrid Pitt plays the nymphomaniac registrar of records in remote Summerisle, Scotland, who lets Sergeant Neil Howie (Edward

Woodward) of the West Highland Police consult the Index of Deaths. Howie later visits a public library to research May Day rituals.

**Widower with 5 Daughters [Witwer mit 5 Töchtern]** (1957, West Germany). Heinz Erhardt plays widowed librarian Friedrich Scherzer raising five daughters who want him to remarry.

**A Wife on Trial** (1917). Mignon Anderson plays underpaid public children's librarian Phyllis Narcissa, whom the kids call the "lib'ry teacher." She accepts a proposal to quit the library and marry and take care of a paralyzed man in return for security and a rose garden.

**Wild Card** (1992, made for TV). Jane Abbott is a librarian.

**Wilderness** (1996, UK, made for TV). Disturbed young London academic librarian Alice White (Amanda Ooms) has trouble convincing her lover Dan Somers (Owen Teale) that she's a werewolf. They make love in the stacks and she shape-shifts there. Her coworker Serena (Johanna Benyon) thinks that "academic libraries are the most erotic places on earth." Alice moves to a retreat in Scotland, where she changes into a wolf permanently.

**Wimps** (1986). Freshman wimp Francis (Louie Bonnano) helps a quarterback woo library clerk Roxanne (Deborah Blaisdell, aka X-rated star Tracey Adams).

**Wings of Desire [Der Himmel über Berlin]** (1987, West Germany). Listening to the inner thoughts of dozens of library researchers, two angels, Damiel (Bruno Ganz) and Cassiel (Otto Sander), find solace in the West German Library (now a branch of the Berlin State Library) at Potsdamer Straße 33 in Berlin.

**Winnie** (1988, made for TV). Meredith Baxter as the intellectually challenged Winnie is using the children's section of a library when she is teased by some kids. Florence Schauffler is the children's librarian.

**The Winslow Boy** (1999, UK/US). Rebecca Pidgeon as Catherine Winslow conducts some research in the law library to help clear her young brother's name of theft.

**The Wire** (July 6, 2003, TV series), "All Prologue." Lawrence Gilliard Jr. as D'Angelo Barksdale attends a book group in the prison library and discusses F. Scott Fitzgerald's *The Great Gatsby*. While working in the library, he is assaulted and strangled to death with a belt by another inmate named Mugs (Dakota Anderson).

**The Witch [La strega in amore]** (1966, Italy). Richard Johnson as historian-scholar Sergio Logan answers an ad placed by Consuelo Lorente (Sarah Ferrati) and goes to a ramshackle castle library to catalog some erotic literature written by her late husband. The previous librarian, Fabrizio (Gian Maria Volonté), is still annoyingly on hand.

**Witchboard** (1986, UK/US). Brandon Sinclair (Stephen Nicholas) and Jim Morar (Todd Allen) look at microfilmed newspapers in the Big Bear Lake branch of the San Bernardino County (Calif.) Public Library to find out how a boy named David, now manifesting as a Ouija board spirit, died in a boating accident.

**With Honors** (1994). Homeless man Simon Wilder (Joe Pesci) lives in the furnace room of Harvard's Widener Library, where he accidentally discovers the only copy of a thesis written by student Monty Kessler (Brendan Fraser), who has dropped it down a grate. The two spend some time in the Widener reading room, but Simon has trouble keeping quiet. Patricia B. Butcher plays a librarian who politely attempts to remove him from the library.

**Within the Law** (1939). Ruth Hussey plays shopgirl Mary Turner, who is framed for shoplifting and sentenced to three years in prison. She asks the prison librarian (Claire Du Brey) for a recommendation on a book to read; when she learns the length of her sentence, the librarian recommends *Gone with the Wind*.

**The Wives He Forgot** (2006, Canada, made for TV). Teri Philips plays a librarian.

**The Wiz** (1978). Ted Ross as the Cowardly Lion has been hiding inside one of the lion statues in front of the New York Public Library.

**Wonder Man** (1945). Danny Kaye plays both Buzzy Bellew, a nightclub singer who is murdered because he witnessed a mob killing, and his twin brother, Edwin Dingle, a brilliant, bookish scholar who spends his days studying in the library and writing with both hands. There he falls in love with



beautiful young librarian Ellen Shanley (Virginia Mayo), who isn't particularly good at reference and has difficulty keeping the room quiet.

**Woof!** (1989, UK, made for TV). Edward Fido plays 10-year-old Eric Banks, who changes into a Norfolk Terrier whenever his nose starts twitching. He and his friend Roy (Thomas Aldwickle) first go to a school library to try to find the cause, but they are booted out because they do not have permission. "It's not easy, is it, research?" Eric muses. Their visit to a public library is more successful, but Marjorie the librarian (Sheila Steafel) rings a huge bell at them when it is closing time. Zaniness ensues when Eric turns into a dog and Roy must find a way to sneak him out of the library.

**Wulf** (2009, UK, short). Librarian Amy Glover works overtime to get the books ready for the opening of a new corporate headquarters. But there is a rogue werewolf prowling the corridors.

**Yallahrup Færgeby** (2007, Denmark, TV series). Esben Pretzmann plays perpetually depressed school librarian Morten in the city of Yallahrup Færgeby, Denmark.

**Yalp** (2004, France/Germany, short). In a library where the cast moves forward but the scenes are recorded in backward action, only books written in reverse writing are available. Marianne Döring is the librarian.

**You Can't Get Away with Murder** (1939). Billy Halop as Johnny Stone works in the Sing Sing prison library with Pop (Henry Travers).

**You, Me, and Dupree** (2006). Molly (Kate Hudson) and Carl (Matt Dillon) try to get rid of their unwelcome house guest Dupree (Owen Wilson) by setting him up with an elementary school librarian named Mandy (uncredited). However, it turns out she has a reputation as a slut.

**You Must Be Joking!** (1965, UK). James Robertson Justice is a librarian.

**You're a Big Boy Now** (1966). Peter Kastner plays Bernard Chanticleer, a 19-year-old roller-skating library page in the New York Public Library, who steals its Gutenberg Bible. Bernard's father is I. H. Chanticleer (Rip Torn), incunabula curator and secretary harasser. Amy Partlett (Karen Black) and Raef del Grado (Tony Bill) are library assistants.

**Young Bride** (1932). Helen Twelvetrees plays New York children's librarian Allie Smith, who yearns for a storybook romance but enters into a disastrous relationship with irresponsible braggart Charlie Riggs (Eric Linden). Her coworkers are Director Margaret Gordon (Blanche Friderici) and Daisy (Polly Walters).

**Young Cassidy** (1965, UK). Maggie Smith plays timid librarian Nora, who falls in love with Irish playwright John Cassidy aka Seán O'Casey (Rod Taylor).

**Young Frankenstein** (1974). A revolving bookcase triggered by Inga (Teri Garr) removing a candle opens a secret passageway that leads to the private library of Victor von Frankenstein, although not before trapping his grandson Frederick (Gene Wilder). "Put...the candle...back!"

**The Young Poisoner's Handbook** (1995, UK/Germany/France). Sue Butler (Samantha Edmonds), a young clerk in the London Library, lets Graham Young (Hugh O'Connor) check out restricted books on poisons.

**Young Sherlock Holmes** (1985). Sherlock Holmes (Nicholas Rowe) and John Watson (Alan Cox) meet as students at the Brompton Academy. Several scenes take place in a library.

**Zajęcia dydaktyczne** (1980, Poland, made for TV). Andrzej Precigs is a librarian in Warsaw.

**Zardoż** (1974, UK). In a forgotten library in 2239, Zed (Sean Connery) finds the book that helps him discover the secret of Zardoż.

**Zelená vlna** (1982, Czechoslovakia). Jirí Lir plays a librarian.

**Zero Day** (2003). Teens Andre (Andre Keuck) and Calvin (Cal Robertson) murder 14 students in a school library in a Columbine-like scenario. The massacre is seen from the point of view of library security cameras.

**Zhou Yu's Train [Zhou Yu de huo che]** (2002, China/Hong Kong). Chen Qing (Tony Leung Ka Fai) is a shy poet who works in a library in Chongyang.

- Zodiac** (2007). *San Francisco Chronicle* cartoonist Robert Graysmith (Jake Gyllenhaal) and crime reporter Paul Avery (Robert Downey Jr.) use an archive to consult back issues of the *Modesto Bee* in their quest to find the Zodiac Killer in 1969–1970. Graysmith soon becomes obsessed with the case, bringing home armfuls of library books on psychology and cryptography.
- The Zombie Walks [Im Banne des Unheimlichen]** (1968, West Germany). Ewa Strömberg is a clerk in the local library, which holds the only copy of a book on an untraceable poison by Professor Bound (Edith Schneider).
- Z.P.G.** (1972, UK). In an overpopulated future Earth, when Carol McNeill (Geraldine Chaplin) becomes secretly and illegally pregnant, her husband Russ (Oliver Reed) accesses an automated library cubicle for information on premature childbirth and is immediately arrested and interrogated.