

AMERICAN SPACES FILM PROGRAMMING RESOURCES

OFFICE OF AMERICAN SPACES MOVIE KITS

On a monthly basis, the Office of American Spaces produces and sends out movie kits that support programming themes. Since the kits are new products, the Office of American Spaces currently is selecting movies that span a broad range of themes.

Typically, the movies are Hollywood films from the ECA MPLC film database, such as <u>A League of Their Own</u> or <u>Hidden Figures</u>. An <u>ECA-curated list of film titles</u> is on the American Spaces website. These movies are NOT in Kanopy (see below). Posts and American Spaces must use their regular process of procuring films from Amazon, iTunes, etc. to obtain the actual films.

A few kits may be developed for films in Kanopy, but because many are niche films, it is unlikely that American Spaces unable to use Kanopy due to poor bandwidth would find them to purchase.

Please feel free to send suggestions for movie kit production to Alice Easter, Office of American Spaces Programming Officer, at EasterAH@state.gov.

KANOPY STREAMING VIDEOS

Kanopy is a new resource available only through the <u>American Spaces Staff Resources section of eLibraryUSA</u>. American Spaces may request <u>eLibraryUSA</u> accounts by emailing <u>americanspaces@state.gov</u>.

Films in Kanopy are for American Spaces staff use only as part of American Spaces programs. The films are generally grouped by a theme. The top 30-plus movies reflect themes of the calendar year, but the movies are available throughout the year and can be tied to other themes. The remaining titles relate to popular programming themes, such as American culture, as well as policy priorities, such as the nuclear age, public health, etc.

<u>The final list of Kanopy movies for 2018 contains 51 titles</u>. The Office of American Spaces is accepting suggestions for titles for 2019 only at <u>americanspaces@state.gov</u>. Note: even if Kanopy gives a user the option to request/purchase a film online, these requests cannot be fulfilled.

ECA MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

A publication of the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, this newsletter highlights U.S. films that relate to anniversaries, holidays and other events during a particular month. The newsletter is for American Spaces and Public Affairs sections and should **NOT** be distributed to the general public. Currently, it is available on the American Spaces Community Forum.

BEST PRACTICES FOR SCREENING FILMS

- Be sure to **preview the movies** to make sure they are appropriate for the target audience.
- For Kanopy or any streaming service, be sure the programming area bandwidth supports it.
- Detailed information on showing films in American Spaces is on the American Spaces website.