



Its summertime – the feeling is easy, it's the perfect temperature, time is spent laying on the beach all afternoon, followed by roasting marshmallows over a campfire and staring at the stars at night. What's the best way to end the night? Why not watch one of our fantastic movies!

The films on this list have all featured on our virtual displays, throughout the academic year. The Learning Curve have looked back through our previous film lists and picked a few from each genre, which will suit every taste. From fantastical fantasies to hiding behind a cushion horrors, consider your movie nights sorted. All of the films listed below can be borrowed from the library using our Click & Collect Service.

E.T. - The Extra Terrestrial

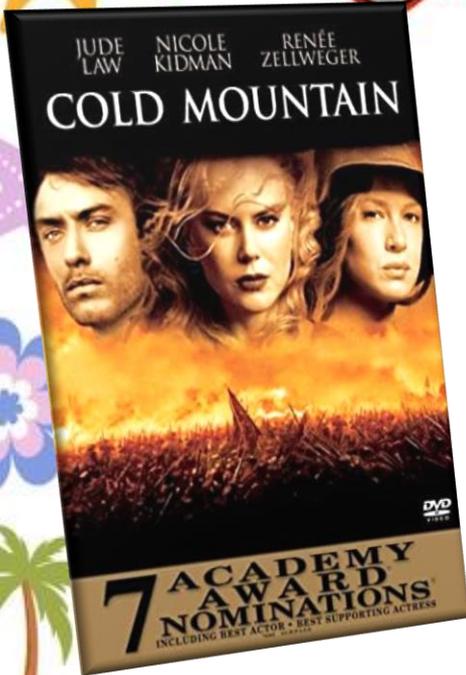
Director: Steven Spielberg

Stars: Dee Wallace Stone, Henry Thomas, Drew Barrymore, Peter Coyote, Dee Wallace Stone

Genre: Science-Fiction

A little lost alien, three million light years away from home. A lonely ten-year old boy willing to take him home. Two lives changed by a timeless adventure and a friendship that knows no earthly bounds. Experience one of the best-loved films of all time. Rediscover Steven Spielberg's E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial, in this special edition, with never-before-seen footage, enhanced visual effects and digitally remastered soundtrack. Winner of four Oscars® and two Golden Globes*, including Best Motion Picture, ET is funny, moving and unforgettable.





Cold Mountain

Director: Anthony Minghella

Stars: Jude Law, Nicole Kidman, Renée Zellweger, Brendan Gleeson, Philip Seymour Hoffman

Genre: Romance

Sweeping American Civil War drama based on the novel by Charles Frazier, directed by Anthony Minghella. Jude Law stars as Inman, a wounded Confederate soldier who is slowly making the perilous journey back to his hometown of Cold Mountain in North Carolina, meeting a string of colourful characters along the way (played by actors including Philip Seymour Hoffman, Natalie Portman, Ray Winstone and Kathy Baker).

At home waits Ada Monroe (Nicole Kidman), the pre-war sweetheart to whom he has vowed to return. In his absence Ada, the shy and reserved daughter of a preacher (Donald Sutherland), has befriended the feisty Ruby (Renée Zellweger), a tough-talking young woman who can work the land as well as any man. Ruby supports Ada both emotionally and practically as she waits for Inman's return - but as the war drags on and her letters go unanswered, Ada finds it increasingly difficult to keep the faith.

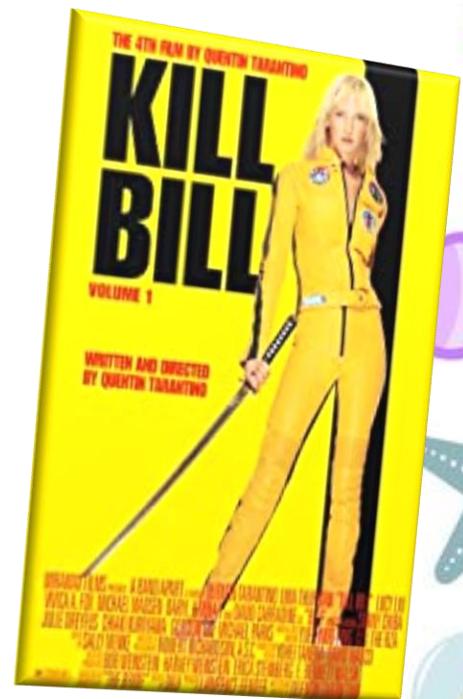
Kill Bill Volume 1

Director: Quentin Tarantino

Stars: Uma Thurman, David Carradine, Daryl Hannah

Genre: Crime

The lead character, called 'The Bride,' was a member of the Deadly Viper Assassination Squad, led by her lover 'Bill.' Upon realizing she was pregnant with Bill's child, 'The Bride' decided to escape her life as a killer. She fled to Texas, met a young man, who, on the day of their wedding rehearsal was gunned down by an angry and jealous Bill (with the assistance of the Deadly Viper Assassination Squad). Four years later, 'The Bride' wakes from a coma, and discovers her baby is gone. She, then, decides to seek revenge upon the five people who destroyed her life and killed her baby. The saga of Kill Bill Volume I begins.





I Know What You Did Last Summer

Director: Jim Gillespie

Stars: Jennifer Love Hewitt, Sarah Michelle Gellar, Ryan Phillippe, and Freddie Prinze Jr.

Genre: Horror/Thriller

After four friends knock down a person in their car, they decide to dump the victim's body in the sea and cover up what happened. One year later, they all receive notes reading "I Know What You Did Last Summer". Now their lives are in danger.

The writer Kevin Williamson was fresh off Scream (1996) and once again he hit a great balance between teen slasher horror and mystery. There is a little more at play here than just murder, blood, and gore, as there is a mystery to who is harassing them. The cinematography is amazing here and has great vibrant colours. A few jump scares, suspense and an interesting story. This is more than just a teen slasher horror from the 90's and will get you into the Halloween feeling. A fun and exciting horror for October and maybe summer.

Blade Runner

Director: Ridley Scott

Stars: Harrison Ford, Rutger Hauer, Sean Young, Daryl Hannah, Edward James Olmos

Genre: Dystopia

In a dystopian 2019 Los Angeles of towering skyscrapers, the grizzled former Blade Runner, Rick Deckard (Harrison Ford), is called out of retirement when four rogue Nexus-6 replicants steal a spaceship and illegally enter Earth to find their creator, Dr Eldon Tyrell. As the synthetic humanoids become increasingly desperate to locate him, the officious bounty hunter, Deckard, leaves no stone unturned in the futuristic, neon-lit metropolis, trying to track down and "retire" the dangerous androids. However, more and more, Rick finds himself grappling with conflicting emotions. Will he let uncertainty, and even empathy, get in the way of duty?





Pans Labyrinth

Director: Guillermo del Toro

Stars: Ivana Baquero, Ariadna Gil, Sergi López

Genre: Fantasy

In 1944 Falangist Spain, a girl, fascinated with fairy-tales, is sent along with her pregnant mother to live with her new stepfather, a ruthless captain of the Spanish army. During the night, she meets a fairy who takes her to an old faun in the centre of the labyrinth. He tells her she's a princess, but must prove her royalty by surviving three gruesome tasks. If she fails, she will never prove herself to be the true princess and will never see her real father, the king, again.

Minority Report

Director: Steven Spielberg

Stars: Tom Cruise, Colin Farrell, Samantha Morton

Genre: Science-Fiction

In the year 2054 A.D. crime is virtually eliminated from Washington D.C. thanks to an elite law enforcing squad "Precrime". They use three gifted humans (called "Pre-Cogs") with special powers to see into the future and predict crimes beforehand. John Anderton heads Precrime and believes the system's flawlessness steadfastly. However one day the Pre-Cogs predict that Anderton will commit a murder himself in the next 36 hours. Worse, Anderton doesn't even know the victim. He decides to get to the mystery's core by finding out the 'minority report' which means the prediction of the female Pre-Cog Agatha that "might" tell a different story and prove Anderton innocent.



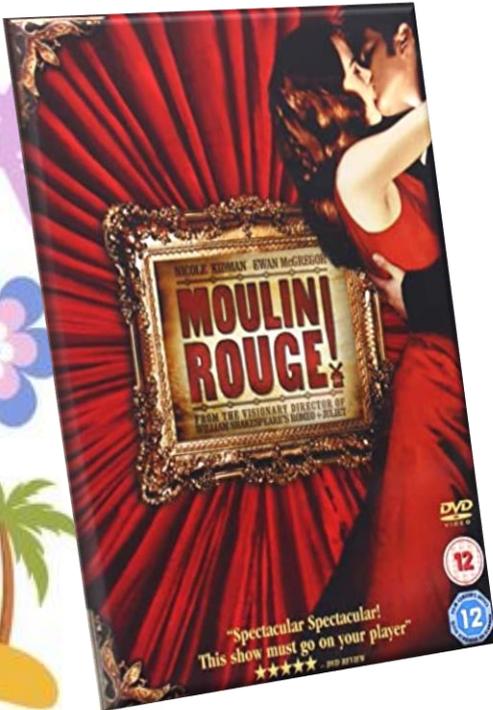
Moulin Rouge

Director: Baz Luhrmann

Stars: Nicole Kidman, Ewan McGregor, John Leguizamo, Jim Broadbent, Richard Roxburgh

Genre: Romance

Baz Luhrmann directs this remake of the 1952 musical about a Parisian cabaret club called the Moulin Rouge. Struggling British writer Christian (Ewan McGregor) relocates to the Montmartre district of Paris in the hope that being among other bohemian writers will inspire him to complete his latest novel. When he meets his neighbours, a troupe of performers led by Henri de Toulouse-Lautrec (John Leguizamo), Christian lends his writing skills to finish their work-in-progress show; when complete, the troupe hope to sell their show to the Moulin Rouge, the most decadent club in Paris. On his first visit to the club, Christian finds himself falling hopelessly in love with dancer and courtesan Satine (Nicole Kidman). As the two grow closer, events conspire to keep the young lovers apart, including the fact that Satine has been promised to the Duke of Monroth (Richard Roxburgh). The cast also includes Jim Broadbent as owner of the Moulin Rouge Harold Zidler and Kylie Minogue as the Green Fairy.



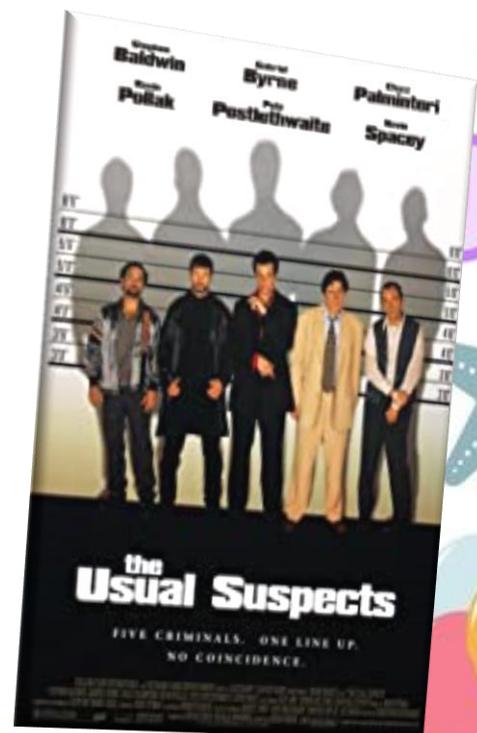
The Usual Suspects

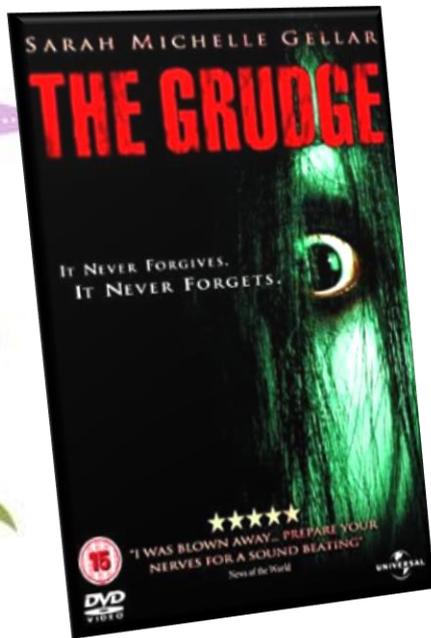
Director: Bryan Singer

Stars: Kevin Spacey, Gabriel Byrne, Chazz Palminteri

Genre: Crime

Following a truck hijack in New York, five criminals are arrested and brought together for questioning. As none of them are guilty, they plan a revenge operation against the police. The operation goes well, but then the influence of a legendary mastermind criminal called Keyser Söze is felt. It becomes clear that each one of them has wronged Söze at some point and must pay back now. The payback job leaves 27 men dead in a boat explosion, but the real question arises now: Who actually is Keyser Söze?





The Grudge

Director: Takashi Shimizu

Stars: Sarah Michelle Gellar, Jason Behr, Clea DuVall

Genre: Horror/Thriller

An American nurse, Karen (Sarah Michelle Gellar) is living and working in Tokyo. She is exposed to a supernatural curse. This is a mysterious, vengeful spirit that marks and curses anyone who dares enter their house.

The Grudge is a haunted house experience, grabbing your attention from the start with creepy haunting images and sounds. There are moments that will make you jump out of your skin or cover your face with the bedcovers. Takashi Shimizu directed the original movie from 2002 titled Ju-on: The Grudge, which is also worth a watch. He has worked on horror movies for a long time and has a passion for the genre. The acting is very good and Sarah Michelle Gellar in the starring role is great, as she was fresh off Buffy the Vampire Slayer.

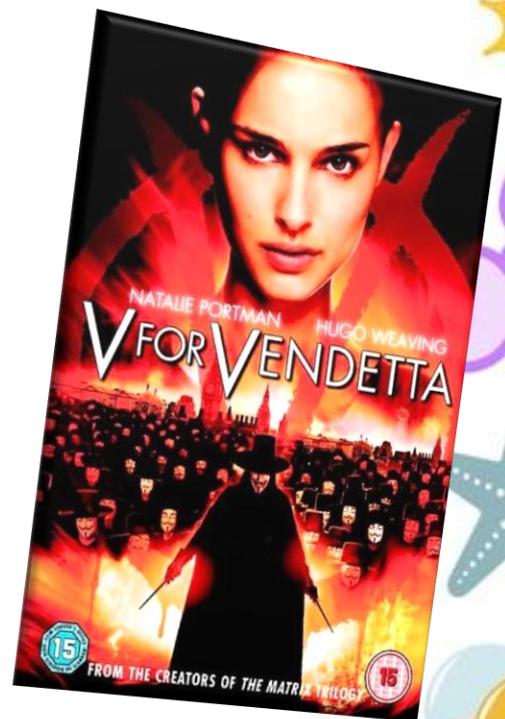
V for Vendetta

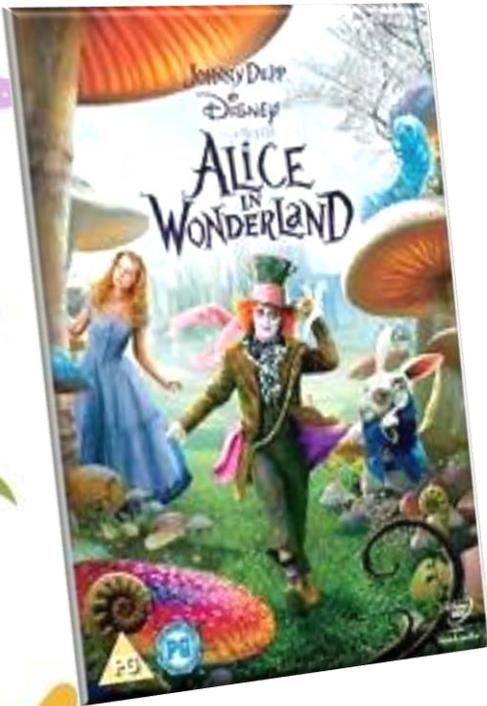
Director: James McTeigue

Stars: Hugo Weaving, Natalie Portman, Rupert Graves

Genre: Dystopia

In the distant future, Evey Hammond is an average citizen of the United Kingdom, which is under the rule of the fascist and tyrannical Norsefire Party. She is an employee of the state-run British Television Network, but soon, she becomes the number one enemy of the state together with an enigmatic and larger-than-life freedom fighter known only by the letter "V". V informs Evey that she must hide in his underground lair for at least one year, and while she is reluctant to the idea at first, a bond soon forms between the two individuals. In the meanwhile, the mysterious past of V is gradually revealed to the police inspector tasked with capturing him, Eric Finch, and it is not long until he starts questioning everything his government stands for.





Alice in Wonderland (2010)

Director: Tim Burton

Stars: Mia Wasikowska, Johnny Depp, Helena Bonham Carter

Genre: Fantasy

Alice, an unpretentious and individual 19-year-old, is betrothed to a son of an English nobleman. At her engagement party, she escapes the crowd to consider whether to go through with the marriage and falls down a hole in the garden after spotting an unusual rabbit. Arriving in a strange and surreal place called "Underland," she finds herself in a world that resembles the nightmares she had as a child, filled with talking animals, villainous queens and knights, and frumious bandersnatches. Alice realizes that she is there for a reason--to conquer the horrific Jabberwocky and restore the rightful queen to her throne.

The Time Traveler's Wife

Director: Robert Schwentke

Stars: Eric Bana, Rachel McAdams, Ron Livingston, Michelle Nolden, Alex Ferris

Genre: Romance

Romantic fantasy drama based on the bestselling novel by Audrey Niffenegger. Eric Bana stars as Chicago librarian Henry DeTamble, who is born with a genetic disorder that causes him involuntarily to time travel when he becomes stressed. This means that he often drops out of the present for long periods of time, causing his ongoing and deeply passionate romance with the love of his life, artist Clare Abshire (Rachel McAdams), to run into all kinds of difficult complexities.

