



### **Kanopy Streaming Video Service added to Libraries' Databases**

Kanopy is a streaming video platform for libraries with one of the largest and most unique collections in the world featuring over 28,000 movies, documentaries, and indie and foreign films from over 800 producers including The Criterion Collection, The Great Courses, California Newsreel, BBC, and PBS as well as thousands of independent filmmakers. Hundreds of new films are added each month. Click on the "Subjects" drop-down in the platforms' top left corner to browse titles by genre and subject.

The collection includes indie hits like *2 Days in Paris*, classic masterpieces like *Day of the Dead* and *Bicycle Thieves*, and award-winning documentaries like *Hearts and Minds*.

Kanopy's motto is "thoughtful entertainment" - seeking to provide library patrons with access to films of unique social and cultural, not just entertainment, value; films that are often difficult or impossible to access elsewhere.

Kanopy is also committed to diversity, with an amazing array of foreign language films and films on race, LGBTQ and other topics. Kanopy's films are also compatible for the hearing impaired (with captions and transcripts) and visually impaired (compatible with technologies such as JAWS).

We have unlimited simultaneous access to all of these films. The system is compatible with all kinds of devices. It works with Windows and Mac. You may use the Safari, Firefox, Chrome, or IE browsers. Free apps are available for both Apple and Android.

Each person can set up a user account (no charge) so that you have your own personal workspace. You can set up playlists and check your recent viewing history. The tools available to you include clip-making and ratings/comments. You can actually send comments to the filmmaker.

Any person affiliated with UM is welcome to view any of these films for their own use. Films can also be shown to any group of UM people including classes, clubs, and film night at the residential colleges. Faculty may include titles in their course reserve lists with the Libraries or otherwise assign them as homework to be viewed on the students' own time.

Faculty can suggest additional films to be added to the database. IF Kanopy can make a deal with the rights owner, they will alert the interested parties when the title is available. Please bear in mind that some film distributors may have already signed an exclusive agreement with another streaming company.

Kanopy is available at [www.kanopystreaming.com](http://www.kanopystreaming.com) and is also on the Libraries' [list of databases](#).