

Check Out a Movie Tonight @ Your Library
Librarian's Shelf by Melodee Pedersen

I was stunned to discover recently someone who did not know our public library rents out DVDs. We have a fantastic collection of over 3,000 movies, television shows, exercise videos, documentaries, and more. We even have how to videos to teach you everything from playing a bass guitar to speaking basic Spanish. Here is a brief synopsis of a few of my favorites and a couple of DVD series new to the library, just to give you a taste of the wide range that is available.

For those, like myself, who are pining for British period drama now that *Downton Abbey* and *Mr. Selfridge* are over for the season, why not try *The Duchess of Duke Street* or *The Forsyte Saga*? The library owns series one and two of *The Duchess*, a BBC production originally seen on Masterpiece Theatre. Inspired by the true story of Rosa Lewis, the owner of the famed Cavendish hotel, this series relates the triumphs and travails of a fictional Louisa Leyton, who rises from the lowest rung on the ladder of servitude to the manager of the most elegant hotel in turn-of-the-century London.

The Forsyte Saga began as a series of books by English author John Galsworthy. Described as the "thinking man's soap opera", it follows the members of a nouveau riche British family beginning in Victorian times. If you just want to re-watch *Downton Abbey* and revel in the architecture, the costumes and those wonderful characters, the library has seasons one through five of that, too.

At the risk of dating myself, I remember seeing *Foul Play* on television as a teenager. Who can resist Goldie Hawn and Chevy Chase's chemistry together? Goldie plays a librarian caught up in a murder investigation and Chevy plays the detective on the case. Throw in Dudley Moore as a kinky conductor, and Burgess Meredith as Goldie's neighbor with a pet boa constrictor, and you have a recipe for romance, intrigue and a lot of comedy. I'm excited to watch it again and see if it is still as good as I remember.

Another childhood favorite was *The Lone Ranger*. If you would like to introduce the original beloved Clayton Moore to the next generation, the library has two *Lone Ranger* DVDs for you to choose from, with six episodes each. If you were a fan of the horses in *The Lone Ranger*, you might want to check out *Hidalgo*. Starring Viggo Mortensen, this is a story of an extreme sport from yesteryear, the horse race called the "Ocean of Fire", held over 3,000 miles of the Arabian desert.

I would also like to remind everyone that the library accepts donations of gently used adult and children's books, DVDs, books on CD or cassette tape and other items year round. Unfortunately, we cannot accept magazines, encyclopedias or electronics. Donations may be brought to the library's front desk any time the library is open. What the library cannot use for its own collection will be given to the Friends of the Columbus Public Library for the book sale.