

**Films in the Journey Toward Wholeness Library
Unitarian Universalist Church at Washington Crossing
(2017-18)**

Anyone and Everyone (DVD 57 minutes) by IronZeal Films, 2007

Connected by having a son or daughter who is gay, parents discuss their experiences. In this documentary, filmmaker Susan Schutz depicts families of all walks of life, individuals of diverse origins such as Japanese, Bolivian and Cherokee, and of diverse religions, Mormon, Catholic, Hindu and others, sharing intimate accounts of how their children revealed that they were homosexual and discussing their responses.

American Violet (Dvd 103 minutes 2008) Based on a true story. Falsely accused of distributing narcotics in a school zone, the struggling single mother, Dee Roberts, gets a deal she can't refuse plead guilty and accept a 10 year suspended sentence or risk a trial and conviction (25 yrs in jail). Suing the DA for racial discrimination, Dee battles impossible odds in a case that will not only change her life but the laws of Texas.

Bachelor Farmer (DVD 58 minutes) Michael Culpepper, Nikki Draper Producers, 2005

An intimate look at how a few gay men negotiate the challenges of small-town living in rural Kendrick, Ohio, population 369, a place so small that no one can be a stranger.

Banished (DVD) 84 minutes (2007) Two Tone Productions

Banished vividly recounts the forgotten history of racial cleansing in America when thousands of African Americans were driven from their homes and communities by violent racist mobs in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. In fear for their lives, black people left these towns never to return and reclaim their rightful property. The film asks if the U.S. will ever make meaningful reparations to its African American citizens that suffered these abuses.

Beyond Silence (DVD 107 minutes) Miramax, 1996

The story of a young woman's battle for independence and her deaf parents' struggle to understand her gift for music. Her pursuit of music creates an ever-widening rift that eventually threatens to tear apart her once close-knit family. Family members must somehow learn to reach beyond differences and expectations to bring their two worlds together. German with English subtitles.

Billy Elliot (2001) DVD 111 min) 11 year Billy Elliot is on his way to boxing lessons when he comes upon a ballet class which he secretly enrolls in, knowing his miner father would never approve Billy's raw talent takes flight, but when his father discovers his son's ambition, Billy must fight for his dreams and his destiny.

Bobby (2007)

A Boy Named Sue (DVD 56 minutes) by Julie Wyman, 2000 A compelling documentary that chronicles the transformation of a transsexual named Theo from a woman to a man over the course of six years. The film successfully captures Theo's physiological and psychological changes during the process and their effects on his lesbian lover and close friends. One of the best films to date on female-to-male transsexual experience.

Black or White (DVD) 2014 121 min 20th Century Fox When two grandparents engage in a heated custody dispute over their beloved biracial granddaughter, the ensuing legal battle forces them to consider their true feelings on race and forgiveness. Kevin Costner and Octavia Spencer star.

Bread and Roses (DVD 110 minutes) by Lions Gate Entertainment, 2000

A gripping story of immigrant workers who take a stand against the million dollar corporations that employ them. Appalled at the work conditions and unfair labor practices, newly arrived illegal immigrant Maya teams up with Sam, a labor organizer to fight their employer.

Brokeback Mountain (DVD) 2005 2hr. 15 minutes Focus Features LLC Brokeback Mountain is the story of a ranch hand and rodeo rider who meet in the summer of 1963 and forge a life long connection. The complications, joy and heartbreak they experience provide a testament to the enduring power of love. Heath Ledger and Jake Gyllenhaal

The Butler (DVD 132 min) by The Weinstein Co., 2013

The true story of Cecil Gaines, the White House butler (played by Academy Award winner Forest Whitaker) who served seven presidents during some of the most tumultuous and defining moments of the 20th century . Forest Whitaker stars as Cecil, Oprah Winfrey as costar with a stellar supporting cast, John Cusack, Jane Fonda, Cuba Gooding Jr. and Robin Williams to mention a few.

Call Me Malcolm (DVD 90 minutes) Filmworks Inc & United Church of Christ, 2004

Malcolm, in his final year of seminary, is uncertain about his future as a minister. He is unemployed, unrecognized as "Malcolm" by his parents, and without a partner. He decides to travel across the U.S. to find the answers about his identity, faith and love through the people he meets.

Carol (Dvd 118 min The Weinstein Company 2015) Carol follows two women from very different backgrounds , who find themselves in an unexpected love affair in 1950's New York. As conventional norms of the time challenge their undeniable attraction, an honest story emerges to reveal the resilience of the heart of the heart in the face of change.

Chasing Freedom (DVD 88 minutes) Asylum Productions Alberta Inc., 2003

Children's animated films:

Whitewash and Champagne (DVD total length together 57 minutes)

Michael Sporn, producer, 2003

In *Whitewash*, a young girl is walking home from school with her brother when they are confronted by a street gang who paints her face with whitewash. The effect on her and her brother is devastating, but her family, classmates and the community help her deal with what happened. Inspired by actual events, the powerful message transcends age and race.

Champagne, winner of 10 awards including best animated film and best family film, USA Film Festival, is about a young teenage girl whose mother is incarcerated for murder. Starring the voice of the real-life *Champagne*, this film shows how hope can spring forth even in the most challenging times.

A Class Apart: We Serve Whites Only, No Spanish or Mexicans (DVD 60 minutes) Camino Bluffs Production Inc.) 2009

In a small town of Edna, Texas, in 1951, Pete Hernandez, a field hand, killed a tenant farmer after exchanging words in a gritty cantina. The incident became a landmark civil rights case that would forever change the lives and legal standing of millions of Americans. *Hernandez vs. Texas* was decided by the U.S. Supreme Court.

A Class Divided (DVD 60 minutes) WGBH Educational Foundation, 1983-1999

In 1970, public school teacher, Jane Elliott, involves third graders, all white and Christian, in a lesson on discrimination. She is reunited with them after 15 years to relate the enduring impact of their lesson.

Coach Carter (DVD 130 minutes) MTV 2005 *Coach Carter* is based on a true story of Coach Ken Carter who received high praise a strong criticism for a gym lockout of his undefeated entire team for poor academic performance. With the players, parents and community rallying to get the team back on the court, the coach must show the young men a future that stretches beyond gangs, drugs prison and even basketball.

The Corporation (DVD_ 145 min) Zeitgeist 2004 This documentary looks at the nature and spectacular rise of multinational corporations in the past fifty years that are more powerful than many countries. *The Corporation* shows the inner workings, controversial impacts and ramifications of the modern global conglomerates. This film has won 23 international awards

Crash (DVD 122 minutes) Lions Gate Home Entertainment, 2004

This complex and compelling urban thriller about the daily impact of racism tracks the volatile intersection of a multiethnic cast of characters struggling to

overcome their fears as they careen in and out of other's lives. Between black and white, victim and aggressor, during the next 36 hours they all will collide

Crossing Over (DVD 113 minutes) The Weinstein Company, 2008

Starring Harrison Ford and Ashley Judd,, this thoughtful drama weaves several stories together to create an emotionally charged examination of immigration in Los Angeles. It provides a harrowing look at border crossing, document fraud, asylum seekers, naturalization, counterterrorism and the clash of cultures in America.

Dallas Buyers Club (DVD 2012 117 min. Universal Mathew McConaughey won an Oscar for his performance as Texas cowboy Ron Woodroof. After contracting AIDS, Woodroof y racks down alternative treatment from all over the world, sometimes legally and other times illegally. He establishes a highly successful "buyers club" and unites a band of outcasts in a struggle for dignity and acceptance.

The Danish Girl (2015) (120 mi) Oscar winning director Tom Hooper directs this remarkable love story inspired by true events. When Gerda asks her husband Einarto fill in as a portrait model, Einar's long repressed feelings surface and she begins to live as a woman. Einar fights to become the woman she was meant to be, transgender pioneer Lili Elbe. Eddie Redmaine and Alicia Vikaander star.

Dear White People(DVD 108 min. 2015) A satire follows the stories of four black students at an Ivy League college where a riot breaks out over a popular 'African American' themed party thrown by white students. With tongue planted firmly in cheek, the film explores racial identity in 'post-racial' America while weaving a universal story of forging one's unique path in the world.

Disgrace (DVD 2010) 118 minutes Image Entertainment. John Malkovich stars as David Lurie, a college professor whose world is shattered when he is fired for seducing a student. He finds peace at his daughter's modest farm, until an incident of terror and violence forces Prof. Lurie to confront his beliefs and the racial complexities of the New South Africa.

Do The Right Thing (1989) (120 min) Spike Lee directs a story centering arondone scorching hot inner-city day, when racial tensions reach the boiling pointing a tough Brooklyn neighborhood. This powerful landmark film combines humor and drama with memorable characters capturing an unforgettable piece of American history.

Dreamkeeper (DVD 180 minutes) Hallmark Entertainment Productions, 2003

A century-old storyteller and his grandson, a troubled 17-year-old boy, embark on a cross-country journey toward self-discovery. Through Old Pete's wise tales, the legends of American Indian Nations come alive.

Farmingville (DVD 78 minutes) A film by Tambini and Sandoval, New Video Group Inc., 2003

A complex, emotional portrait of Farmingville (pop. 15,000) on Long Island when 1,500 undocumented workers decide to settle there. The award-winning documentary presents all sides of the drama that begins to tear this town apart in the battle over who shares and controls the American Dream.

Fight for Freedom: The Inspiring Story of African American Civil War Soldiers (DVD) Close Up Publishing

This documentary explores the creative tension between President Lincoln, his Union generals, and the U.S. Congress as they struggle with the issue of enlisting “colored troops.” On January 1, 1863, the Emancipation Proclamation became law, thereby turning the Civil War from a war to reunite the country into a war to free the slaves. At that time, 200,000 colored troops were enlisted and played a decisive role in the last two years of the war.

4 Little Girls (DVD 102 minutes) by Spike Lee, HBO, 1998

An in-depth look at a terrible crime, the bombing of a black Baptist church which killed four young girls and its impact on the civil rights movement. The video features archival film footage, comments by surviving family members and interviews with local and national figures of the time, Bill Cosby, Walter Cronkite, Jesse Jackson, Andrew Young and Coretta Scott King and a rare and revealing interview with Alabama governor George Wallace

The Jackie Robinson Story (DVD) Warner Bros. Pictures and Legendary Pictures, 2013

In 1946, Branch Rickey, owner of the Brooklyn Dodgers, took a stand against Major League Baseball’s infamous color line to sign Jackie Robinson to the team. The deal put both men in the crosshairs of the public, press and even other players. Robinson demonstrated tremendous courage and let his talent win his fans and teammates.

Freedom Writers (DVD 2007 122 minutes Paramount) Hilary Swank stars in this gripping drama of inner city kids raised on drive by shootings and hard core attitude and the teacher who gives them what they need most- a voice . Teacher Erin Gruwell battles an uncaring system to make the classroom matter in their lives. Now with telling their own stories and hearing the stories of others, a group of “unteachable “teens. Will discover the power of tolerance , reclaim their shattered lives and change the world

Freeheld (DVD 140 minutes) Lieutenant Films Inc., 2007

This award-winning documentary follows the landmark legal battle of Lieutenant Laurel Hester, a dying New Jersey police officer, who fights to transfer her pension to her domestic partner, Stacie Andree. The towns elected officials, The Freeholders, stand firmly against her, and as the town explodes around her, Laurel races against time to provide for the love of her life.

Fences (DVD 2016) This adaptation of an August Wilson play is set in 1950's Pittsburgh, the film takes a passionate look at former Negro League baseball player Troy Maxson as he fights for those he loves in a world that threatens to push him down. The film connects on a deep emotional level and pulses with the universal truths of love and forgiveness despite what lies beyond your fence.

The Girl in the Cafe (DVD 95 minutes) HBO Films/BBC co-production, A romantic drama with comedic elements addresses one of the most important questions of 2005 (or any year): Will this be the year that world powers seriously address the issue of world poverty once and for all? The film raises awareness about important political choices facing the G8 leaders and whether or not our actions match our principles.

Gentleman's Agreement (DVD 1947 118 min. 20th Century Fox) This 1947 classic stars Gregory Peck as a journalist who poses as a Jew to investigate prejudice. Celeste Holm (Oscar winning performance) co-stars with Dean Stockwell, Dorothy McGuire and John Garfield. The film won the Oscar for Best Picture.

The Great Debaters (DVD 124 minutes) The Weinstein Company, 2008 Inspired by a true story, Denzel Washington shines as a brilliant but politically radical debate team coach who uses the power of words to transform a group of underdog African American college students into an historical powerhouse that took on the Harvard elite.

Gran Torino (DVD 116 min 2008) Korean War vet Walt Kowalski (Clint Eastwood) doesn't like how his neighborhood in Detroit has turned out. He particularly doesn't like his next door neighbors, Hmong immigrants from Southeast Asia. But events force Walt to defend those neighbors against a gang that feeds on violence and fear. Eastwood won the National Board of Review award for best actor.

The Ground Truth (DVD 78 minutes) Focus Features, 2006 Sometimes the greatest act of courage is to tell the truth. Hear and witness U.S. soldiers in this penetrating film. The shocking Iraq War ground conflict is only a prelude to the even more challenging battles these reluctant heroes face upon their return home.

Guess Who (DVD 105 minutes) Columbia Pictures and Regency Enterprises, 2005

When Theresa brings Fiance Siman Green home for her parents' 25th wedding anniversary, she neglects to mention one tiny detail . . . he's white. Her father, determined to make Siman feel "apart" of the family, He is creative, but finds out that Siman can make the game interesting.

***Hairspray* (DVD 117 minutes) New Line Productions, 2007**

Set in 1962 in Baltimore, teen Tracy Turnblad and her friends want to dance on The Corny Collins Show. A thought-provoking exploration of prejudice and racism, the video immerses viewers in Tracy's teenage world of popular television dance shows, big hair, the stigma of being different, and the first hesitant steps toward racial integration within the community.

***The Help* (DVD 146 minutes) Dreamworks Pictures, 2011**

The Help is an inspirational, courageous and empowering story about very different, extraordinary women in the 1960's South, who build friendship around a secret writing project that breaks society's rules. The story is timeless, universal, and triumphant in its ability to create change.

***Home of the Brave* (DVD 74 minutes) Nancy Dickenson & Counterpoint Films, 2003**

Viola Liuzzo, a 39-year-old mother of five and a Unitarian Universalist, was the only white woman killed during the civil rights movement. This documentary with dramatic archival footage recaptures this turbulent era and includes compelling interviews with her children. It is a vivid portrait narrated by Stockard Channing, of a family determined to uncover the truth about their mother's murder, and the government's campaign to smear her name.

***Hidden Figures* (20th Century Fox DVD 2017) Katherine Johnson, Dorothy Vaughan and Mary Jackson were brilliant African American women working at NASA who served as the brains behind the launch into orbit of astronaut John Glenn that turned around the space race. This visionary trio crossed all gender and racial lines and inspired generations**

***The House I Live In* (DVD 108 minutes) Virgil Films and Entertainment, 2013**

For over 40 years, the War on Drugs has accounted for 45 million arrests, cost \$1 trillion+, made America the world's largest jailer and damaged poor communities at home and abroad. Yet drugs are cheaper, purer and more available today than ever. Where did we go wrong? What is the path toward healing?

***The Human Stain* (DVD 106 minutes) Buena Vista Home Entertainment, 2003**

Anthony Hopkins and Nicole Kidman star in this provocative mystery. Coleman Silk (Hopkins) has a 50-year-old secret that the esteemed college professor has kept from everyone, including his wife, his children and his down-and-out young lover, and it's about to ruin his entire life.

***I Can't Think Straight* (DVD 84 minutes) ICTS Films LTD, 2008**

While her family busily prepares for her elaborate wedding, Tala, a spirited Christian, meets Leyla, a shy Muslim from London's West End. Although they come from different worlds, the attraction is immediate and Tala must make a decision.

***I Just Want to Say* (DVD 15 minutes) GLSEN, 1997**

Tennis champion Martina Navratilova hosts a candid and moving discussion of the anti-LGBT climate faced by youth in our schools, and offers suggestions for how educators can work to teach respect for all.

***The Imitation Game* (DVD 114 min 2014)** Brilliant mathematician Alan Turing led a team in breaking the code for Germany's Enigma machine which was credited in shortening World War II. Considered the father of modern computing, he was convicted of the crime of homosexuality in the 1950's.

***Invictus* (DVD 133 minutes) Warner Brothers Entertainment Inc., 2009**

Nelson Mandela was imprisoned 27 years for his heroic fight against apartheid. As South Africa's elected president, he rejects revenge, forgives his oppressors and finds hope of national unity in an unlikely place: the rugby field. Clint Eastwood directs, Morgan Freeman portrays Mandela who asks the national rugby team captain (Matt Damon) and his underdog squad to do the impossible, win the World Cup.

***It's Elementary: Talking About Gay Issues in School* (DVD Women's Educational Media 1996)**

Elementary and middle schools are featured in this film by Debra Chasnoff and Helen S. Cohen about whether and how gay issues should be discussed in schools. It takes the point of view of the school children, starting as young as first grade. The results are fascinating.

***The Kids Are All Right* DVD (107 minutes Focus Features 2010)**

A heartwarming portrait of a modern American family. Two gay women are raising two teenagers who decide to try and find their "donor dad". An unexpected new chapter begins for everyone as family ties are defined, redefined and re-re-defined.

***Kinky Boots* (DVD 107 minutes) Miramax 2008**

Inspired by a true story, the Price family makes conservative shoes for men, but is struggling to save the business from bankruptcy. In an unusual circumstance, Charlie Price meets a sassy cross-dressing cabaret singer who wants to jazz up his shoe styles. Fun and original, the movie proves the best way to fit in is to stand out.

***Lakota Woman* (DVD 113 minutes) Turner Pictures Inc., 1994**

This inspiring, true story is of the 1973 uprising that united Native Americans in their fight for survival at Wounded Knee. From the convent school where Mary Crow Dog was encouraged to reject her culture, to a historical moment in which she joined her people to make a stand, *Lakota Woman* reveals one woman's triumphant journey to one of the most significant moments in Native American history.

Laramine (DVD) 2004 New Flms Mathew Shepard was beaten to death in Laramine Wyo, for being gay. Film maker Beverly Seckinger, a Laramine native, investigates the impact of Shepard's murder. She encounters students, parents, teachers and clergy moved to speak out and take social action.

Living on the Fault Line (DVD 77 minutes) Community Family Media, 2007

This story explores the intersection of familial love and racial injustice in the experiences of transracial families created through adoption. It reveals the difficulties families face as children grow up in communities where racism and white privilege are realities.

The Long Walk Home (DVD 98 minutes) Miramax, 1990

A black housekeeper (Whoopi Goldberg) and her employer (Sissy Spacek) find common ground when they put their lives in danger for civil rights during the 1955 bus boycott in Montgomery, Ala.

Loving (DVD Focus 2016) In 1958 interracial marriage considered to be immoral, was illegal. When Richard and Mildred Loving are married in Washington DC and return to live in Virginia, they are arrested. The couple decide to take their case all the way to the Supreme Court in order to fight for their love in this passionate and gripping drama

Malcolm X (DVD 202 minutes 1992) Spike Lee directs Denzel Washington in this riveting biography of the life and times the controversial Malcolm X,

Middle Sexes: Redefining He and She (DVD 60 minutes) HBO video, 2006

This documentary by award-winning filmmaker Antony Thomas sensitively explores the controversial subject of blurring of gender as well as the serious social and family problems, even dangers, often faced by those whose gender may fall somewhere in between male and female. Filmed in the U.S., Europe, Asia and South America, the film examines ways different societies and cultures handle the blurring of gender, sexual identity and sexual orientation

Miss Evers' Boys (DVD 118 minutes) HBO Home Video, 2001

Alabama. When the government withdraws its funding, money is offered for "The Tuskegee Experiment" to study the effects of syphilis on patients who don't receive treatment. The patients are led to believe they are receiving treatment to cure them when they are not. Miss Evers, a nurse who works with two physicians on the experiment, is faced with a life or death decision. Based on a true story, the movie exposes a 40-year government backed medical research effort on humans. The 1932 federally funded program offers free treatment to Alabama syphilis patients in situation

Milk (DVD 129 minutes) Focus Features, 2008

Sean Penn (in an Oscar-winning role) stars in this fact-based drama about Harvey Milk, the openly gay activist and San Francisco politician who was murdered along with Mayor George Moscone (Victor Garber) by disgruntled city supervisor Dan White (Josh Brolin) in 1978.

Mirrors of Privilege: Making Whiteness Visible (DVD 50 minutes)
World Trust Educational Services, 2006

A brilliant documentary, this video is a must-see for all interested in justice, spiritual growth and community making. It features the experiences of white women and men who have worked to gain insight into what it means to challenge the notions of racism and white supremacy in the United States.

Monster's Ball (DVD 112 minutes) ***Lions Gate, 2002***

Monster's Ball is a hard hitting southern drama tempered by a story of powerful life-changing love. An embittered prison guard working on Death Row begins an unlikely, but emotionally charged affair with Leticia, the wife of a man under his watch on The Row. Halle Berry stars in an Oscar winning performance.

Moonlight (111 minutes 2016) A timeless story of Hunan connection and self discovery, Moonlight chronicles three defining chapters of a young black man growing up in a rough section of Miami. **Moonlight** is a profoundly moving portrayal of the moments, people and unknowable forces that shape our lives and make us who we are.

The New Americans: Finding Community (DVD 60 minutes) ***Active Voice and Kartemquin Films, 2003***

Excerpted from The New Americans, a seven-hour PBS miniseries, Finding Community highlights the complex emotions and sociopolitical forces that propel three families to leave their homelands in Mexico, Nigeria and the Israeli-occupied West Bank to come to America. It chronicles the process of assimilation and integration and identifies obstacles and opportunities for engaging newcomers in civic life.

Normal (DVD 110 minutes) ***HBO video, 2003***

A Midwestern factory worker stuns his wife of 25 years by saying he wishes to undergo gender transition and sex reassignment surgery.

North Country (DVD 126 minutes) ***Warner Brothers Entertainment, 2006***

A searing story of women who broke the gender barrier laboring in hazardous Minnesota iron mines and broke legal ground with the nation's first class-action sexual harassment lawsuit.

People Like Us (DVD 124 minutes) ***The Center for New American Media and WETA, 2001***

Through stories of family tradition, class mobility and different lifestyle choices, this film shows how social class plays a role in the lives of all Americans, whether

they live in Park Avenue penthouses, Appalachian trailer parks, bayou houseboats or suburban gated communities.

A Place at the Table (DVD 30 minutes) Southern Poverty Law Center, 2000

A diverse group of teenagers and young adults discuss discrimination and their cultural backgrounds. Discussion guide available.

A Powerful Noise (DVD 80 minutes) Unity Films, 2009

Hanh is an HIV-positive widow in Vietnam. Nada is a survivor of the Bosnian war. Madame Urbain works in the slums of Bamako, Mali. But they share something in common: Power. These extraordinary women are each overcoming barriers to rise up and claim a voice in their societies.

Pride (DVD 120 min Sony Pictures 2014) It is the summer of 1984 and much of blue collar Great Britain is on strike. For one tiny Welsh village, the strike brings unexpected visitors who decide to raise money to support the strikers families and make the donation in person. In this feel good heart warming comedy, two groups seemingly worlds apart, discover that standing make for the strongest union of all.

Quinceanera (DVD 91 minutes) Sony Pictures Classics, 2006

As Magdalena's 15th birthday approaches, her working class family prepares for the all important Quinceanera – a lavish celebration. To reduce expense, she has to wear a hand-me-down party dress and forget the limousine. When her father discovers she is pregnant, she has to move in with her elderly uncle. She learns what it truly means to come of age.

Raisin in the Sun (DVD 131minutes) Tony Award Productions, 2007

Dreams can make a life worth living, but they can also be dashed by bad decisions. The Younger family finds themselves in disagreement on how to spend \$10,000 their father left them on his death. While no choice is easy, life on the South Side of Chicago in the 1950s is even harder.

The Rosa Parks Story (DVD 94 minutes) Xenon Entertainment Group, 2003

Rosa McCauley Parks was raised in the South when only white people were treated as equal, but she refused to believe she was inferior. Denied voter registration, Rosa went to work for the NAACP. Years later she ignited the Civil Rights Movement when she refused to surrender her bus seat to a White woman. The resulting uproar throws Rosa and her family into the Ku Klux Klan's ring of hatred. Stars: Angela Bassett Peter Francis James and Cicely Tyson.

The Sapphires (2013 DVd 99 min) Four gutsy young women become unlikely stars in war torn Vietnam in 1968, as they seize on an risky opportunity to launch a professional career singing to U.S. troops. The Sapphires is a celebration of music, family and self discovery

Save the Last Dance (DVD 2001) Paramount A white girl who wants to be a ballerina is suddenly forced to move to Chicago's gritty South Side. She must adjust to being a minority in an all black culture.

Selma (DVD 105 min 2014) the true story of courage and hope that defined the civil rights struggle in the 1960's. Dr. Martin Luther King led a march from Selma to Montgomery in the face of violent opposition.=

Shelter (DVD 88 minutes) Regent Studios LLC, 2007

Forced to give up his dreams of art school, Zach works dead-end jobs to support his sister and her son. While surfing and hanging out with his friend Gabe. When Gabe's older brother returns home, Zach finds himself drawn into a relationship he didn't expect. He is finally forced to be true to himself.

Skins (DVD 87 minutes) Skins Production Inc., 2002

In the shadow of Mt. Rushmore, one of America's favorite tourist attractions, lies one of her poorest counties, The Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. Police Officer Rudy Yellow Lodge's frustration with the alcoholism on the "rez" leads him to take the law in his own hands, but his trail of vengeance ends tragically when he unwittingly injures his brother, Mogie.

Slave Reparations: The Final Passage (DVD 28 minutes) Crabtree Pictures LLC, 2004

Why do African-Americans represent 13% of the population, but own only 3% of American's personal assets? Can the answer be traced back to America's long dead practice of slavery? This video is for those of us who don't understand the notion of why or how reparations might work. Notable speakers Rev. Herbert Daughtry, Professor Manning Marable, Dr. Alvin Poussaint as well as attorneys will explain.

Smoke Signals (DVD 89 minutes) by Sherman Alexie, Miramax, 1998

Distinguished winner at the Sundance Film Festival, this bittersweet comedy of two young men who have little in common that leave home to bring the remains of Walter's father. They have an unexpectedly unforgettable adventure of friendship and discover

Soldier's Girl (DVD 112 minutes) Showtime, 2003

Based on a true story, the film is about the relationship between Barry, a private in the U.S. Army, and Calpernia, a show girl at a transgender review, and the events that led to Barry's murder by fellow soldiers.

The Soloist (DVD 116 min. Paramount 2009) The Soloist is based on a true story about how a chance meeting can change a life, A Los Angeles newspaper reporter (Robert Downey Jr.) discovers a brilliant street musician *Jamie Foxx) with great passion and the resulting friendship that changes both of their lives.

Something New (DVD 100 minutes) Focus Features, 2006

A comedy about a woman who has the perfect mate in mind. But being a single black woman, she is tired of waiting. When a blind date shows up white and eventually persuasive; she is tempted, but then the perfect one shows up. Many difficulties in communication across racial lines are explored in this comedy.

Stand and Deliver/Lean on Me (DVD 1988 103 min Warner Bros.)

Edward James Olmos stars as teacher Jaime Escalante who takes a group of kids at tough Garfield High in East LA and challenges them to pass the daunting Calculus Advance placement test and see themselves as winners rather than losers.

A Time to Kill (DVD 1996 150 minutes Warner Bros.) Adaption of a John Grisham novel. A murder trial in rural Mississippi bring racial tensions to a flash point. Amid activist marches, Klan terror, media clamor and riots, an unseasoned but idealistic attorney mounts a stirring courtroom battle for justice. Sandra Bullock, Mathew McConaughey, Samuel L. Jackson, and Kevin Spacey star.

To Kill A Mockingbird (DVD 130 min 1963) Gregory Peck stars as the southern lawyer , Atticus Finch, who defends a black man accused of murder. Based on Harper Lee's Pulitzer Prize winning novel. about innocence, strength and conviction, This film is considered to be one of the all time classics.

Traces of the Trade: A Story from the Deep North (DVD 86 minutes) Ebb Pad Productions, 2008

A journey of discovery into the history and "living consequences" of one of the United States' most shameful episodes — slavery. Katrina Browne thought this topic had been thoroughly examined until she discovered that her slave-trading ancestors from Rhode Island were the most prominent actors in the North's vast complicity in slavery, buried in myths of Northern innocence. Browne, a direct descendant of Mark Anthony DeWolf, the first slaver in the family —wrote to 200 descendants, inviting them to journey with her from Rhode Island to Ghana to Cuba and back, recapitulating the Triangle Trade that made the DeWolfs the largest slave-trading family in U.S. history. Nine relatives signed up. **Traces of the Trade: A Story from the Deep North** is Browne's spellbinding account of the journey that resulted.

Trail of Tears (DVD 2009 Octapixx total run time 4 hrs. and 23min)

Native Americans have experienced a history full of oppression and racism since the period when native tribes were found on this continent at the time of this "discovery," the British and American governments disregarded native Americans as the owners of the territory they occupied and used aggressive force to destroy their lands and people. This harrowing and compelling compilation of four award winning documentary programs chronicals the struggles of the Native American culture from the forced relocation known as the Trail of Tears to the current issues faced by America's aboriginal people.

TransAmerica (DVD 104 minutes) Transparent Films LLC, 2005

Felicity Huffman won the Best Actress Golden Globe Award for her “fiercely funny and deeply powerful” performance as Bree Osbourne, a conservative transsexual woman, who learns she is the parent of a long-lost 17-year-old son. They take a cross-country adventure, including a visit with Bree’s parents, that will change both of their lives.

Trevor (DVD 17 minutes) Water Bearer Films, 2002

Diary excerpts of a charming 3-year-old Trevor who develops a crush on the most popular boy in school, who befriends him. When his true feelings for Pinky Faraday are discovered, he is mocked by classmates and shunned by his new best friend. After an attempt to kill himself, Trevor’s enthusiasm and developing sense of self sees him through.

Twelve Years a Slave (120 min. 2013) 20 Century Fox) The best picture Oscar winner of 2013 tells the story of a free black man who is captured and held as a slave in the American South. 12 years a slave is an unflinching account of American slavery and a celebration of the power of hope..Oscar winning best picture.

Two Who Dared (DVD 76 minutes) Journey to Freedom LLC, 2012

In February, 1939, a young Unitarian Minister and his wife, Waitstill and Martha Sharp left for Czechoslovakia on a dangerous mission to save imperiled human lives. Drawing on recorded interviews, letters and unpublished memoirs, as well as first person refugee accounts, Two Who Dared chronicles the Sharps’ remarkable journey.

The Visitor (DVD 104 minutes) Starz Media, 2008

Widowed professor Walter Vale (Richard Jenkins) in an Oscar-nominated role) finds himself drawn to a different rhythm when he discovers an immigrant couple, Tarek (Haaz Sleiman) and Zainab (Danai Gurira) , squatting in his Manhattan flat and becomes wrapped up in their lives. Hiam Abbas co-stars as Tarek's mother, who forges an unlikely connection with Walter when Tarek is thrown into a detention center.

United Kingdom (105 min DVD 2017 20th Century Fox) Daniel Oyelowo and Rosamond Pike star in this inspiring true story of forbidden love between the king of Botswana and a white English woman in the 1940’s. When they decide to marry, just as apartheid was being introduced into South Africa, it caused an international uproar. But their passionate romance triumphed over every obstacle and changed the course of African history.

Under Our Skin (104 minutes Open eye Pictures 2008) An award winning film about microbes, medicine and money. Under the

Skin exposes the hidden and controversial treatments of one of the fastest growing epidemics of our time. The film brings into focus a chilling picture of a health care system all too willing to put profits ahead of patients.

Wal-mart, The High Cost of Low Price (DVD 97 minutes) A Robert Greenwald film, 2005

Everyone has seen Wal-Mart's television commercials, but have you ever wondered why Wal-Mart spends so much money convincing you it cares about your family, your community and even its own employees? What is it hiding? The film takes you behind the glitz and into the lives of workers and their families, business owners and their communities in a way that will challenge the way you think, feel, and shop.

We Shall Remain: America through Native Eyes (3 part DVD set, loaned separately): After the Mayflower-Bonus Features 90 minutes, Tecumseh's Vision-Trail of Tears 180 minutes, Geronimo-Wounded Knee 180 minutes) PBS, 2009

Episodes: 1. At the time of the first Thanksgiving, Massasoit, chief of the Wampanoag, negotiated a diplomatic alliance with English settlers. For several decades they coexisted in relative peace. A half-century later, war flared between English colonists and New England Indians, making the chief's efforts less clear. Features: four films about the Ree/Native project about contemporary Native experience, short films on Native contemporary issues, We Shall Remain preview and behind-the-scenes footage, printable materials for educators/librarians. 2. Story of Shawnee leader Tecumseh and his brother Tenskwatawa (known as the Prophet). Following the American Revolution, the Prophet led a spiritual revival movement with thousands of followers from tribes across the Midwest. A political/military alliance from that movement came close to creating an independent Indian state. 3. With resolve and resilience, the Cherokees resisted removal from their Southeast homelands by assimilating, adopting a European-style government and legal system, accepting Christianity, even taking their case to the U.S. Supreme Court. 4. At the end of the Indian Wars near the close of the 19th century, a controversial character led an Apache band. To whites, Geronimo was an archenemy, perpetrator of unspeakable cruelties; to some whites, he was a stubborn troublemaker, but to supporters, he embodied proud resistance, leading the last Native American fighting force to surrender to the U.S. government. 5. Political and economic forces led to the emergence of the American Indian Movement (AIM) in the 1960's. In 1973, a standoff resisting the U.S. government's siege of Wounded Knee for 71 days brought the nation's attention to desperate conditions on Indian reservations and united Native people across tribes, creating a pan-Indian identity and new path for the future.

What Happened Miss Simone? (2016 116 min. RadicalMedia) Through archival interviews, extensive performance footage, and new interviews, with friends and colleagues, paint fascinating portrait of this complex artist. The film follows Simone through the sixties and her intense involvement in the civil right movement, her relocating to Africa and then Europe. The film is a captivating portrait about an extraordinary and influential artist who will be continued to be revered for generations to come.

Wilderness Journey: The Struggle for Black Empowerment and Racial Justice within the UUA, 1967-1970 (DVD 75 minutes) A documentary by Ron Cordes, 2003.

An oral history of participants in the Black Empowerment Controversy within the UUA in the '60s and '70s.

The Wire, fourth season (4 part DVD set, loaned separately) 200 minutes per disc, HMO Inc., 2007.

With a new young drug king in Baltimore, police officers McNulty, Bunk and team continue to “follow the money” up the political ladder during the mayoral campaign. Prez witnesses first-hand the role of inner-city education in the formation of youth as for students, Michael, Namond, Randy and Dukie face dangerous decisions and adolescent angst in a city with many temptations of crime and easy money. The season blurs the lines between good and evil and incites the fires of urban unrest. Disc 1: Episodes 1-3, Disc 2: Episodes 4-7, Disc 3: Episodes 8-11, Disc 4: Episodes 12-13, bonus features: behind-the-scenes documentary in two parts, “It’s All Connected” and “The Game Is Real.”