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Films for Seniors 2011-2012

**Presented the first Wednesday of the month
September to June
1:30 p.m.**

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September 7, 2011 @ 1:30 p.m.

When the Moors Ruled in Europe

Join British historian Bettany Hughes as she examines a long-buried chapter of European history—the rise and fall of Islamic culture in what is now Spain and Portugal. Although generations of Spanish rulers have tried to expunge this era from the historical record, recent archaeology and scholarship now shed fresh light on the Moors who flourished in Al-Andalus for more than 700 years.

October 5, 2011 @ 1:30 p.m.

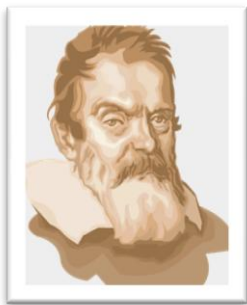
In Search of the Real Frankenstein

It was a horror story created and written by British novelist Mary Shelley in 1818. But could the true story of Frankenstein prove even more frightening than fiction? This *Decoding the Past* documentary explores the answers to these and many other questions in this real-life tale of supernatural horror.

Dragons: Myths and Legends

They appear in countless stories from around the world. Did these legendary beasts actually exist, or are they simply representational figures of fable? From the Hebrew story of Leviathan to the heroic dragon slayer St. George, *Ancient Mysteries* explores the nature of these mythic beings that have haunted the human imagination for thousands of years.

November 2, 2011 @ 1:30 p.m.



Galileo's Battle for the Heavens

At a time when heretics were burned alive for dissent, scientist Galileo Galilei risked his life to advance his revolutionary concepts of the universe. British actor Simon Callow brings Galileo to life, humanizing the great thinker's passion, intelligence, and arrogance while depicting his frustrations with fellow philosophers, scientists, and Roman Catholic church leaders. Based on the book *Galileo's Daughter* by Dava Sobel. (This book is available at the Port Colborne Library as a biography in the Adult Non-Fiction collection, B GAL)

For celestial occurrences this month and throughout the year, check out this site:
<http://www.seasky.org/astronomy/astronomy-calendar-current.html>

December 7, 2011 @ 1:30 p.m.

Gods and Goddesses



Although its existence dates back more than 2,000 years, the mysterious world of Ancient Greece lives on today through its captivating pantheon of mythological tales. Featuring comprehensive interviews with renowned Greek scholars, this searching program from *The History Channel* looks at where these myths might have originated and reveals recent archaeological evidence which suggests that some of the myths may have actually taken place.

January 4, 2012 @ 1:30 p.m.

Life After People: Welcome to Earth, Population 0

If humans were to disappear, what would happen to our planet—the structures we've built, the everyday items we take for granted, domesticated and wild animals, plants, trees?

Woodland Spirits

Featuring stunning scenery and powerful artwork, *Woodland Spirits* highlights the mentoring connections linking three men representing three generations of Woodland artists living in northwestern Ontario.

February 1, 2012 @ 1:30 p.m.

Lincoln and the Flying Spying Machine

May 31, 1862. At the Confederate capital of Fair Oaks, VA, the Union Army is besieged by intense rebel fire. Suddenly, a futuristic device rises above the troops, supplying unprecedented surveillance over the battlefield and securing a crucial victory for the Northern army. This program examines the little-known machine that allowed the Union Army to turn the tide of the Civil War.

James Bond Gadgets

His movies are legend, his women are beautiful—and his toys are unequivocally the best in the world. Whether super spy Bond is foiling villains in space-age flying machines or eavesdropping on enemies with spy gear, Agent 007 is always guaranteed to have the most outrageous and creative gadgets to grace the silver screen.

March 7, 2012 @ 1:30 p.m.

Tomb Hunters

HISTORY follows some of the most daring archaeologists from around the world and details the dangers they face, including booby-trapped tombs, looters in the jungles of Cancuén, and a real kidnapping by angry villagers in Chiapas. Examine the stories of past explorers who helped shape the stereotypes of iconic movie heroes, and join their exciting quests through deserts, jungles, and harsh terrain.



April 4, 2012 @ 1:30 p.m.

Great Wall of China

Winding roughly 6,700 km through mountains, grasslands, and desert, its vastness seems beyond the realm of human possibility. A wonder of the ancient world, the Great Wall of China is one of mankind's most massive building achievements.



In the Shadow of Gold Mountain

Karen Cho, a fifth-generation Canadian of mixed heritage, discovered that her family wasn't welcome in the country they called home. This film takes her from Montreal to Vancouver to uncover stories from the last living survivors of the Chinese Head Tax and Exclusion Act. This dark chapter in our history plunged the Chinese community in Canada into decades of debt and family separation. At the centre of the film are personal accounts of extraordinary Chinese Canadians who survived an era that threatened to eradicate their entire community.

May 2, 2012 @ 1:30 p.m.

Ants: Little Creatures who Run the World

From vast underground caverns, working class armies pour forth to defend their highly structured communal way of life. Are these feudal societies in the Middle Ages? No, they're ants! This NOVA program looks at the most successful life form on the face of the planet.



Candy

Candy is more than just a treat: it's an industry that has evolved from a handmade operation to high-tech mass production. Follow the progression of raw goods to candy in this delicious documentary.

June 6, 2012 @ 1:30 p.m.

The Pirate Ships

In the golden age of exploration, when Spanish ships loaded with New World gold struggled across the seas to their homeland, the one sight feared by all was that of the dreaded "Jolly Roger" flag. Take a thrilling look at this fabled era, and the men and ships whose names have become legend.



The Wild Shore

The eastern coastline of Canada, battered by the Atlantic Ocean, is a place where all life fights for a foothold amid vistas of unparalleled beauty. Explore the "barren wastes" of Labrador, iceberg alley, and the rugged cliffs of Newfoundland and discover the wildlife that call our eastern coast home.