

**Cumberland County Library System Adds KANOPY Free Film Streaming Service For County Library Cardholders,
Providing Free Access to More Than 30,000 Films**

Cumberland County residents can now access a wide range of foreign films, documentaries, and classics through the popular on-demand film streaming service Kanopy. Start using it instantly by visiting <https://ccpa.kanopy.com>. Films can be streamed from any computer, television, mobile device, or platform by downloading the Kanopy app for iOS, Android, AppleTV, Chromecast, or Roku. Loan periods allow three days of unlimited viewing per film and simultaneous use.



Offering what The New York Times calls “a garden of cinematic delights,” Kanopy showcases more than 30,000 of the world’s best films, including award-winning documentaries, rare and hard-to-find titles, film festival favorites, indie and classic films, and world cinema with collections from Kino Lorber, Music Box Films, Samuel Goldwyn, The Orchard, The Great Courses, PBS, and thousands of independent filmmakers.

With the motto of “thoughtful entertainment,” Kanopy provides Cumberland County residents access to films of unique social and cultural value; films that are often difficult or impossible to access elsewhere; and programming that features diversity, with a wide array of foreign language films and films on race and current affairs. The service is licensed for both individual and classroom viewing and will be promoted to school districts in Cumberland County as a free resource to enhance curriculum.

“We are so excited to provide a streaming film collection and think you will discover a wealth of great content in this new database,” said library system executive director Carolyn Blatchley. “The library system pays for this service so that four films each month are available to any Cumberland County resident with a library card. Create a user name and password, identify your home library, barcode and PIN, and start downloading a treasure trove of films.”

Through this service, the library offers thousands of independently distributed films that are hard to find or unavailable elsewhere. Kanopy augments the library’s collection of current and popular films that can be borrowed on DVD and Blu-ray. Kanopy’s titles include indie hits such as “Hunt For the Wilderpeople” and “2 Days in Paris;” classic masterpieces like “Aguirre, the Wrath of God” and “Seven Samurai;” and award-winning documentaries like the 2017 Oscar®-nominated “I Am Not Your Negro” and Sundance Film Festival winner “Mother of George.”

Residents with cards from other public libraries or a college/university library that offer Kanopy can extend the number of films available per month by linking each membership onto one account. Kanopy has built-in parental controls that allow adults to set a passcode that limits viewing on a child’s library card to the Kids collection. Kanopy’s films have adaptable captions and transcripts, and they are compatible with read-aloud technologies such as JAWS.

Kanopy was founded in 2008 by CEO Olivia Humphrey as an educational tool for colleges and universities. More than 5 million Kanopy users stream the most acclaimed movies and documentaries from award-winning filmmakers and experience the best in independent, classic film, and world cinema.

The Cumberland County Library System consists of seven federated local libraries, one branch facility, a system headquarters office, and an associated non-profit Foundation. The Library System provides support to its member libraries through information technology, securing library materials, older adult services, training opportunities, and administrative and financial services. More information on the Cumberland County Library System can be found at www.cumberlandcountylibraries.org.