Cornucopia of Queer Films

If you haven't been to Quatrefoil in a while, you will be surprised to see the significant increase in the number of films available for members to check out. The collection of videotapes and DVDs now numbers over 2,500! They're all GLBTQ related, and range from classics like The Children's Hour (1961) to recent releases, such as Brokeback Mountain.

We've recently added many films both from targeted fund raising to purchase DVDs and from DVDs donated by members and friends of the library. The collection includes:

Documentaries such as Before Stonewall, Coming Out Under Fire (gays in the military), Freedom to Marry (same-sex marriage), and Paris is Burning (New York City drag balls), The Times of Harvey Milk, In My Shoes (stories of youth with GLBT parents), etc.

Lesbian: My Mother Likes Women, Fingersmith, November Moon, But I'm a Cheerleader, Lesbian Grandmothers from Mars, Fire, Go Fish, Watermelon Woman, Lianna, Peach, Tipping the Velvet,

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Unique Collection for Visually Impaired
Quatrefoil has a small collection of GLBT books available for people who are blind or visually impaired. The collection includes Braille books, audiobooks (in both CD and audiocassette formats), and a few large print books. If you know someone who might be interested in borrowing these books, please let them know about Quatrefoil and this unique collection. Although public libraries have books in these formats, they certainly don't have the GLBT titles that Quatrefoil does!

Wanted: Poster Fairy
Quatrefoil is looking for a creative, discerning individual to select posters to display in the Library. We have a large collection of posters in storage on a variety of themes: movies, authors, historic events, etc. We'd like to bring them out of the closet and onto the Library walls! If you're interested in helping, please contact Kathy either by email (quatrefoillibrary@yahoo.com) or phone (651-641-0969).

Annual Campaign in High Gear
The Annual Campaign is the most important way that your Library raises money to meet operating expenses, buy new materials, and add enhancements. The goal this year is $20,000 and it is vitally important that this goal be met by our friends and supporters. The budget is already lean, and with no paid staff, every dollar is spent carefully and with full awareness that this is a community operation serving all GLBT folks.

If you have not sent a response to the Annual Campaign, please do so soon. If your employer matches contributions (and employers love to match gifts to libraries), make sure to enclose the matching gift form. And, thank you!

Used Book & Video Sale – December 2
The annual Fall Used Book and Video Sale will be held on Saturday, December 2, from 1:00 – 4:00 pm at the Library. As always, the prices will be low and the selection of GLBT-related items amazing! This sale is a great way to enhance your personal collection, or to find gifts for friends and family.

Volunteer Work Parties a Hit!
Two “work parties” have been held at Quatrefoil, on the third Saturday in September and October. Volunteers have helped with a wide variety of tasks, while enjoying refreshments and socializing with other volunteers – yes, it's okay to talk in the Library! Tasks included sorting donations of books and periodicals, labeling newly cataloged books, and “plasticizing” (putting plastic covers on hardbound books).

Future work parties in 2006 will be from 2:00 to 4:00 pm on November 18 and December 16. Please come and bring a friend!

TV Shows: Queer as Folk, Six Feet Under, The L Word, Will & Grace, etc.

Foreign Films: Adventures of Felix (France), Danny in the Sky (Canada), Y Tu Mama Tambien (Mexico), Aimee & Jaguar (Germany), Campfire (Belgium), The Iron Ladies (Thailand), Madragora (Czech Republic), Yossi & Jagger (Israel), Facing Windows (Italy), Carandiru (Brazil), Arisan (Indonesia), Show Me Love (Sweden), Man of Ashes (Tunisia), etc.

Transgender Films: Soldier's Girl, Normal, Transamerica, Boys Don't Cry, I Am My Own Woman, Girls Will Be Girls, Gendernauts, Ma Vie en Rose, Myra Breckinridge, Southern Comfort, Trans Generation, etc.

Minnesota Films: This Obedience (lesbian Lutheran minister), Toilers and Wayfarers (New Ulm boy's adventures), Flowers From the Heartland (bouquets for San Francisco weddings), Venus of Mars (trans band "All the Pretty Horses"), Homo Heights (Lea DeLaria and Quentin Crisp in Twin Cities romp), Josh & Sandi (local cable TV show), etc.

Plus many, many more that you won't find at Blockbuster or Hollywood Video stores! These films depict our lives with affection, insight, historical perspective, and humor. And then there's the erotic video collection – but that's for another article in a future issue of The Quatrefoil!
New at the Library

Here is a small sampling of books and DVDs added to the collection in the past few months:


**New DVDs**

**Margaret Cho - Assassin.** Cho Taussig Production, Inc. 2005.

**Ant - America’s ready.** Goldhil Entertainment. 2006.

**Happy endings.** Lions Gate Films. 2005.
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