



**EMMA S. CLARK MEMORIAL LIBRARY
TEEN DIGITAL FILM REVIEW PROGRAM
FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES 7 & UP**



We are looking for teens in Grades 7 & up who will watch and review films available on our free digital streaming service, [Kanopy](#). These reviews will be published [on our website](#) for the benefit of local teens. Reviewers will *earn two hours of community service credit* for each film that they review, up to 10 reviews per year.

Instructions:

1. Fill out the tear-off registration form below. Both the teen and a parent/guardian must sign the registration form. No reviews will be accepted and no community service awarded to any unregistered teen. Email your completed form to Teen Services Librarian, Emily Ostrander, at teens@emmaclark.org. Keep the form for your records.
2. Register or Log-in to [Kanopy](#), available on our website.
3. You will need your library card number to access [Kanopy](#).
4. Search through the offerings on [Kanopy](#), and select a film that interests you. Please be aware that as with any streaming platform, the available films vary in content and maturity level. Please note that Rated R films will not play unless you provide proof that you are at least 18 years old. Some films do not have a rating, but may still contain mature content. *Community Service Credit will **not** be awarded for Rated R films, or any that are inappropriate for viewing by all teens (grades 7 to 12) because of their mature content.*
5. After watching your chosen film and reading the Teen Film Review Formatting Guidelines, complete your review in a Word or Google document and email it as an attachment to the Teen Services Librarian, Emily Ostrander, at teens@emmaclark.org. Be sure to include your full name in each email so we can send you your community service certificate in a timely manner. Please save a copy of each review for your records. **All reviews must be a maximum of one page long, single-spaced, in 12pt Times New Roman font and follow all the Teen Film Review Formatting Guidelines.** If the review is accepted, your certificate for two hours of community service credit will be emailed to you shortly after we receive the review, and your review will be posted [on our website](#).

Reviewers will receive two hours of community service credit for each accepted review, up to 10 reviews and 20 hours per calendar year. We reserve the right to reject and/or request revising of any review that does not meet these requirements. Reviews may be submitted at any time. Please verify with your organization that participation in this program meets their community service requirements.

Please direct any questions to Emily Ostrander at (631) 941-4080, or teens@emmaclark.org

Teen Film Reviewer Registration Form – Kanopy –
Teen and Parent/Guardian must sign this form - Please write neatly.

Name: _____ Age: _____ Grade: _____ Date: _____

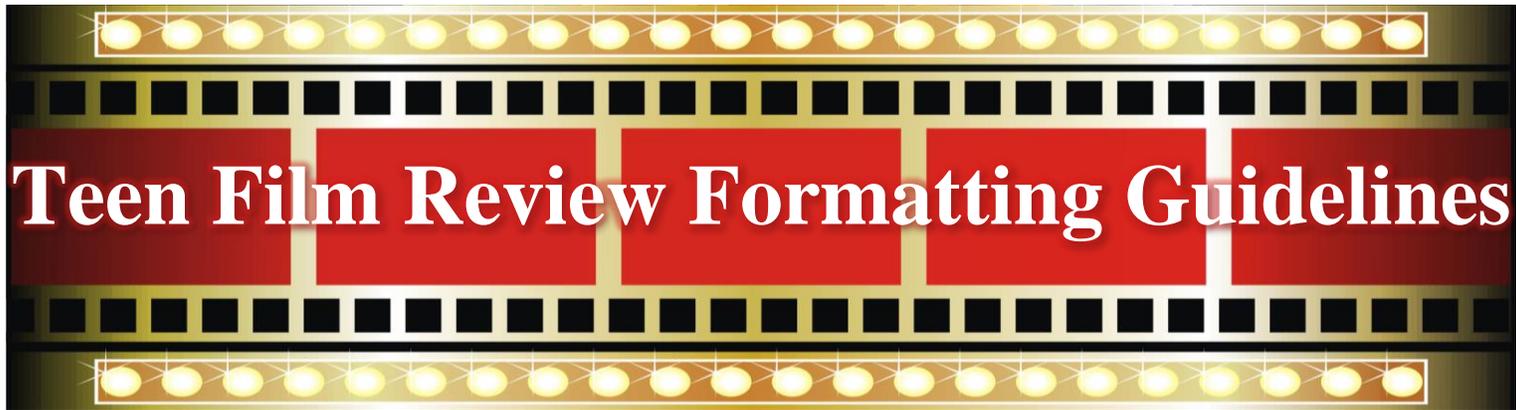
Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail address: _____

I have read all of the above requirements. I understand that the films on Kanopy vary in content and maturity level, that the review(s) I write will be shared on the library website, and that **I will only receive community service credit if I meet all of the requirements of the program.**

Student Signature _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____



Teen Film Review Formatting Guidelines

In order to receive community service credit, you must follow these review guidelines.

Reviews must be of films on the library's free digital streaming platform [Kanopy](#).

Rated R films cannot be reviewed for community service credit.

Reviews that do not meet the guidelines will be rejected and/or sent back for revision.

1. In a Word or Google Document, using 12pt Times New Roman font, single-spaced, begin the review with a header containing the following pieces of information:
 - Film Title:
 - Length of Film in Minutes:
 - Film Genre:
 - Reviewer Name and Grade:
 - Date Reviewed:
 2. In a new paragraph, or paragraphs, briefly summarize the film. If the film is a **fictional movie**, include the plot, setting, time period, main events, names and personalities of the main characters, and any other information that was important to the story. If the film is a **documentary**, include the topic covered, how the information is presented, if it is successful in teaching the viewer about the topic, if the documentarians provided a balanced perspective (covered both the pros and cons, as applicable), and any other information that was important to the documentary. Do not worry about spoilers! This section must be at least 200 words long.
 3. In a new paragraph, answer the following questions:
 - How did you find the film on Kanopy (by title search, subject search, casual browsing, etc.)?*
 - Did the plot (for fictional movie) or presentation of information (for documentary) keep you interested?*
 - Was the pace of the film too fast, too slow, or just right?*
 - What grade level(s) is this film appropriate for?*Please *italicize* the questions, and then answer them on a new line (like a new paragraph but not indented) using at least one full sentence. Cite specific examples from the film, as needed, to support your answers.
 4. In a new paragraph, please rate the film. The rating system is as follows:
 - 5 stars: I'm really glad I watched this film; it was awesome!*
 - 4 stars: I enjoyed this film and found it worthwhile to watch.*
 - 3 stars: It was okay; I had hoped for better.*
 - 2 stars: I did not like this film but somebody else might.*
 - 1 star: I would not recommend this film.*Please *italicize* the rating, then explain the reason for your rating in a new line. Using full sentences, cite specific examples of what was really good, just okay, or bad about the film.
- At this point the review should be about one page long, single spaced. If it is more than one page long, please revisit the review and make your response more succinct. Reviews must not exceed one page.**
5. Once you are satisfied with the review, email the completed review as an attached Word or Google document to Emily Ostrander at teens@emmaclark.org. Please include your **full name** in the email, so that we can send the community service certificate to you in a timely manner. Please save a copy of the review for your records.

Thank you and happy reviewing!