

## 2011 Fabulous Films for Young Adults

The Fabulous Films for Young Adults list identifies a body of films relating to a theme that will appeal to young adults ages 12-18 and is presented annually at the ALA Midwinter Meeting.

The 2011 Fabulous Films for Young Adults offers 40 titles based on the theme "Other Times/Other Places." The list includes films, both fiction and nonfiction, that display teens reacting to the society around them and how they learn to become who they are. The complete list, including annotations, can be found at [www.ala.org/yalsa/fabfilms](http://www.ala.org/yalsa/fabfilms) (/yalsa/fabfilms).

"This is the first year we had more than 100 films nominated," said Adrienne Butler, committee chair. "It was exciting to see that many titles and how the films themselves interpreted the theme which made for many an interesting discussion among the committee members. This is a strong and varied list, encompassing many different film genres with wide appeal to young adults."

Members of the Fabulous Films for Young Adults Committee are: Chair Adrienne Butler, Oklahoma Department of Libraries, Oklahoma City; Sarah Bean Thompson, Springfield-Greene County (Mo.) Library; Sarah Chaar, Emporia State (Kan.) University; Natalie Houston, Leesburg, Fla.; Melanie Metzger, Lone Star College, Cypress, Texas; Sarah Sogigian, Massachusetts Regional Library System, Waltham; Andrea Sowers, Joliet (Ill.) Public Library; and Tina Zubak, Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh, Pa.

### Feature Films

***Alice in Wonderland.*** Walt Disney, 108 min. DVD. PG. \$29.99. <http://www.disneymovieslist.com/> (<http://www.disneymovieslist.com/>)

Alice falls down the rabbit hole again and meets unusual creatures and the evil Red Queen in this Tim Burton directed adaptation of this classic story.

***American Graffiti.*** Universal, 110 min. DVD Collector's Edition. PG. \$14.98. <http://www.universalstudios.com/> (<http://www.universalstudios.com/>)

In George Lucas's classic coming of age film a group of teens prepare their future on graduation night.

***Back to the Future.*** Universal, 116 min. DVD Special Edition. PG. \$19.98. <http://www.universalstudios.com/> (<http://www.universalstudios.com/>)

Marty McFly travels in a DeLorean from 1985 to 1955 to save his friend Doc Brown.

***Becoming Jane.*** Miramax, 120 min. DVD. PG. \$19.99. <http://www.miramax.com/> (<http://www.miramax.com/>)

The story of young Jane Austen finding love and inspiration.

***Chicago.*** Miramax, 113 min. DVD. PG-13. \$14.99. <http://www.miramax.com/> (<http://www.miramax.com/>)

A musical set in 1920s Chicago about two women who are convicted of murder and their flamboyant media manipulating lawyer who fights for their freedom.

***Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe.*** WaldenMedia, 143 min. DVD Collector's Edition. PG. \$19.99. <http://www.walden.com/> (<http://www.walden.com/>)

Four siblings discover the world of Narnia by going through a wardrobe and they must gather the creatures that live there together and fight the White Witch.

**Chronicles of Riddick.** Universal, 143 min. DVD Widescreen. PG-13. \$14.98.

<http://www.universalstudios.com/> (<http://www.universalstudios.com/>)

In this sci-fi thriller, Riddick is thrown into prison. He escapes only to go from the frying pan into the fire.

**Dark Knight.** Warner Bros, 152 min. DVD Widescreen. PG-13. \$19.96. <http://www.warnerbros.com/>

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Batman has to fight the Joker, organized crime and corrupt cops all while resisting going from crusader to vigilante.

**Dazed and Confused.** Universal, 162 min. DVD Widescreen. R. \$12.98. <http://www.universalstudios.com/>

(<http://www.universalstudios.com/>)

It's 1976 in Texas and the last day of high school before the hazy days of summer commence.

**An Education.** Sony Pictures, 100 min. DVD Widescreen. PG-13. \$28.96. <http://www.sonypictures.com/>

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Sixteen year-old Jenny is read to be an adult. She meets an older man who introduces her to the colorful world of Britain in the 1960s. As she becomes more entranced with the adult world her future is jeopardized.

**Ever After.** 20th Century Fox, 121 min. DVD. PG. \$14.98. <http://www.foxmovies.com/>

(<http://www.foxmovies.com/>)

A retelling of an independent-thinking Cinderella set in 16th century France.

**Fifth Element.** Sony, 126 min. DVD. PG-13. \$14.94. <http://www.sonypictures.com/>

(<http://www.sonypictures.com/>)

War hero Korben Dallas just wants to live a quiet life, but an inter-galaxy invasion set to destroy the earth changes his mind.

**Ghost in the Shell.** Palm Pictures, 83 min. DVD. R. \$14.98. <http://www.palmpictures.com/>

(<http://www.palmpictures.com/>)

A computer wants to hack into minds and take over memories and Major Motoko Kusanagi has to stop it in this animé film.

**Grease.** Paramount, 110 min. DVD. PG. \$19.99. <http://www.paramount.com/> (<http://www.paramount.com/>)

Grease is the word. A musical version of high school set in the 1950s.

**Hairspray.** New Line Home Video, 92 min. DVD. \$12.97. <http://www.newline.com/> (<http://www.newline.com/>)

In this popular John Waters film set in the 1960s, a young girl integrates a popular TV dance show.

**Howl's Moving Castle.** Buena Vista Home Entertainment, 119 min. DVD (2 Discs). PG. \$29.99.

<http://www.disneymovieslist.com/> (<http://www.disneymovieslist.com/>)

In this animé film based on Diana Wynne Jone's book, Sophie is transformed from a young girl into an old woman and must overcome obstacles and befriend the dreaded Howl in order to become herself again.

**Labyrinth.** Sony Pictures, 101 min. DVD. PG. \$9.99. <http://www.sonypictures.com/>  
(<http://www.sonypictures.com/>)

After Sarah wishes her baby brother to the goblins, she must go save him from the Goblin King.

**Land of the Lost.** Universal, 102 min. DVD. PG-13. \$19.98. <http://www.universalstudios.com/>  
(<http://www.universalstudios.com/>)

Cave ride! Travel with discredited Dr. Rick Marshall to another land where he must fight the slow-moving Sleestaks and save the world.

**League of Their Own.** Sony, 128 min. DVD. PG. \$8.99. <http://www.sonypictures.com/>  
(<http://www.sonypictures.com/>)

With the men off at war, the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League is created to continue the American pastime.

**Marie Antoinette.** Sony Pictures, 123 min. DVD. PG-13. \$14.94. <http://www.sonypictures.com/>  
(<http://www.sonypictures.com/>)

A stylized retelling of the life of young, beautiful Marie Antoinette.

**Men in Black.** Sony Pictures, 98 min. DVD. PG-13. \$14.94. <http://www.sonypictures.com/>  
(<http://www.sonypictures.com/>)

Men in Black is a secret government organization that monitors all alien activity on Earth. K and J have to find the one alien bent to destroy Earth.

**Monty Python and the Holy Grail.** Sony Video, 91 min. DVD Special Pictures. PG. \$14.94.  
<http://www.sonypictures.com/> (<http://www.sonypictures.com/>)

Hilarious British comedy send-up of King Arthur's quest.

**Motorcycle Diaries.** Universal, 126 min. DVD. R. \$12.98. <http://www.universalstudios.com/>  
(<http://www.universalstudios.com/>)

A recounting of Ché Guevara's life before he became the legendary revolutionary.

**Muppet Treasure Island.** Walt Disney Pictures, 99 min. DVD. G. \$19.99. <http://www.disneymovieslist.com/>  
(<http://www.disneymovieslist.com/>)

A retelling of the classic Treasure Island starring Jim Henson's muppets.

**Pan's Labyrinth.** Picturehouse, 119 min. DVD Widescreen. R. \$12.97. <http://www.picturehouse.com/>  
(<http://www.picturehouse.com/>)

A young girl, with an evil stepfather and a dying mother, journeys on a quest battling evil in the real and fantasy world in post-Civil War Spain.

**Pirate Radio.** Universal. 116 min. DVD. R. \$11.99. <http://www.universalstudios.com/>  
(<http://www.universalstudios.com/>)

With music censored in 1960s Britain, a group of rogue deejays broadcast off their own pirate ship.

**Pirates of the Caribbean: Curse of the Black Pearl.** Walt Disney, 143 min. DVD Collector's Edition. PG-13. \$19.99. <http://www.disneymovieslist.com/> (<http://www.disneymovieslist.com/>)

This is Capt. Jack Sparrow's first adventure where he seeks to break the dark curse that had befallen his ship.

***Pride and Prejudice.*** Universal, 127 min. DVD. PG. \$14.98. <http://www.universalstudios.com/>  
(<http://www.universalstudios.com/>)

Based on Jane Austen's book of the same name, the Bennett family matriarch has one goal in mind for her daughters and that is to be married.

***Prince of Persia.*** Walt Disney, 116 min. DVD. PG-13. \$29.99. <http://www.disneymovieslist.com/>  
(<http://www.disneymovieslist.com/>)

This film, based on the popular video game, is set in Persia where a young man fights to save the world.

***Princess Bride.*** MGM, 98 min. DVD Anniversary Edition. PG. \$14.98. <http://www.mgm.com/>  
(<http://www.mgm.com/>)

Fencing! Cliffs of Insanity! Kissing! To the pain! Romance! Torture! Death! True Love! What more? As you wish...

***Serenity.*** Universal, 119 min. DVD. PG-13. \$14.98. <http://www.universalstudios.com/>  
(<http://www.universalstudios.com/>)

The information inside River Tam's head is lethal to the government. It takes a rag-tag group living on the edges of the universe to save, protect and discover the government's worst secret. Companion to the cult TV show ***Firefly.***

***Sherlock Holmes.*** Warner Home Video, 128 min. DVD. PG-13. \$19.98. <http://www.warnerbros.com/>  
(<http://www.warnerbros.com/>)

Guy Ritchie directs an all-star cast in this steampunk-influenced version of Sherlock Holmes.

***Star Trek.*** Spyglass Entertainment, 127 min. DVD Widescreen. PG-13. \$30.00.  
<http://www.spyglassentertainment.com/> (<http://www.spyglassentertainment.com/>)

In this reboot of the popular franchise, a rebellious James T. Kirk takes the Enterprise crew on their first of many famous travels and confrontations.

***Star Wars: A New Hope.*** 20th Century Fox, 121 min. DVD. PG. \$19.98. <http://www.foxmovies.com/>  
(<http://www.foxmovies.com/>)

Luke Skywalker with the help from Han Solo, Princess Leia, a wookiee and a couple of droids, embark to save the universe from Darth Vader and the dark side.

***Stargate.*** Lions Gate, 128 min. DVD Special Edition. PG-13. \$9.98. <http://www.lionsgate.com/>  
(<http://www.lionsgate.com/>)

A team consisting of an Egyptologist and a colonel, discover a new world through an ancient portal.

***Terminator Salvation.*** Warner Bros, 115 min. DVD Full Screen. PG-13. \$28.98.  
<http://www.warnerbros.com/> (<http://www.warnerbros.com/>)

The human resistance fights on as John Connor strives to end Skynet. John must decide whether to trust others or doom the human race forever.

**The Wiz.** Universal, 134 min. DVD. G. \$19.98. <http://www.universalstudios.com/>  
(<http://www.universalstudios.com/>)

A retelling of the Wizard of Oz starring Michael Jackson.

**X-Men.** 20th Century Fox. 104 min. DVD Widescreen. PG-13. \$14.98. <http://www.foxmovies.com/>  
(<http://www.foxmovies.com/>)

Mutant students and teachers at Xavier's School for Gifted Youngsters ban together to save the world from Magento.

## **Documentaries**

**Empires – The Medici: Godfathers of the Renaissance.** 220 min. PBS Paramount, DVD, \$19.99.  
<http://www.pbs.org/> (<http://www.pbs.org/>)

The powerful Italian Medici family rules Europe and starts the Renaissance period.

**Untold Story of Emmett Louis Till.** 70 min. ThinkFilm, DVD, \$7.99. <http://www.thinkfilmcompany.com/>  
(<http://www.thinkfilmcompany.com/>)

The true story of 14-year-old Emmett Till whose murder while visiting family in Mississippi, helped spark the Civil Rights Movement in the South.