

Hudson Area Library Nonfiction Book Group
– May 2020 Documentaries from Kanopy --

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Pick a category or just browse. Select a couple that you find intriguing. You can also find publicly accessible documentaries on YouTube and Vimeo.

By Friday May 9th send Mark Orton (morton@HudsonAreaLibrary.org) the titles you selected with the URLs so I can find them readily. I will collate the list and broadcast via email to the group. This might inspire others to watch too.

Get a pad of paper, pencil, then watch them. Make notes of whatever strikes you.

At the meeting, via Zoom of course, we will share our thoughts about the documentaries each of us watched. Given our usual head count this will allow for 8-10 minutes per documentary.

Thanks, Mark Orton

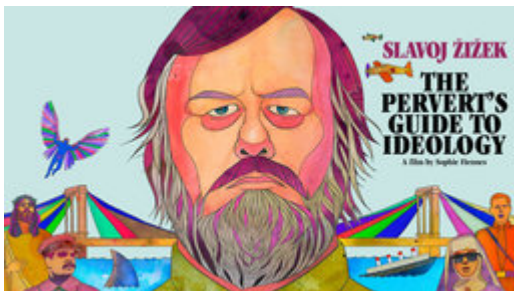
Mark's Quick Picks from Kanopy – a potpourri

There are an awful lot to choose from. Here are a few from scattered categories that caught my eye.



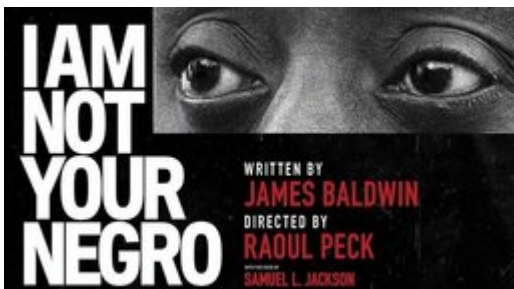
[First Peoples - An Exploration of Human Evolution](#)

How did the mixing of prehistoric human genes lead the way for survival of our human species? Archaeology, genetics and anthropology cast new light to 200,000 years of human history detailing how early humans thrived from all around the globe.



[The Pervert's Guide To Ideology](#)

Cultural theorist superstar Slavoj Žižek re-teams with director Sophie Fiennes (The Pervert's Guide to Cinema) for another wildly entertaining romp through the crossroads of cinema and philosophy. With infectious zeal and a voracious appetite for popular culture, Žižek literally goes inside some truly epochal movies, all the better to explore and expose how they reinforce prevailing ideologies. Official Selection at the Toronto International Film Festival. Nominated for the Viewfinders Grand...



[I Am Not Your Negro - James Baldwin and Race in America](#)

An Oscar-nominated documentary narrated by Samuel L. Jackson, I AM NOT YOUR NEGRO explores the continued peril America faces from institutionalized racism. In 1979, James Baldwin wrote a letter to his literary agent describing his next project, Remember This House. The book was to be a revolutionary, personal account of the lives and successive assassinations of three of his close friends--Medgar Evers, Malcolm X and Martin Luther King, Jr. At...



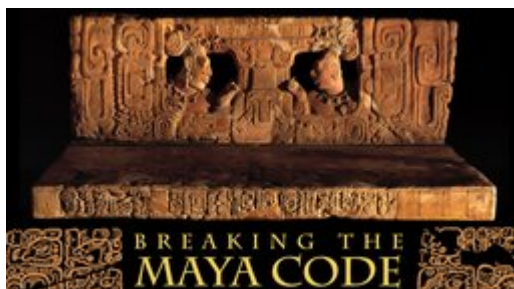
[NOVA: The Bible's Buried Secrets](#)

Journey to beginning of modern religion. Dig into the Bible and history of the Israelites through artifacts left behind. Focus on Old Testament as foundation for great monotheistic religions. Examine pressing issues in biblical archaeology.



[Neanderthal](#)

This documentary investigates what our ancient ancestors looked like and what would have happened when we met them. It turns out that what we thought we knew about them is wrong. They weren't hunched, grunting, knuckle-dragging ape-men at all. In a reconstructed, imaginary confrontation, we discover they were faster, smarter, better looking and much more like us than we ever thought.



[Breaking the Maya Code - Discovering Remnants of the Mayans](#)

For almost 2000 years, the ancient Maya of Central America recorded their history and ideas in an intricate and beautiful hieroglyphic script. Then, in the 16th century, Spanish invaders burned their books and ruthlessly extinguished hieroglyphic literacy. By the 18th century, when stone inscriptions were discovered buried in the jungles of Central America, no one on earth could read them. BREAKING THE MAYA CODE is the 200-year quest to decipher...



[Ken Burns: The Brooklyn Bridge](#)

The "Great East River Bridge" was the largest bridge of its era, a technical achievement of unparalleled scope, marked by enormous construction problems, equally ingenious solutions and heroic human achievement. In unexpected and wonderful ways, the Brooklyn Bridge captured the imagination of all Americans, and in the process became a symbol in American culture of strength, vitality, ingenuity and promise. In BROOKLYN BRIDGE, Ken Burns captures the physical majesty of...



[High School - Documenting a Philadelphia High School](#)

HIGH SCHOOL was filmed at a large urban high school in Philadelphia. The film documents how the school system exists not only to pass on "facts" but also transmits social values from one generation to another. HIGH SCHOOL presents a series of formal and informal encounters between teachers, students, parents, and administrators through which the ideology and values of the school emerge. Chosen for preservation by the National Film Preservation...



[Goin' to Chicago - Personal Stories of the Great African American Migration](#)

The migration of African Americans from the rural South to the cities of the North and West during and after World War II is retold through personal stories of a group of Chicagoans born in the Mississippi Delta. They share their bitter recollections of sharecropping - owing half of each crop to the landowner, each beginning back-breaking labor in the fields at ten. A steelworker, newspaper editor, blues musician and...



[Liberty & Slavery - The Paradox of America's Founding Fathers](#)

In 1776, America was a place of extreme paradox. While our Founding Fathers were fighting for their own independence, many were also unashamed slave-owners. Indeed they were simultaneously promoting both liberty and slavery. LIBERTY & SLAVERY explores why the Founders and their slavery paradox is a lot more complicated than first imagined. Winner of Best Feature Documentary and Best Cinematography at the Hollywood International Independent Documentary Awards. Winner in both...



[The Vietnam War - A Series by Ken Burns and Lynn Novick](#)

An immersive documentary film series directed by acclaimed filmmakers Ken Burns and Lynn Novick, tells the epic story of one of the most divisive, consequential and misunderstood events in American history, as it has never before been told on film. Winner of Best Limited Documentary Series at the Critics' Choice Documentary Awards and nominated for Outstanding

Directorial Achievement in Documentary from the Directors Guild of America. "Ken Burns's VIETNAM WAR..."



[In Defense of Food - An Eater's Manifesto](#)

"Eat Food. Not Too Much. Mostly Plants." With those seven words, journalist Michael Pollan distills a career's worth of reporting into a prescription for reversing the damage being done to people's health by today's industrially-driven Western diet. Pollan offers a clear answer to one of the most urgent questions of our time: What should I eat to be healthy?

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[Hidden Pictures - The Underexposed World of Global Mental Health](#)

Filmmaker and physician Delaney Ruston grew up under the shadow of her dad's illness, schizophrenia. While reconnecting with him after years of estrangement, Ruston became obsessed with understanding families' experiences abroad. In award-winning HIDDEN PICTURES, Ruston takes us on her journey to uncover personal stories in India, China, South Africa, France, and the US. What emerge are scenes of profound frustration, moments of true compassion, and unexpected insights. Ultimately we...



[Hospital - Daily Activities of an Urban Hospital](#)

This Emmy-winning documentary by Frederick Wiseman shows the daily activities of a large urban hospital with the emphasis on the emergency ward and outpatient clinics. The cases depicted illustrate how medical expertise, availability of resources, organizational considerations,

and the nature of communication among the staff and patients affect the delivery of appropriate health care. Winner of Outstanding Achievement in News Documentary Programming at the Primetime Emmy Awards. "It is as...



[Rise of the Eco Warriors - Young Activists Saving the Rain Forest](#)

Every individual matters, every action counts. A group of passionate and adventurous young people leave their known worlds behind to spend 100 days in the jungles of Borneo. Their mission is to confront one of the great global challenges of our time, saving rainforests and giving hope to endangered orangutans. Their task is enormous and the odds are against them. Jojo, an orphaned baby orangutan, is entrusted in their care...



[Antarctica - A Year On Ice](#)

ANTARCTICA: A YEAR ON ICE is a visually stunning journey to the end of the world. Guided by nature photographer Anthony Powell, we experience firsthand the beauty and brutality of the most severe environment on Earth along with the hardy and devoted people who call it home year-round. It has had a theatrical release in the US and New Zealand, and has screened at numerous festivals around the world and...



[Lo and Behold, Reveries of the Connected World - The Past, Present and Future of the Internet](#)

Legendary master filmmaker Werner Herzog examines the past, present and constantly evolving future of the Internet. Herzog conducts original interviews with cyberspace pioneers and prophets such as PayPal and Tesla co-founder Elon Musk, Internet protocol inventor Bob Kahn, and famed hacker Kevin Mitnick. These provocative conversations reveal the ways in which the online world has transformed how virtually everything in the real world works, from business to education, space travel...



[Trashed with Jeremy Irons](#)

Jeremy Irons sets out to discover the extent and effects of the global waste problem, as he travels around the world to beautiful destinations tainted by pollution. This is a meticulous, brave investigative journey that takes Irons (and us) from skepticism to sorrow and from horror to hope.



[Fresh - Sustainable Food Production in America](#)

FRESH profiles the farmers, thinkers, and business people across the nation who are at the forefront of re-inventing food production in America. With a strong commitment to sustainability, they are changing how farms are run, how the land is cared for, and how food is distributed. Their success demonstrates that a new paradigm based on sustainable practices can be profitable and a model for our food system, if people choose...



[It's A Girl - The Global War Against Girls](#)

In India, China and many other parts of the world today, girls are killed, aborted and abandoned simply because they are girls. The United Nations estimates as many as 200 million girls are missing in the world today because of this so-called "gendercide". The war against girls is rooted in centuries-old tradition and sustained by deeply ingrained cultural dynamics which, in combination with government policies, accelerate the elimination of girls....



[Private Violence - Domestic Violence Survivors](#)

This Emmy-nominated documentary explores a simple but deeply disturbing fact of American life: the most dangerous place for a woman in America is her own home. Every day in the U.S., at least four women are murdered by abusive (and often, ex) partners. Through the eyes of two survivors--Deanna Walters, a mother who seeks justice for the crimes committed against her at the hands of her estranged husband, and Kit...



[Dreamcatcher - Sex Trafficking & Redemption in Chicago](#)

Sundance award-winner DREAMCATCHER takes us into a hidden world of prostitution and sexual trafficking through the eyes of one of its survivors, Brenda Myers-Powell. A former teenage prostitute with a drug habit, Brenda defied the odds to become a powerful advocate for change in her community, and works to help women and young girls break the cycle of sexual abuse and exploitation. DREAMCATCHER lays bare the hidden violence that devastates...



[Minecraft: Through the Nether Portal - An Examination of the Popular Video Game](#)

This documentary takes you on a journey through the ever-evolving, epic game of Minecraft. It's popularity is opening up a whole new world for this generation, with millions of new players signing up each week. With exclusive interviews from industry experts and Minecraft's biggest YouTube players, Dan TDM and Ali- A, we look at how the game is now being used as a tool for education and teaching while digging...



[Digital Disconnect - Fake News, Privacy and Democracy](#)

In this era of Facebook privacy breaches, "fake news" and filter bubbles, the essential film DIGITAL DISCONNECT trains its sights on the relationship between the internet and democracy. Tracing the internet's history as a publicly funded government project in the 1960s to its full-scale commercialization today, the film traces how the revolutionary, democratizing potential of the internet has been radically compromised by the growing and unaccountable power of a handful...



[Frontline: Documenting Hate - New American Nazis](#)

In the wake of the deadly anti-Semitic attack at the Tree of Life synagogue in Pittsburgh, FRONTLINE presents a new investigation into white supremacist groups in America - in particular, a neo-Nazi group, Atomwaffen Division, that has actively recruited inside the U.S. military. This investigation shows the group's terrorist objectives and how it gained strength after the 2017 Charlottesville rally.



[White Right: Meeting the Enemy - A Muslim Filmmaker Confronts Members of the New "White Right"](#)

In this Emmy-winning documentary, acclaimed Muslim filmmaker Deeyah Khan meets U.S. neo-Nazis and white nationalists face to face and attends the now-infamous Unite the Right rally in Charlottesville as she seeks to understand the personal and political motivations behind the resurgence of far-right extremism in the U.S. Speaking with fascists, racists and proponents of alt-right ideologies, Deeyah attempts to discover new possibilities for connection and solutions. As she tries to...



[Frontline: Left Behind America - Ohio Citizens Fight for Economic Revitalization](#)

Intimate stories of one Rust Belt city's struggle to recover in the post-recession economy. FRONTLINE reports on the economic and social forces shaping Dayton, Ohio, a once-booming city where nearly 35 percent of people now live in poverty.



[All Governments Lie - Truth, Deception, and the Spirit of I.F. Stone](#)

Independent journalists expose government lies and corporate deception, inspired by the legendary investigative journalist I.F. Stone. With government deception rampant, and intrusion of state surveillance into private life never more egregious, independent voices like Glenn Greenwald, Jeremy Scahill, and Amy Goodman are crucially important. All three are inspired by the iconoclastic rebel journalist named I. F. Stone, whose fearless, independent reporting from 1953 to 1971 filled a tiny 4-page newsletter...



[Ex Libris - The New York Public Library](#)

Frederick Wiseman's new film EX LIBRIS goes behind the scenes of one of the greatest knowledge institutions in the world and reveals it as a place of welcoming cultural exchange and learning. With 92 locations throughout Manhattan, the Bronx and Staten Island, the library is committed to being a resource for all the inhabitants of this multifaceted and cosmopolitan city, and beyond. The New York Public Library exemplifies the deeply...



[Dark Money - The Influence of Corporate Money in our Elections](#)

This acclaimed documentary examines one of the greatest present threats to American democracy: the influence of untraceable corporate money on our elections and elected officials. The film takes viewers to Montana - a frontline in the fight to preserve fair elections nationwide - to follow a local journalist working to expose the real-life impacts of the US Supreme Court's Citizens United decision. Short-Listed for Best Documentary Feature at the 2019 Academy...
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