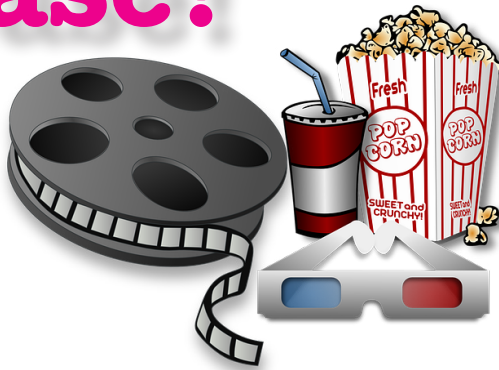


# Pass the Popcorn Please!

**MOVIES PLAY A BIG ROLE IN THE LIVES OF MANY** Canadians. For lots of us it's a major form of recreation. For the last ten years North Americans have spent an average of \$10 Billion at theatres. And that doesn't include 65-inch TV screens and Netflix. Movies may mark milestones in our lives or bring back a memory of Friday nights with a bunch of friends. Depending on our age, we remember the "old days" as movie theatres before reclining seats and cocktails. For the rest of us the old days were summer nights at the drive-in.

Today Hollywood has a gazillion tricks and tools to work with. Blowing up cities, crashing more cars in one movie that South Point Toyota sells in a year. And spilling more blood than the amount of oil BC lets us ship in a year. In 1946 Howard Hawk spent less than \$2 million directing *The Big Sleep* with Lauren Bacall and Humphrey Bogart. When Detective Phillip Marlow shot the bad guys, they fell to the ground ... and there wasn't any blood. The script was compelling, the characters were cool and it made \$5 million. In 2018, Marvel Studios has spent over \$300 million to produce *Black Panther*. It has taken in \$1.5 billion at the box office. ***So with all the millions spent on production today, are the movies better?***



So what are your favourite flicks? What were the most memorable movie scenes or take-away lines? What memories does one particular movie bring back? Which movie did you see more than once? What made the movie worth the second trip? With all the technology, are movies better today? Does the comfort and convenience of new movie theaters justify a \$100 family night?

**Let's talk about the movies!**



## What's On Your List?

Write a random list of 50 favourite movies ... and let's compare lists on January 22.

Here's mine.... *Allan*

Silence of the Lambs  
Raiders of the Lost Ark  
Bull Durham  
Django  
Goodfellas  
Sunset Boulevard  
One Flew Over The Cuckoos Nest  
12 Angry Men  
Pulp Fiction  
Shawshank Redemption  
The Godfather  
Citizen Kane  
Apocalypse Now  
Grapes of Wrath  
Chinatown  
North by Northwest  
Waiting for Guffman  
Scarface  
As Good As It Gets  
True Lies  
Airplane!  
Groundhog Day  
Rain Man  
Forrest Gump  
The Usual Suspects  
To Kill a Mockingbird  
Taxi Driver  
Gangs of New York  
Se7en  
The Social Network  
Inglorious Basterds  
The Big Lebowski  
Toy Story  
Gladiator  
My Cousin Vinny  
A Beautiful Mind  
Die Hard  
The Graduate  
On the Waterfront  
Midnight Cowboy  
Network  
Unforgiven  
Reservoir Dogs  
Rocky  
Blazing Saddles  
Thelma & Louise  
Good Will Hunting  
The Shining  
Fargo  
The Princess Bride

**Mahogany  
Discussion  
Group**



**Sunday, January 20, 2019  
2:00 pm to 3:30 pm**

*Downstairs at the Mahogany Beach Club*

**Questions?**

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