

Things to keep in mind...

Obtaining performance rights can take some time. Please make sure that you fill out the request form at least 3 weeks prior to your program.

Need More Help?

Still having difficulty understanding performance rights? Don't worry! If you have a suggestion or need additional library resources or assistance, you can contact the library at rplib@illinois.edu.



Understanding Public Performance Rights

What are public performance rights?

Public Performance Rights are the legal rights held by distributors or producers over the showing of a film/video outside of one's home. The rights-holder can grant others the temporary right to show the film by selling them or granting them a Public Performance License.

Note: Any time a film is shown outside a person's personal home, the screening is considered "public." Your residence hall room is not considered public unless you are showing a film that you have advertised as a program. Then your room is public space.

What does this mean for paraprofessionals?

This means you CANNOT check out a film from any video store, library or from your own personal collection and show it in your building for a program. This also includes Netflix, Hulu, Comcast on Campus, Amazon Prime, or any streaming service.

The good news...

The good news is that the Residence Hall Libraries have a large collection of films you can use for programs. These films are all housed in the Ikenberry Commons Residential Life Resource Center in the Ikenberry Commons Library. You can also find a list of them on our website.

The University Library has a subscription to Kanopy a movie streaming service. Any item in the collection that is available through Kanopy can be streamed for programs. You can find titles at <http://illinois.kanopystreaming.com>.

Even better news... Just because the Residence Hall Libraries do not have the film rights for the movie you would like to use doesn't mean you have to cancel your program. The libraries can work with you to obtain public performance rights. They can be costly, so you also need to work with your supervisor to find funds to purchase the rights.

Steps to request funds:

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Submit a form to request performance rights (This is to get an estimate of how much the performance rights will cost.) This form can be found at go.illinois.edu/movierights. It usually takes about 24-48 hours to receive a price quote.

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If the Public Performance Rights are available, the library will facilitate the purchase of the performance rights. Library staff will contact you about when to pick up the film. You must use the copy given to you by the library.