

Trexler Library

Streaming Video Services

Finding Videos Currently Available from the Library

Trexler Library provides access to over 80,000 streaming films, documentaries, and other types of videos. In addition to [Alexander Street Press](#) with over 75,000 videos, the library provides streaming access by purchasing perpetual access licenses, digital site licenses, and limited-term hosted streaming licenses. Alternatively the library will transcode a DVD or VHS that we own to a streaming format when the use is allowed under the college's [copyright policy](#). The primary providers we use are Alexander Street Press, Kanopy, Swank, and Films Media Group along with many other providers. Every year we set up agreements with additional providers based on faculty requests.

To find out if a film you want is currently available from Trexler Library, please start by searching Encompass, which includes Trexler Library's catalog of films. [Start your search here.](#)

Streaming Requests

In the past few years library staff have received many requests to embed access to streaming videos in Canvas for specific classes. Streaming video is licensed to the library either as a hosted streaming option or as a digital site license (DSL). If you look at ordering information for a video, you might see one or both of these purchase options. Both a hosted streaming license and a DSL (Digital Site License) are suitable for use in Canvas, however there are some differences between the two.

To facilitate your request for **streaming film access** or **DSL (Digital Site License)** please consider the benefits of each:

Hosted streaming license: hosted by the vendor, the video is streamed directly from the vendor's web platform. Hosted streaming access is best suited to limited term needs of a semester or a term of one to three years. The average cost of streaming a film is usually approximately \$125 per semester or \$150 per year. Occasionally a perpetual access license is available (usually at least \$500) if ongoing access will be needed.

Digital Site License (DSL) gives us a multi-year term license to stream a digital film and allows us to host the film locally on our own platform (Panopto). The license sometimes includes a copy on disc. Purchasing a DSL is better utilized if you will be consistently showing a film for three years or more. The average cost of a DSL can be three times that of a hosted streaming film. This costly investment is why we ask that you be fairly certain that the film will be in high rotation for a significant amount of time.

To start the requesting process for any of these options, please submit the following information through your [library liaison](#):

- Your name
- Title of film (and provider, if known)
- Length of time needed (semester, 1 year, 3 years or more)
- Start date needed
- Class name and number
- Format of class (classroom, online or hybrid of both)
- Approx. number of students

Selection Tools

Search the Trexler Library catalog for streaming films currently available to you. [Start your search here.](#)

When we don't have the video you need, and you find something you would like to request, let us know. We currently have active accounts set up with the providers listed below. The list below is not intended to limit your choice of providers, rather it lets you know that we already have established connections with them. We will research your streaming request and set up accounts with new providers as needed.

- [Alexander Street Press](#)
- [Ambrose Video](#)
- [California Newsreel](#)
- [Criterion Pictures](#)
- [Docuseek2](#)
- [Films Media Group \(Infobase\)](#)
- [Kanopy](#)
- [New Day Films](#)
- [Swank Digital Campus](#)
- [Women Make Movies](#)

Questions

General information on collection development is available [here](#)

Purchasing and funds:

Karen Gruber, Acquisitions and Budget Manager, at karengruber@muhlenberg.edu or 484-664-3570.

Reserves:

Amanda Riegel, Public Services Assistant, at trexlerreserves@muhlenberg.edu or 484-664-3540

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Direct questions to your [librarian liaisons](#).