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County Library's Old Film Reels Find New Home

Hyattsville, MD – The Prince George's County Memorial Library System recently donated 1,400 old 16mm film reels held at the Hyattsville Branch to Old Greenbelt Theatre in Greenbelt, Maryland. Titles include the seminal experimental film *Meshes of the Afternoon*, Roberto Rossellini's *Rome, Open City*, and the Orson Welles-narrated *Future Shock*, among many others.

Dr. Caitlin McGrath, Executive Director of the Old Greenbelt Theatre had this to say about the Library's donation. "We're very happy to be the new home for these carefully curated films. At the Old Greenbelt Theatre, we see film as not only a form of entertainment, but also as a tool for education." Librarian Heather Jackson, who facilitated this donation, spoke about future collaborations between the Theatre and the Library. "The Library will host a children's program incorporating stories, film and hands-on activities at 10:30 am on every second and fourth Monday at the Old Greenbelt Theatre," she said. Old Greenbelt Theatre Director McGrath welcomes the partnership. "We look forward to working with the Library System on our future educational outreach programming."

About The Prince George's County Memorial Library System

The Prince George's County Memorial Library System (PGCMLS), consisting of 19 branches, offers strategies for lifelong learning. Early literacy and skills development Library resources include: Ready 2 Read Centers, ABCmouse, AWE Early Literacy Stations, Beanstack, Lynda.com and Brainfuse's JobNow. Enjoy STEM activities such as STEM-tastics, STEM for Families, Crazy 8s Math Clubs, Minecraft, 3D printing, Makerspaces, DREAM (Digital Resources for Electronic Applications in Media) lab and more. Other educational and fun digital offerings are: OverDrive, Inc., FastPencil, hoopla digital, Freegal and Zinio. All these services are free with your PGCMLS library card. Try out our new PGCMLS app too! Storytimes, Read to Rover, Meet the Author, Teen Advisory Board (TAB), Chess Clubs, MAC: Manga and Anime Clubs are just a few of our many free library events for various ages. For additional information, please visit our website at www.pgcls.info.

About The Old Greenbelt Theatre

The Old Greenbelt Theatre is operated by the non-profit Friends of the Greenbelt Theatre, dedicated to offering independent, art house, repertory, and educational programming to a diverse audience. Additional programming information is available at: greenbelttheatre.org.

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