



# THE HARRY POTTER ALLIANCE

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## WAND WORK - PROGRAMS FOR CHAPTERS MOVIE SCREENINGS

### Why Hold a Movie Screening?

- \* They can be educational or fun-oriented.
- \* They are low-pressure events that many people will feel comfortable attending.
- \* They can be easy to plan, advertise, and set up/clean up.

**ABOUT SHOWING MOVIES LEGALLY:** *There are some legal issues concerning showing a movies. If you're holding it in a public space, you'll need to check with your venue on their rules. Depending on the size of your group, the location you're using, or the type of advertising you use, you may need to acquire the rights to the movie in order to show it.*

*The best explanation we've found on how to figure out what you need to do is here: <http://www.haverford.edu/av/copyright/pubperform.html>.*

*If you have any questions, please e-mail [chapters@thehpalliance.org](mailto:chapters@thehpalliance.org) or talk with someone in your chapter or community who can help you decide.*

## 1. PICK YOUR MOVIE

### Screen a movie for...

**Education** Educate your chapter members on one of your goals or another cause that you are passionate about! (Examples: Genocide, body image, fair trade, disaster relief)

**Fun** Increase involvement and help your chapter members get to know each other. Try the Harry Potter films to boost HP Spirit! Have a lot of time? Make it a movie marathon!

The best way to find a movie is often to ask your group what they've seen and what they suggest – a movie that one of your group members likes will carry a great recommendation – and therefore encourage more people to come and participate!

Check the Room of Requirement for some great movie ideas!



**BE SURE TO CHECK MOVIE RATINGS:** Make sure the movie you pick is age-appropriate to your chapter members. Advertise the rating so that no one is surprised, especially if you have a middle school or high school chapter. This can also help with members who may decide to bring their children.

## 2. DECIDE ON A TIME AND PLACE

**Time** - You might pick one of your normally scheduled meeting dates or perhaps a different date. Make sure that your members will be able to stay for the whole program – the length of the movie plus a post-movie discussion.

**Place** - Find a place that works for your chapter. Make sure that the space has any equipment you will need to show the movie (or bring your own). Make sure your location is big enough to fit everyone!

★ **Large Screening** - Find a conference room, library, or school auditorium that you can show the movies in. Contact the location well in advance to make sure you can reserve whatever room you want.

★ **Small Screening** - Host the marathon at a house or dorm. Make sure that this is okay with any other residents well in advance!

## 3. MAKE IT LEGAL

Decide if you need to take action to make your movie screening legal.

This document is an excellent resource when deciding what type of action you may need to take: <http://www.haverford.edu/av/copyright/pubperform.html>

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## 4. PUBLICIZE THE EVENT

**“Private” Screenings** - Let the members of your chapter know the time and place of your event. Announce it at meetings and make sure to email or facebook message reminders.

**“Public” Screenings** - Publicize the event around your community (*If your screening is public, you’ll need to acquire the rights to the film. See Step 3 for how to do this*). Check out the “Publicity” Chapter Charm for more ideas on advertising.



## 5. GET PREPARED

### Get Organized In Advance

- ★ On the day of your movie screening, be at the location before the screening starts.
- ★ Set up the television/projector that you're using to show the movies, and get it ready to play the movie
- ★ If appropriate, decorate the room!
  - ➔ **Educational Movie** – Write questions on large sheets of paper and hang them around the room. (“Why are we letting this happen?” “Will you take a stand?” “What do YOU think?”). You can also use quick facts about the subject of the movie.
  - ➔ **Harry Potter Movies** – Get creative! Turn it into a House Common Room, the Room of Requirement, or your favorite scene.
- ★ Make sure the room has enough seating for everyone. Depending on the space, you may want to bring pillows or picnic blankets for people to set up.
- ★ Set up any food or fundraising activities that you will use.

## 6. SCREEN YOUR MOVIE

- ★ Once everyone has arrived, start the movie! Make sure everyone can see and keep any food or activities in check.
- ★ It may be a good idea to decide *before* you start the movie if you are going to allow talking or commentary.
- ★ Some movies may provoke emotional reactions. Check out the Chapter Charm on Dealing with Difficult Members for tips on dealing with these situations.

## 7. HAVE A POST-MOVIE DISCUSSION

- ★ Post-Movie discussions are an opportunity for your chapter to talk about the movie. These are especially helpful if you are showing a movie to help educate your chapter members on a certain subject.
- ★ Sometimes, the best conversations are those that have no “leader.” You may want to print a few “guiding questions” on paper with instructions.
- ★ Try and limit your handout questions to three or four to keep the discussion from seeming too intimidating. You can always ask additional questions during the discussion if it feels like the conversation is dying.



## Sample Questions for Post-Movie Discussions

*Please reflect on these questions either personally or out loud.*

What were you thinking about during the movie?

What did you think about these issues before the movie? What do you think about them now?

What was the most influential or moving part of the movie for you?

Was this a good movie? Why or why not?

What was your favorite part? Your least favorite part?

What characters stuck out the most to you? Did you relate to them in any way?

Does this movie have any relevance to Harry Potter?

How can we help out in situations like those portrayed in the movie?

