

Third Friday Fall Film Series:

This fall we're showing three independent films that tell the stories of people who make transformative connections with others, in unexpected ways and surprising places. There is no charge, and a discussion will follow each film. Bring a friend!

The Station Agent (2003)

Friday, September 21 at 6:30 pm in the Bloom Room

In this award-winning comedy-drama, the life of an unsociable train aficionado, Finbar McBride (Peter Dinklage), takes an unexpected turn when his boss dies and leaves him an abandoned railroad depot in New Jersey. Fin decides to relocate to the small town, where he reluctantly befriends talkative food vendor Joe (Bobby Cannavale) and unhappy wife Olivia (Patricia Clarkson). As the trio's interactions deepen, relationships are formed, and each of their lives is transformed.

Bagdad Café (1987)

Friday, October 19 at 6:30 pm in the Bloom Room

German tourist Jasmin Munchgstattner (Marianne Sägebrecht) finds herself stranded along a dusty highway in the Mohave Desert and stumbles upon the nearest outpost of civilization — the Bagdad Café. Upon arriving, she clashes with the café's owner (CCH Pounder), but they soon forge an unlikely friendship. What begins as a few days' respite becomes a longer stay as Jasmine finds her niche within this eccentric truck-stop community.

Learning to Drive (2014)

Friday, November 16 at 6:30 pm in the Bloom Room

A literary agent (Patricia Clarkson) whose husband has left her and a Sikh driving instructor (Ben Kingsley) on the verge of an arranged marriage find that each has something to learn from the other about starting life anew.

Catherine and Steve Williams, film enthusiasts, will facilitate the film discussions.