

Disability in Literature: Films

We'll be watching three films over the course of the semester. You will need to watch these films outside of class before the "due date," just as you would with a reading assignment. Knowing how varied student schedules are, I have not scheduled screenings. There are numerous ways to watch the films:

- ❖ **They are all on reserve at the Media Center in the O'Leary Library, where you can watch them FOR FREE.**
- ❖ Some of them will be available (for free) at your local public library.
- ❖ Some are available from various online providers, including Amazon, Netflix, or other online services. Sometimes you have to be a member to watch for "free," sometimes there is a rental fee (i.e., Vudu). If you don't have a membership already (or know a friend who is willing to share his/her membership), consider signing up for a free trial account, or gather a group of classmates to rent/borrow these films together.
- ❖ Be aware that films (like books and other forms of media) are protected by copyright. Don't get yourself into danger with the powers that be by downloading illegally.
- ❖ Consider purchasing DVDs via Amazon or half.com, just as you might do with a textbook for the course. Used copies on half.com can come as cheaply as \$1 to \$5 (I'm not kidding – I checked!). And they can be resold, just like books.
- ❖ Consider getting together with a group of friends from class; if you have a group of three people, each of you could purchase (or rent) just one of the movies, which you could exchange or watch together.
- ❖ Ask around – talk to your classmates about how and when they will watch the films. Doing homework together is fun – especially when it's watching a film!
- ❖ Please make sure you are watching the right film! I've included some identifying information below, as well as suggestions on where you can currently find them in online sources.
- ❖ Please figure out your plan NOW so that we don't have a last minute crunch of people scrambling to find these films!
- ❖ If you've seen one of these films before, I still recommend that you watch it again, just so the ideas and images are fresh in your mind.

Date Due	Film Details	Additional Availability as of 9/8/15
Friday 18 September	<i>Temple Grandin</i> (2010) feature film starring Claire Danes, HBO production, 109 minutes	Available on Amazon Prime and Vudu
Friday 2 October	<i>My Left Foot</i> (1989) feature film starring Daniel Day Lewis, 103 minutes	Available on Amazon Prime, Netflix, and Vudu
Friday 13 November	<i>Murderball</i> (2005), documentary film, MTV production, 85 minutes	Currently only available on DVD; however, there is a version available at http://documentarylovers.com/film/murderball/ Note that it has ads and subtitles which may distract from your viewing.

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to watch at the Media Center on South.**