

In 2006 the movie *High School Musical* first aired on the Disney Channel. At the time, I was a freshman in High School and like many of my peers then, became completely obsessed. How could I not? The movie had a lot to relate to at that time in my life, I love a good musical number (this movie has eleven) and of course, Zac Efron. So you can imagine the excitement and nostalgia I felt as soon as Clinton High School announced this year's musical. If you did not see the show, and missed the billboard announcement on Utica Street, they performed the stage version of Disney's *High School Musical*!

I absolutely love movies and musicals. I am even lucky enough to choose the movies we show here at the Kirkland Town Library every Monday at 2 p.m. (open to all)! So reminiscing in memories of watching this movie over and over has me eager to roam our library shelves for movies long forgotten. Movies like *Sweeney Todd*, *Mama Mia* and *Dreamgirls*. Movies that I cannot believe came out over ten years ago already.

*Mama Mia* was another favorite when the movie first came out. So many amazing songs and actors! I remember watching it with my mother and sister several times. As soon as *Mama Mia: here we go again* was in theaters in 2018, the three of us were at one of the first showings. It was another hit and the sequel was worth the decade wait. If you too loved *Mama Mia* and have not seen the sequel yet, I suggest stopping by the library to borrow our copy of *Here We Go Again*. It is worth it!

For me, nothing beats a good movie with my favorite blanket, cuddled up with my pup on the couch every weekend in the winter. It helps me unwind and briefly ignore the buckets of snow outside my window. Here are a few of my favorite movies you can find here at the Kirkland Town Library and watch (or re-watch) from the last couple decades.

*Hairspray*, *Sound of Music*, *High School Musical*, *Frozen*, *the Greatest Showman*, *Into the Woods* and *Pitch Perfect*.

Not only do we have some of the best movies from my childhood (in my opinion) but we also have some of the newest 2020 releases that you will love. Have you seen *Gemini Man* or *Last Christmas* yet? No? I definitely recommend them.

And don't forget that movies are not the only awesome things you can stop by the library for. Come see us for latest releases of bestselling books, check out our American Girl Doll collection or cake pans and if you, like me, love musicals and supporting local events in your community then you should keep an eye out for all that Clinton has to offer. After seeing the school musical last weekend I would like to congratulate the cast and crew on an absolutely fantastic show that was filled with a lot of talent and brought back so many great memories!