Streaming on Kanopy

1. Unlike Libby or Hoopla, Kanopy is strictly movies and documentaries. It is still free and you will still need your library card to register for an account. Kanopy can be used on a computer or within the app on your mobile device. To access Kanopy from your computer, you'll go to kanopy.com and click the “Get Started” button.

2. From there, it'll ask you what type of card you have: either a public library card or are a university student. (Kanopy used to be only offered to universities!) We're going to choose the public library and search for our library.

3. After selecting our library, go ahead and enter in your library card number and hit “continue”. From there, you will create an account with an email address. You won't have to enter your library card again unless you change the number!

4. You are now logged in and should see the library's Kanopy page - it should look like this. (just an fyi: not all libraries participate in using Kanopy.)
5 There are a few things that we need to be aware of: they are the browse function, 'my lists', kids and credits. The browse function breaks down into 'featured' and genre - so if you're not sure on what to watch but know what genre - this is the easiest way to find something because it breaks down into several different subgenres.

6 ‘My lists' help you keep track of the movies and television shows you 1. where you left off on the movie you're watching, 2. Anything that you've added to a list and 3. where you've built a custom playlist. We will learn how to create lists and playlists in a moment.

7 The kids' section is strictly for kids! (though you can watch yourself if you want.) There's shows, movies and cartoons that are geared towards children - you can also set the parental controls if there are certain things you don't want your kids to watch.

8 To set the parental controls, you'll input a pin number that only you'll be able to see. Click 'turn on' and once it's turned on, your kids are no longer allowed to watch anything that isn't through Kanopy Kids. If they try to exit, they will get a message that prompts them to input the pin number.
To turn it off, just enter your pin and click ‘turn off’!

The last thing on the landing page is ‘tickets’ - you only get 18 credits per month to watch television shows, movies and documentaries. Different items have different ticket and time requirements. To see what an item is, however, Kanopy Kids have unlimited credits so there are no worries about your kids being limited.

So, now, we're going to create a watchlist and playlist! It's very easy to add something to your watchlist. You just hover over the movie or show you want and click ‘add to my watchlist’.

Train to Busan

2016 • 1hr 57min • CC • ★★★★☆☆☆☆

A man (Gong Yoo), his estranged daughter and other passengers become trapped on a...
So, we've added four movies to our watchlist (again located under 'my list') and now we're going to create a playlist. Click the plus sign next to 'create new playlist'. Give your playlist a name and 'create a new playlist'.

Now you can add movies to your playlist - to do so, you're going to choose a movie and click 'see more' to bring up the movie's page.

From there, you'll click 'playlists' and it'll bring up any playlist that you've created. Add it to your playlist and you're all set! You can view your playlist in the same spot that you created it in.

We've created our watchlist, now let's choose something to watch! It's very easy to stream a movie - you hover over a movie and choose 'see more'. That will take you to the movie's landing page where you can see the synopsis and related movies. It also has a tab for embedding the movie and citing it if being used in a paper. In our case, we're just going to click play! This is what your video player looks like (minus the black screen of course) and it gives you several controls - the standard play/pause, rewind/forward ten seconds, speed of the movie, full screen option and the sound. It also gives options for the transcripts for the movie, if you need a particular line, closed captions and a pop-out player so you can work while watching your movie.
(this is what the video player looks like if you were to pop it out so you can work while watching.)

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Once you start a movie/show, it's added to the 'continue watching' section under 'my lists'. It tells you how long you have to access that particular item - in the case of The Witness, we have 72 hours to watch and we've used two of our tickets.

If you want to, you can stream Kanopy through a streaming device on your tv. If you have a FireTv, AppleTV, Roku or AndroidTv, you're able to stream it through the tv app. You can do this through either the website or the mobile app. To stream through the website, you're going to go to the carrot by your name and hover over it. You're going to click 'link device' and it takes you to that landing page.
From here, you're going to get into the app on your tv - it's going to give you an activation code which you will put into the boxes on the link device page. Click 'link device' and you're ready to stream on your tv!

To do it through the mobile app (this was done on an iPhone, Android may be slightly different), the steps are the same but the locations are a little bit different. To access the link devices option, you will click the hamburger in the lower right-hand corner of your screen. Then you will click on 'link devices' which will take you to a page where you will enter the activation code from the tv app. (Also located in the upper right-hand corner is the amount of play credits you have!)

No worries about returning a movie or a show - once they expire, they're gone!

If you need any more help, please contact Digital Services at Troy Public Library at 248.524.3542.