When Hollywood calls...Librarians answer!

Several popular movies feature libraries and librarians. Test your knowledge to see how many descriptions you can match correctly to the following movie titles:

1. Read or Die (R.O.D.)
2. The Mummy
3. Ghostbusters
4. The Shawshank Redemption
5. Star Wars, Episode II: Attack of the Clones
6. The Breakfast Club
7. A Beautiful Mind

A. In this 1994 film, a young and successful banker is wrongly convicted of murder. While incarcerated he takes over and expands the prison library bringing dignity and respect back to many of the inmates.

B. In this 2002 film, the main character needs to find the location of a distant planet and goes to the library archives for information. While the planet does exist, information about it has been mysteriously erased from the archives.

C. This 2001 film’s superhero has power over all things made of paper. Her greatest weapon is her library card. Teamed with a Librarian she saves the world!

D. When five 1985 high school students from different social groups are forced to spend Saturday morning detention in the high school library, they find themselves interacting with and understanding each other for the first time.

E. This 2001 film is the true story of a Nobel Prize winning mathematician who frequented the library of Princeton University. Believing he is caught up in international espionage he goes to great lengths before the truth is revealed.

F. Although much of New York City is eventually slimed, this 1984 film features the public library as the first place visited by mischievous apparitions.

G. This 1999 film features a young Egyptologist and librarian involved in a dangerous and action-packed adventure to save the world from a curse of destruction!

Answers (A.4) (B.5) (C.1) (D.6) (E.7) (F.3) (G.2)

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Hekman library reference books are found on the 2nd floor of the library. Here are a few interesting titles with call numbers from the reference collection:

1001 movies you must see before you die, PN1995 .O6 2003 Film lovers seeking critical guidance more discerning than newspaper reviews depend on this handful of critics who write about rarefied films for a general audience. The listings are chronological and augmented with memorable photos.

Encyclopedia of Television, 2005. Ref. PN1992.1.E53 2005. Look up your favorite television personality or TV show; read about a famous televised trial or about new trends and issues that impact the future of TV. Check out the “Further Reading” suggestions at the end of each article.

Encyclopedia of Pseudoscience: from Alien Abductions to Zone Therapy Ref. Q 157.E57 2000 What is pseudoscience? Probably no two contributors in this volume agree! Pseudoscience can be frauds and hoaxes masquerading as science, mistaken theories that are later disproved, and superstitions. Have you ever wondered if levitation has any basis in scientific fact? How about the Loch Ness monster or Bigfoot? UFO’s? Look up these topics in this encyclopedia and many others!

Other topics can be researched using Reference Collection Bibliographies. A bibliography is a comprehensive list of relevant material on a given subject or possibly a famous person. Call numbers for bibliographies all begin with the letter Z so they are easy to find.

Two hydrogen atoms are walking the road. The first one says, “Hey! I think I lost an electron!” The second one replies, “Are you sure?” The first one says, “Yeah, I'm POSITIVE!”