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Free Film Celebrates Anniversary of the Best Novel of the 20th Century

It has been 50 years since the publication of *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee. To commemorate, enjoy a free showing of the movie based on the novel, starring Gregory Peck, on Wednesday, July 28, from 2:00-4:10 p.m. at the Ashland Branch Library, 410 Siskiyou Boulevard.

This classic story continues to inspire many by its gripping narrative and moral lessons. *To Kill a Mockingbird*, which follows the trial of a black man accused of raping a white girl, was first published on July 11, 1960. Named the best novel of the 20th century by American librarians, it has sold more than 30 million copies around the world and has been translated into more than 40 languages.

The film showing and popcorn are sponsored by the Friends of the Ashland Public Library. For more information, please call the Ashland Branch Library at 541-774-6996.



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