

Friends of Union County Library (FOUCL) Free Movie at the Library

FOUCL is sponsoring a free-to-the-public showing of a book-based movie. You can help determine which of two Best Picture Oscar winning movies is shown by voting with dollars and cents. Choices are: "The Sting" or "From Here to Eternity." Votes (money) will be counted on March 5 and the chosen movie will be shown on Wednesday, March 18, beginning at 2 PM in the Community Room at Union County Public Library.

Winner of 7 Academy Awards, "The Sting" is based on the nonfiction book "The Big Con: the Story of the Confidence Man" by David Maurer, a professor of linguists who specialized in con-man slang. Following the murder of a mutual friend, aspiring con-man Johnny Hooker teams up with old pro Henry Gondorff to take revenge, but things don't go according to plan, requiring some last-minute improvisation. This 1973 movie stars Robert Redford, Paul Newman, and Robert Shaw.

"From Here to Eternity" was the winner of 8 Oscars and is based on James Jones' first novel by the same name. The film is set at an Army barracks in Hawaii in the days preceding the attack on Pearl Harbor. A lone-wolf soldier and boxing champion, "Prew," refuses to box, preferring to play the bugle. Hard-hearted Capt. Holmes subjects Prew to a grueling series of punishments while, unknown to Holmes, the gruff but fair Sgt. Warden engages in a clandestine affair with the captain's mistreated wife. This movie was released in 1953 and stars Burt Lancaster, Frank Sinatra, Deborah Kerr, and Donna Reed.

FOUCL is also sponsoring our first COMMUNITY READ. Our selection is "The Library Book" by Susan Orlean. All Mountain Regional Library System patrons and area book club members are invited to read the book and gather for discussion in the Community Room at Union County Public Library on Friday, April 24, beginning at 1 PM.

The FOUCL Adult Winter Reading Challenge continues through Friday, April 24. Logs and a list of 2019 award-winning books are now available at the Union County Public Library on the bookcase outside the Friends' Room, to your left as you enter the building, and on our website (foucl.org).

You are invited to watch a movie, read some good books, and take part in a community-wide discussion!

