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Angela's Garden (Local Film Maker)	Student Award, Long Form Production, by the National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences	2011	16 min	Not rated. Adults and youth 16+	Co-Directors/Producers Chris Bentley, Kristofor Husted, Matthew O'Connor	Sat. 4/28 @ 1:30 p.m. - Euclid Ave. United Methodist Church, O.P. (with "Taking Root")
Biophilic Design: The Architecture of Life	Official Selection, Environmental Film Festival in the Nation's Capital Biophilic Design is an innovative way of designing the places where we live, work, and learn. We need nature in a deep and fundamental fashion, but we have often designed our cities and suburbs in ways that both degrade the environment and alienate us from nature. . . . Biophilic Design points the way toward creating healthy and productive habitats for modern humans. View Trailer: http://www.biophilicdesign.net/film-trailer.html	2011	56 min	Not rated. Adults.	Bill Finnegan, Director/Producer. Stephen Kellert, Executive Producer.	Sat. 4/28 @ 12 noon - River Forest Library
Kids! Children's Short Film Program (Kids age 3-7) Adult must accompany ALL children at this program.	Various awards and acknowledgements 35 minutes of films, including: Fletcher & the Springtime Blossoms (8 min - 2011, DC Environmental Film Fest selection), The Lost Thing (15 min - 2010, Academy Award winner) and more. Film program followed by 20 min of guided discussion.	Various release dates.	35 min combined	Various. Youth age 3-7.	Various, See below for details.	Sun 4/29 @ 9:30 a.m. - W. Beye Elementary School, O.P.
Kids! Children's Short Film Program (Kids age 8-11) Adult must accompany children under 12.	Various awards and acknowledgements 70 minutes of films, including: Turtle World (9 min, 1996, DC Green Fest feature), The Lost Thing (15 min, 2010, Academy Award winner), The Cow Who Wanted to be a Hamburger (6 min, 2010, Annie Award), The (original) Lorax (16 min, 1972, based on Dr. Seuss' award-winning tale), The Story of Stuff (20 min, 2009, SXSW Interactive Award) and more. Film program followed by 20 min of guided discussion.	Various release dates.	75 min combined	Various. Youth age 8-11.	Various, See below for details.	Sun 4/29 @ 11:00 a.m. - W. Beye Elementary School, O.P.
Kids! The Cow Who Wanted to be a Hamburger Adult must accompany children under 12.	Best Short Film, Annie Awards "The Cow Who Wanted to be a Hamburger" is a children's fable about the power of advertising, the meaning of life and ultimately the test of a mother's love. View trailer: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TJ6Bvmdelpk	2010	6 min	Not rated. Youth ages 8+	Bill Plympton, Director.	Sat. 4/28 @ 2 p.m. - River Forest Library (with "What's on Your Plate?") and Sun. 4/29 @ 11 a.m. Kids age 8-11 Program @ Beye School, O.P.



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Dirt! The Movie <i>Co-sponsored by Keep Oak Park Beautiful</i>	Sundance Film Festival Grand Jury Prize Nomination	2009	86 min	Not rated. Adults and youth 14+.	Bill Benenson & Gene Rosow, Co-Directors/Producers. Laurie Benenson, Executive Producer.	Sun. 4/29 @ 5 p.m. - Pleasant Home, O.P. Closing Event
	DIRT! The Movie--directed and produced by Bill Benenson and Gene Rosow--takes you inside the wonders of the soil. It tells the story of Earth's most valuable and underappreciated source of fertility--from its miraculous beginning to its crippling degradation. View trailer: http://www.dirtthemovie.org/					
A Fierce Green Fire: The Battle for a Living Planet	Sundance Film Festival Official Selection	2012	119 min	Not rated. Adults.	Mark Kitchell, Director/Producer.	4/28 @ 5 p.m. - Dominican U., Parmer Hall, Room #108 (on the far western side of the campus), R.F.
	A Fierce Green Fire is the first film to take on environmentalism as a whole, to bring together all the parts and eras, from conservation to climate change. It explores how the issues built into an international cause, the largest movement the world has ever seen and perhaps the most crucial in terms of what's at stake. View trailer: http://vimeo.com/21684507					
Food Patriots (Local film maker)	Featured at Greentown Chicago	2012	19 min	Not rated. Adults and youth 16+.	Jeff Spitz, Jennifer Amdur Spitz, Directors/Producers.	Sun 4/29 @ 2 p.m. - River Forest Village Hall, Community Room (with "Fresh: New Thinking About What We're Eating")
	Food Patriots is focused on an issue that directly touches all of us -- food. We aim to tell a story that unlocks the potential for healthier lives, a less polluted environment and new jobs that would evolve naturally if Americans shift by just 10% the way they buy, eat and educate the next generation about food. View trailer http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gD1sbTMsP4k					
Fresh: New Thinking About What We're Eating	Official Selection, Environmental Film Festival	2009	70 min	Not rated. Adults and youth 16+.	Ana Sofia Joanes, Director/Producer.	Sun 4/29 @ 2 p.m. - River Forest Village Hall, Community Room (with "Food Patriots")
	FRESH celebrates the farmers, thinkers and business people across America who are re-inventing our food system. Each has witnessed the rapid transformation of our agriculture into an industrial model, and confronted the consequences: food contamination, environmental pollution, depletion of natural resources, and morbid obesity. Forging healthier, sustainable alternatives, they offer a practical vision for a future of our food and our planet. View trailer http://www.freshthemovie.com/					
Fuel	Winner Sundance Film Festival, Best Documentary Audience Award	2008	112 min	Not rated. Adults and youth ages 14+	Josh Tickell, Director. Daniel Assael, Rebecca Harrell, Chip Rosenbloom, Greg Reitman, Producers.	Sat. 4/28 @ 1:30 p.m. - Oak Park Village Hall; Sun. 4/29 @ 1:30 p.m. - Keystone Center, R.F.
	Eleven years in the making, FUEL is the in-depth personal journey of filmmaker and eco-evangelist Josh Tickell, who takes us on a hip, fast-paced road trip into America's dependence on foreign oil. Combining a history lesson of the US auto and petroleum industries and interviews with a wide range of policy makers, educators, and activists such as Woody Harrelson, Sheryl Crow, Neil Young and Willie Nelson. Animated by powerful graphics, FUEL looks into our future offering hope via a wide-range of renewable energy and bio-fuels. View trailer: http://youtu.be/XPaO__8AgNA					



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Greenwashers Adult must accompany children under 12.	Silver Sierra Award at Yosemite International Film Festival Featuring renowned environmentalist Bill McKibben and business executive Scot Case, Greenwashers is a satirical documentary that blurs the line between green and greed, truth and believability, environmentalism and marketing. Misleading consumers about the environmental benefits of a product or service has become a new marketing standard and Greenwashers takes this practice to the extreme. Following a pair of Greenwashers, the film illustrates the various strategies, sins, and consequences of greenwash. View trailer: http://vimeo.com/27308082	2010	51 min	Not rated. Adults and youth 11+.	Bret Malley, Director.	Sun. 4/29 @ 1:30 p.m. - Green Home Experts, O.P.
Kids! I Wish I Went to Ecuador Adult must accompany children under 12.	Grand Prize, Kids for Kids UK Film Fest An immersive, animated documentary taking you into the heart of the Ecuadorian rainforest. A child's eye view of a life changing expedition by their teacher, Mrs Jones and their joint mission to preserve these vital forests. Pupils at Bricknell Primary School collaborated with animator David Bunting and local campaigning organisation, One Hull on Rainforest to create an animated campaign film about the Ecuadorian rainforest. View film http://www.onehullofarainforest.co.uk/?page_id=13 .	2011	6 min	Not rated: youth ages 6+	David Bunting, Producer/Animator. Bricknell Primary School (Hull, UK), Writers/Animators.	Fri, 4/27 @ 7 p.m. - Green Carpet Gala, Oak Park Conservatory (with "Restoring Earth"); Sun, 4/29 @ 11 a.m. - W. Beye Elementary School, O.P. (with various selections in Children's Short Film Program)
Journey of the Universe	PBS Documentary by award-winning film makers Using his skills as a masterful storyteller, acclaimed author and evolutionary philosopher Brian Swimme connects such big picture issues as the birth of the cosmos 14 billion years ago – to the invisible frontiers of the human genome – as well as to our current impact on Earth's evolutionary dynamics. Through his engaging and thoughtful observations audiences everywhere will discover the profound role we play in this intricate web of life. View trailer: http://www.journeyoftheuniverse.org/film-trailer/	2011	57 min	Not rated. Adults and youth ages 16+.	David John Kennard, Patsy Northcutt, Directors. Evelyn Tucker, Brian Thomas Swimme, Writers.	Sat. 4/28 @ 5 p.m. - Euclid Ave. United Methodist Church, O.P.



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The Last Mountain Adult must accompany children under 12.	Sundance Film Festival Official Selection	2011	95 min	Rated PG.	Bill Haney, Director. Eric Grunebaum, Clara Bingham, Bill Haney, Producers.	Sat. 4/28 @ 2:30 p.m. - Oak Park Main Library
	In the valleys of Appalachia, a battle is being fought over a mountain. It is a battle with severe consequences that affect every American, regardless of their social status, economic background or where they live. It is a battle that has taken many lives and continues to do so the longer it is waged. It is a battle over protecting our health and environment from the destructive power of Big Coal. View trailer: http://youtu.be/c5wmUkpOcke					
Mother: Caring for 7 Billion <i>Chicago Area Premiere</i>	Winner Best Social Issue Documentary-DocuFest Atlanta	2011	54 min	Not rated. Adults.	Christoph Fauchere, Director. Joyce Johnson & Christoph Fauchere, Producers.	Sat. 4/28 @ 2:30 p.m. - Ahimsa Yoga Studio, O.P.
	Mother, the film, breaks a 40-year taboo by bringing to light an issue that silently fuels our most pressing environmental, humanitarian and social crises - population growth. In 2011 the world population reached 7 billion, a startling seven-fold increase since the first billion occurred 200 years ago. . . Grounded in the theories of social scientist Riane Eisler, the film strives not to blame but to educate, to highlight a different path for humanity. View Trailer: http://www.motherthefilm.com/					
Queen of the Sun: What are the Bees Telling Us? Adult must accompany children under 12.	Winner of Director's Choice Award, Rhode Island Intl Film Festival	2010	82 min	Rated PG.	Taggart Siegel, Director. Jon Betz, Producer.	Sat. 4/28 @ 3 p.m. - The Buzz Café, O.P.; Sun. 4/29 @ 1:30 p.m. - River Forest Library
	Taking us on a journey through the catastrophic disappearance of bees and the mysterious world of the beehive, this engaging and ultimately uplifting film weaves an unusual and dramatic story of the heartfelt struggles of beekeepers, scientists and philosophers from around the world including Michael Pollan, Gunther Hauk and Vandana Shiva. Together they reveal both the problems and the solutions in renewing a culture in balance with nature. View trailer: http://www.queenofthesun.com/about/trailer/					
Restoring Earth	Featured in award-winning exhibit of the same name at Chicago's Field Museum.	2010	20 min	Not rated.	Produced by the Field Museum, Chicago	Fri, 4/27 @ 7 p.m. - Green Carpet Gala, Oak Park Conservatory (with "I Wish I Went to Ecuador")
	"We want people to come away from the exhibition realizing that conservation is much more than they may have previously thought — it's science that helps us understand our world, but it's also a lifestyle we can practice every day. . .We want to effect an attitude change – to make people care about nature instead of just learning about it. We're trying to inspire." (- Chicago's Field Museum) Watch video from the Restoring Earth exhibit.					
Silent Spring (Featured in Rachel Carson tribute program)	For PBS' award-winning <i>American Experience</i>	2007	56 min	Not rated. Adults and youth 13+.	Peter Bratt, Director. Robert Chartoff and Lynn Hendee, Producers.	Sat. 4/28 @ 5 p.m. - Holley Court (with clip from "A Sense of Wonder")
	Her 1963 warnings about the effects of pesticides and herbicides - especially DDT - sparked a revolution in environmental policy and created a new ecological consciousness. View trailer: http://www.videodetective.com/movies/american-experience-rachel-carsons-silent-spring/39041					



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A Sense of Wonder (A Clip to be featured in Rachel Carson tribute program)	Official Selection, Wild & Scenic Environmental Film Festival	2010	30 min clip	Not rated. Adults and youth 13+.	Christopher Monger, Director. Karen Montgomery, Producer.	Sat. 4/28 @ 5 p.m. - Holley Court, O.P. (with "Silent Spring")
	When pioneering environmentalist Rachel Carson published Silent Spring in 1962, the backlash from her critics thrust her into the center of a political maelstrom. Despite her love of privacy, Carson's convictions about the risks posed by chemical pesticides forced her into a very public and controversial role. View trailer: http://www.asenseofwonderfilm.com/					
Taking Root: The Vision of Wangari Maathai	Best Documentary Audience Award, Mendocino Film Festival	2008	56 min	Not rated. Adults.	Lisa Merton & Alan Dater, Co-Directors/Producers	Sat. 4/28 @ 1:30 p.m. - Euclid United Methodist Church, O.P. (with "Angela's Garden")
	Taking Root tells the dramatic story of Kenyan Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Wangari Maathai whose simple act of planting trees grew into a nationwide movement to safeguard the environment, protect human rights, and defend democracy—a movement for which this charismatic woman became an iconic inspiration. View trailer: http://takingrootfilm.com/trailer.htm					
Tapped	Best Documentary Anchorage Intl Film Festival	2010	76 min	Not rated. Adults and youth ages 14+.	Stephanie Soechtig, Director/Producer.	Sun. 4/29 @ 2 p.m. - Oak Park Main Library
	Is access to clean drinking water a basic human right, or a commodity that should be bought and sold like any other article of commerce? Stephanie Soechtig's debut feature is an unflinching examination of the big business of bottled water. From the producers of Who Killed the Electric Car and I.O.U.S.A., this timely documentary is a behind-the-scenes look into the unregulated and unseen world of an industry that aims to privatize and sell back the one resource that ought never to become a commodity: our water. View trailer: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=72MCumz5lq4					
Kids! Turtle World	Featured at Environmental Film Festival in the Nation's Capital & Washington DC Green Festival	1996	9 min	Adults and children ages 11+.	Nick Hilligoss, Director. Dione Gilmour, Producer.	Sat. 4/28 @ 9:30 a.m. - River Forest Library (with "Water on the Table")
Adult must accompany children under 12.	In this highly acclaimed animated film, a lone sea turtle travels through space, her breath creating a whole new atmosphere. This becomes filled with forests, rivers, mountains and enterprising monkeys...so enterprising that they are forced to learn about sustainability the hard way. View trailer: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KBA_vbwVxRM					
Kids! WALL-E	Hugo Award. Academy Award, Best Animated Feature.	2008	98 min	Rated G.	Disney/Pixar	Sat. 4/28 @ 9:30 a.m. - Oak Park Main Library
Adult must accompany children under 12.	What is mankind had to leave earth and somebody forgot to turn the last robot off? After hundreds of years doing what he was built for, WALL-E discovers a new purpose in life when he meets a sleek search robot named EVE. EVE comes to realize that WALL-E has inadvertently stumbled upon the key to the planet's future, and races back to space to report her findings to the humans. Meanwhile, WALL-E chases EVE across the galaxy and sets into motion one of the most imaginative adventures ever brought to the big screen. View trailer: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZisWjds-gM					



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The Warriors of Qiugang	Academy Award nominee for Best Documentary Short Subject Villagers in central China take on a chemical company that is poisoning their land and water. For five years they fight to transform their environment and as they do, they find themselves transformed as well. View trailer: http://www.warriorsofqiugang.com/en/5Trailer.html		39 min	Not rated. Adults.	Ruby Yang, Director. Thomas Lennon, Producer.	Sat. 4/28 @ 12:30 - Oak Park Main Library
Waste Land Adult must accompany children under 12.	Sundance Film Festival Best World Cinema Audience Award. Academy Award Nominee for Best Documentary Feature. Filmed over nearly three years, WASTE LAND follows renowned artist Vik Muniz as he journeys from his home base in Brooklyn to his native Brazil and the world's largest garbage dump, Jardim Gramacho, located on the outskirts of Rio de Janeiro. There he photographs an eclectic band of "catadores"—self-designated pickers of recyclable materials. Muniz's initial objective was to "paint" the catadores with garbage. However, his collaboration with these inspiring characters as they recreate photographic images of themselves out of garbage reveals both the dignity and despair of the catadores as they begin to re-imagine their lives. View trailer: http://www.wastelandmovie.com/index.php?trailer/	2010	99 minutes	Rated PG.	Lucy Walker, Director. Angus Aynsley, Producer.	Sat. 4/28 @ 9:30 a.m. - Lake Theatre, *Breakfast Screening! Concessions open or mention FEST at Breugger's on Lake to get a free plain bagel when you buy coffee or tea. (Bring your own cup!)
Water on the Table	Eligible for Cinema Politica Audience Choice Award "Water on the Table follows Council of Canadians activist Maude Barlow in her campaign to have water declared a human right and during her tenure as senior adviser on water to the UN. Barlow has been campaigning since the 1980s to get special protection for Canadian water and prevent it being sold commercially." (From CBC News). View trailer: http://vimeo.com/14300743	2011	56 min	Adults and youth ages 16+.	Liz Marshal, Director/Producer	Sat. 4/28 @ 9:30 a.m. - River Forest Library (with "Turtle World")
Family! What's on Your Plate? Adult must accompany children under 12.	2009 (Official Selection, Seattle Intl Film Festival) WHAT'S ON YOUR PLATE? is a witty and provocative documentary produced and directed by award-winning Catherine Gund about kids and food politics. Filmed over the course of one year, the film follows two eleven-year-old multi-racial city kids as they explore their place in the food chain. Sadie and Safiyah take a close look at food systems in New York City and its surrounding areas. With the camera as their companion, the girl guides talk to each other, food activists, farmers, new friends, storekeepers, their families, and the viewer, in their quest to understand what's on all of our plates. View trailer: http://www.whatsonyourplateproject.org/about/watch	2009	76 min	Not rated. Adults and youth ages 11+	Catherine Gund, Director/Producer. Tanya Selvaratnam, Producer.	Sat. 4/28 @ 2 p.m. - River Forest Library (with "The Cow...Hamburger")