Films on Demand is a streaming video library database that allows LSCS students, faculty and staff on and off campus access to content from Films for the Humanities, BBC, PBS and others. Videos included in the database cover a variety of topics: Humanities, Social Sciences, Business, Science, Mathematics, Health & Medicine, Technical Education, Family & Consumer Sciences, Careers & Job Search, and more.

New Features for 2013!
- Segments in a playlist now automatically play continuously through the entire playlist.
- Captions and transcripts available on ALL Films on Demand titles.

Accessing Films on Demand
A link to Films on Demand can be found on the library’s article databases page: http://www.lonestar.edu/library/article-databases. An LSCS ID/library card is required for off-campus access. You will be prompted to enter the 14-digit number on the back of your card if you are off-campus.

Create a User Account
Films on Demand will work without creating your own user account, but having your own account provides you with several useful features such as adding a film or segment to your “Favorites” list or creating a “Playlist” of films or segments.

To create an account, click on “Create Account” at the top of the page and provide the requested information. To login after the initial account creation, click on “Sign In” at the top of the page and enter your previously selected “User ID/Email and Password.” Then click the “Login” button.

TIP: Once you have created a Films on Demand user account, you can bypass the library’s research databases and log in directly to Films on Demand by going to http://digital.films.com. This option will allow you to create and share Films on Demand links that do not require a library barcode for off-campus viewers. With links created at http://digital.films.com, students who have not received their LSCS ID/library cards can still view the content you wish to share even if they are off campus.

Find Videos
There are several options for finding videos:
- Browse by subject or Special Collections (collections based on video producer, such as BBC or PBS)
- Keyword search of film titles
- Keyword search of film segments
- Advanced Search

Captioning and Transcripts
Closed Captioning is available for most videos. Turn on closed captioning by clicking the CC symbol that will appear when you mouse over the upper right corner of the video player. Note: Captioning is currently not available on iOS devices such as iPads, iPhones and iPods.

When logged in to your Films on Demand account, you can set closed captioning as your viewing default. Click on “User Options” in the upper-right corner of the screen to access “My User Preferences.” Select “Show by Default” under “Closed Captioning” and click the “Save Changes” button to complete the process.

Films on Demand also has “Interactive Transcripts” that allow you to search the transcript of a video while viewing it and click on a word in the transcript to jump to that part of the video.
Favorites

Add to Favorites

Films on Demand offers a “Favorites” option to give you quick access to videos you have found. When viewing a video or segment, you can click on the “Add to Favorites” button underneath the video. You can also add a video or segment to your Favorites in the search results screen by clicking on the heart underneath the video thumbnail. You can create Favorites folders to organize your favorites for convenient access.

Playlists

Add to Playlist

The “Playlist” option allows you to put together a set of videos and/or segments for replay later or for sharing. You can create multiple playlists, edit playlist titles, and rearrange the order of items in the playlists. Playlist links are the only Films on Demand links that can be viewed off campus without requiring login with an LSCS ID/library card barcode for viewing, HOWEVER, you need to go to http://digital.films.com and login to your user account to create a playlist that can be viewed off campus without requiring a library barcode. If linking to videos in your LSCS online classroom, it is highly recommended that you put the videos in a playlist and share the playlist link in LSCS online.

TIP: Because playlist links created in http://digital.films.com do not require users to enter a library barcode, the best option for sharing is to put titles or segments into a playlist created in http://digital.films.com and share the playlist link.

Emailing and Embedding

Email this Video  Embed this Video

Films on Demand offers the option to send a link to a full video or video segment via email. The email recipient will need to either be on campus to view the video or must have a valid LSCS ID/library card to log in off campus to view the video.

Films on Demand also provides a code to embed your video into ANGEL, D2L or HTML pages. If off-campus, a valid LSCS ID/library card will be required to view the embedded video. NOTE: Students will see a minimized screen (see below) in ANGEL where the embedded video has been placed. They will need to use the scroll bars on the window to locate the box where they will enter their LSCS ID/library card to view the embedded video.

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Questions?

If you have any further questions about Films on Demand or any of the other library databases, you can contact your subject librarian or one of the librarians in your office suite. A list of librarians, their office locations, and their subject specialties can be found at: http://www.lonestar.edu/library/15198.