Films on Demand is a library database that provides LSCS faculty, students, and staff access to thousands of streaming videos on a wide variety of topics. Content can be accessed both on-campus and off-campus and can be embedded into D2L.

Accessing Films on Demand
A link to Films on Demand can be found on the library’s streaming video databases page: http://www.lonestar.edu/library/16104. 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 allows you to create playlists and save titles to a favorites list.

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
Browse videos by subject or producer or use keyword search to find full videos or segments that match your search terms. Click on the video thumbnail to get more information about a video or segment. Advanced search allows you to further narrow your search results by copyright date, producer, and subject area.

Captioning and Transcripts
Closed captioning is available for most Films on Demand 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
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 do not require authentication, so viewers do not have to enter a library barcode or be on campus to access content shared through a playlist link. Playlists cannot be embedded (i.e., the player appearing within a page on a website other than Films on Demand) and can only be shared via URL link.

Emailing and Embedding Individual Videos or Segments

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 your D2L course. To embed a full video or a video segment, select and copy the embed code and paste into the content area of your course using the HTML editor. Alternately, you can use the “Insert Stuff” option in D2L and choose “Enter Embed Code.” For more assistance with embedding streaming content from Films on Demand into your D2L course, contact Tracy Williams (tracy.l.williams@lonestar.edu or 281-290-3243) or your library liaison.

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Questions?

If you have any further questions about Films on Demand or any of the other library databases, contact Tracy Williams (tracy.l.williams@lonestar.edu or 281-290-3243) or your library liaison. A list of librarians, their office locations, and their subject specialties can be found at: http://www.lonestar.edu/library/15198.