

# FAIRFIELD *Plays* HOLLYWOOD

## A FILM SERIES AT FAIRFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY

“FEATURING HOLLYWOOD ON TRIALS ”

SUNDAYS AT 2 P.M. IN THE MAIN LIBRARY'S ROTARY ROOM (2ND FLOOR),  
1080 OLD POST ROAD • FREE ADMISSION

- October 11 **Anatomy of a Murder**  
(1959). Starring James Stewart, Lee Remick, George C. Scott. Directed by Otto Preminger (161 minutes).  
One of the most realistic trial movies ever made with an outstanding trial attorney portraying the judge. Daring for its time in the use of words. George C. Scott's first prominent role in his second movie. Nominated for seven Academy Awards (including best picture).
- October 25 **Compulsion**  
(1959). Starring Orson Welles, Dean Stockwell, Bradford Dillman. Directed by Richard Fleischer (103 minutes).  
Fictional retelling of the trial resulting from the famous Leopold-Loeb killing of the 1920s. Film culminates with Welles' portrayal of Clarence Darrow defending the alleged murderers of young Bobby Frank.
- November 8 **Fury**  
(1936). Starring Spencer Tracy, Sylvia Sydney, Walter Brennan. Directed by Fritz Lang (94 minutes).  
A traveler in a small town is wrongfully accused of a serious crime. A mob gathers and apparently kills the man by setting fire to the jail. Members of the mob are put on trial. The movie began to establish Tracy as one of the great film actors. Startling for its time and still powerful. Nominated for one Academy Award.
- November 22 **Boomerang**  
(1947). Starring Dana Andrews, Jane Wyatt, Lee J. Cobb. Directed by Elia Kazan (88 minutes).  
Filmed in documentary style in Bridgeport, the film explores a true event which took place in upstate Connecticut. The district attorney risks his career in a trial of a stranger accused of killing a popular town resident. A milestone movie in its representation of the currents and politics of small town America. Nominated for one Academy Award.
- December 6 **The Verdict**  
(1982). Starring Paul Newman, Charlotte Rampling, James Mason. Directed by Sidney Lumet (128 minutes).  
One of Newman's nine acting Academy Award nominations. He plays a down-on-his-luck trial attorney who resists the temptation for an easy settlement of a case. He then finds himself battling both high officials and the trial judge. Nominated for five Academy Awards (including best picture).