

**MVAH ZOOM Movie Club**  
**September 6, 2022, 3pm**  
**Next Movie Club: October 4th at 3PM**

**Attendees:**

Host: Kathi Hanrahan

Cher Terry
Louise McLean
Robert McLean
Carol Mattaino
Joe Mattaino
Caryl Curry
Kathi Hanrahan

**Movie 1. A Call to Spy**

**Rating: 4.4**

A Call to Spy (also known as Liberté: A Call to Spy) is a 2019 American historical drama film written and produced by Sarah Megan Thomas and directed by Lydia Dean Pilcher. The title a stylistic variant to a call to arms, the film is inspired by the true stories of three women who worked as spies in World War II. It stars Sarah Megan Thomas as Virginia Hall, Radhika Apte as Noor Inayat Khan, and Stana Katic as Vera Atkins.

A Call to Spy had its world premiere on June 21, 2019, at the Edinburgh International Film Festival, and was released in the United States on October 2, 2020, in theaters and on video on demand.[3]

The film received mostly positive reviews. Film critic aggregator Rotten Tomatoes said it "overcomes a surprising lack of tension with an overall engaging tribute to an oft-overlooked group of World War II heroes."

**Movie 2. North by Northwest**

**Rated: 4.2**

North by Northwest is a 1959 American spy thriller film produced and directed by Alfred Hitchcock, starring Cary Grant, Eva Marie Saint, and James Mason.[3] The screenplay was by Ernest Lehman, who wanted to write "the Hitchcock picture to end all Hitchcock pictures". North by Northwest is listed among the canonical Hitchcock films of the 1950s and is often listed among the greatest films of all time.

North by Northwest is a tale of mistaken identity, with an innocent man pursued across the United States by agents of a mysterious organization trying to prevent him from blocking their plan to smuggle microfilm, which contains government secrets, out of the country. This is one of several Hitchcock films which feature a music score by Bernard Herrmann and an opening title sequence by graphic designer Saul Bass and was the first to feature extended use of kinetic typography in its opening credits.

## OCTOBER MOVIES

**Movie 1: Thirteen Lives** (Amazon Prime) is a 2022 U.S. biographical survival film based on the Tham Luang cave rescue directed and produced by Ron Howard. The film stars Viggo Mortensen, Colin Farrell, Joel Edgerton, and Tom Bateman.

The film recounts the incredible true story of the tremendous global effort to rescue a Thai soccer team who become trapped in the Tham Luang cave during an unexpected rainstorm. Faced with insurmountable odds, a team of the world's most skilled and experienced divers -- uniquely able to navigate the maze of flooded, narrow cave tunnels -- join with Thai forces and more than 10,000 volunteers to attempt a harrowing rescue of the twelve boys and their coach. With impossibly high stakes and the entire world watching, the group embarks on their most challenging dive yet, showcasing the limitlessness of the human spirit in the process. (--from Wikipedia, Rotten Tomatoes)

**Movie 2: The Duke** (Amazon Prime) – 2022 Comedy/Drama starring Jim Broadbent and Dame Helen Mirrin. In 1961, Kempton Bunton, a 60-year-old taxi driver, stole

Goya's portrait of the Duke of Wellington from the National Gallery in London. It was the first (and remains the only) theft in the Gallery's history. Kempton sent ransom notes saying that he would return the painting on condition that the government invested more in care for the elderly -- he had long campaigned for pensioners to receive free television. What happened next became the stuff of legend. Only 50 years later did the full story emerge -- Kempton had spun a web of lies. The only truth was that he was a good man, determined to change the world and save his marriage -- how and why he used the Duke to achieve that is a wonderfully uplifting tale.