

DEMENTIA FRIENDLY SERVICES

MOVIE SELECTION CRITERIA

Step #1 - Objective Criteria: If these criteria aren't met, this movie is not a candidate for our program. (There may be rare exceptions.)

- Run time at or under two hours
- Content rating - PG13 or less
- Not Fox or Disney-owned (Our theater cannot access rights to these)
- Critical rating/reception - Rotten Tomatoes Audience score and the Wikipedia Reception section.

Step #2 - Vetting procedure:

- Review of Parent Guide section on IMDB
- General Google search for '*Movie Title* + controversy'
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- If we are on the fence about a movie, someone on our team should screen it and report back

Our red flags to look for during this vetting process:

- Excessive bad language, particularly the "F" word
- Racism issues/any cultural insensitivity
- Sexually explicit content
- Excessive violence
- Any other chaotic or potentially agitating content

Obviously, what we find during this search and how we choose to deal with it is subjective. The most important thing is that we are aware of the existence of any of these red flags. When they are present, we should work together (at least two of us) to make an informed judgment call about whether the movie is a good fit for the program.