Film Program
AMERICAN CENTER

AMERICAN HISTORY

- The Crossing
  - Jeff Daniels as George Washington

- The Great Locomotive Chase
  - Fess Parker

- Evolution Revisited
  - Al Pacino
The struggle between the British and French to control the land beyond the Appalachian Mountains triggered the French and Indian War in 1754. When the French built a chain of forts south from Lake Erie to what is now western Pennsylvania, a young George Washington served with British General Edward Braddock’s army to repel them. This well-presented film carefully examines the horror that unfolded when the Anglo-American army was ambushed by the French and Indians south of Fort Duquesne.

**Starring:** Al Pacino, Donald Sutherland, Nastassja Kinski, Joan Plowright, Paul Brooke

**Director:** Hugh Hudson

**Genre:** Action
The Great Locomotive Chase (1956)
Running Time: 85 min

August 17 – 20 1:00 p.m.
August 21 9:00 a.m.

This is based on a true story. During the Civil War, a Union spy, James Andrews (Fess Parker), is asked to lead a band of Union soldiers into the South so that they could destroy the railway system. He orchestrated the theft of a Confederate locomotive. Upset that his train was stolen, the spirited conductor, William Fuller (Jeffrey Hunter), tracks down Andrews and his gang any way he can, stopping at nothing until they are captured. The film culminates with their bold escape. Buster Keaton’s film The General was also inspired by these events.

Starring: Fess Parker, Jeffrey Hunter
Director: Francis D. Lyon
Genre: Action
The Crossing (2000)
Running Time: 89 min

August 24 – 27  1:00 p.m.
August 28  9:00 a.m.

In 1776, less than six months after the Declaration of Independence, the Continental Army, under the command of General George Washington, was on the brink of utter defeat. Low on men, cannons and supplies, Washington decides to risk everything on one last desperately daring attack on the town of Trenton where over 1000 of the feared Hessian mercenaries are garrisoned. However to do that, the army must cross the Delaware to a seemingly hopeless battle that would turn out to be more successful than Washington ever dreamed of.

Starring: Jeff Daniels, Roger Rees, Sebastian Roché, Steven McCarthy
Director: Robert Harmon
Genre: History