



Alliance Française - Lansing Newsletter May edition

Indie Film series

Celebration Cinema has moved the venue for showing independent films from Studio C! in Okemos to Celebration Cinema in Lansing for the summer. Celebration Cinema in Lansing has more screens and so Celebration can continue to show its wonderful offerings of indie films throughout the summer and the season of 'blockbusters'.

One of the films that is showing NOW is called *Frantz*. The story takes place after WWI. *A young German girl who grieves the death of her fiancé in France meets a mysterious Frenchman who visits the fiancé's grave to lay flowers* (iMDb). Franco-German production.

Check the showing times at Celebration Cinema in Lansing to see this film. You will find the indie film series schedule for May at the East Lansing Film Festival site: <http://elff.com/society/>.

There are no special showings of this film for Alliance Française but if members would like to discuss it, the film series committee would happily create a venue.

Happy Hour French Conversation

Anne Tonson, president of Alliance Française - Lansing and a native of France, has started a French conversation group. The conversations will occur twice monthly during happy hour (starting at 6:15 - 6:30 at various bars and restaurants in the Lansing area.

The next one will be on May 17 and will be at the Black Cat Bistro in East Lansing. The second conversation in

May will be the 31st and will be at ~~Mitchell's Seafood in Eastwood Towne Center.~~ Midtown Brewery on Washington Avenue in downtown Lansing. The June conversation dates are June 14 and June 28 and will also be at Midtown Brewery on Washington Avenue. We hope to see you there.

If you are free during the daytime, there is another long-standing French conversation group that meets at the Schuler's Books café in Meridian Mall at 3:00 PM for an hour and a half on Thursdays.

Refugee services volunteer opportunities

Members have reported how much they enjoyed Judi Harris' presentation at the April soirée of Alliance Française - Lansing. As follow-up, Judi Harris has provided a link to the St. Vincent Catholic Charities website so members can learn more. Members may also contact her if they would like to become a volunteer at her program.

<http://stvcc.org/services/refugee-services/>

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French election

Emmanuel Macron was elected president of the Republic on Sunday. He easily won the election over the National Front candidate Marine Le Pen by a margin of 65% to 35%.