Films

Fiction

Nuovomondo (PG-13)

A Sicilian farmer falls in love with a worldly British woman while both are attempting to immigrate to America.

In America (PG-13)

An Irish couple brings their two young daughters to America in search of a better life. Christy and her sister, Ariel find New York's Hell's Kitchen a place of magic where anything is possible. To their parents, it represents a place to begin anew.

My Edem v Ameriku (We Are Going to America)

The tale of one family's journey out of the shtetl and into a world of the unknown. Seen through the eyes of 11-year-old Motl, he creates a sense of wonder and chaotic adventure as his family makes their way toward America.

Non-fiction

Buffalo's Immigrants: The American Dream (VHS) (15 minutes)

Traces the lives of European immigrants that passed through Ellis Island and settled in Buffalo and Western New York. In-person interviews describe their experiences passing through the Island and living in Buffalo.

Voices of Difference: Stories of Immigrant Women (VHS) (30 minutes)

With all waves of immigration, women have had to face obstacles and make adjustments when immigrating to a new life in the U.S. Through personal interviews, hear the stories of three women punctuated by differences of time and place who came to live in Buffalo, NY.

La Terra Promessa: "The Promised Land" (100 minutes)

Tells the story of the Italian immigrant's journey from the old country to the many communities in Western New York and documents the history of the Italian-American experience in Buffalo. One disc contains the documentary film, a second disc has interviews.

New York: A Documentary Film: "Order and Disorder Episode Two: 1825-1865" (120 minutes)

Chronicles the rise of New York from a merchant city to industrial metropolis as the commercial revolution transforms life in the city. Traces the immigrant explosion and the social problems that emerge on the streets of Manhattan.

Typhoid Mary: The Most Dangerous Woman in America (60 minutes)

Tells the extraordinary story of Mary Mallon, better known as Typhoid Mary. She gained this notoriety by being the first person in North America to be identified as a healthy carrier of typhoid fever. Despite her indignant protests of innocence, she was incarcerated for years on an island in New York's East River.

Destination America: The People and Cultures that Created a Nation (220 minutes) Looks at the driving forces that have compelled individuals to immigrate to America and, in particular, the immigration of women who have come to this country in search of opportunity and basic human rights denied them in their homelands.