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WHAT TO WATCH ON NETFLIX

We can all agree: Netflix is one of the greatest creations of our time. It has opened the door to a whole new world, where pajamas are acceptable all day and hours of procrastination are inevitable. But seriously, there is nothing like snuggling up on the couch for a 10-hour binge sesh of your latest obsession.

If, like us, you’re basically in a relationship with Netflix, then you know the struggle of deciding what to watch next. Here are some binge-worthy suggestions.

When You’re “Netflix and Chillin”: The Office (American or British Version)
This witty comedy will make you laugh until you almost pee yourself. It takes place at the typical workplace and includes an adorable love story that isn’t too gushy. You are guaranteed to share some laughs and feel with your chillin partner. With all nine seasons available on Netflix, there are hours and hours of chillin material.

When You Want a Weekend Marathon: Weeds
Hands down one of our all-time favorites. A hilarious comedy drama about a newly- widowed suburban housewife that turns to selling marijuana to maintain her family’s lifestyle. All eight seasons of this sharp, sexy, fast-paced series are on Netflix. It’s definitely worthy of a weekend marathon.

When You Have a Girls’ Night: Twinsters
This super-cute documentary is perfect for a wine night with the girls. It follows a college-aged girl that finds a video on YouTube of a girl that appears to be her identical twin. They begin a journey of discovery about their birth. It will make you wish you had a twin of your own!

When You’re With the Bros: Californication
If you like shows about sex, drugs and bad decisions, you will love Californication. This action-packed comedy drama is about a once famous writer, played by David Duchovny, struggling with drugs, alcohol and women while trying to raise his daughter and win back the love of his life. It is a perfect show for having some beers with the bros.

When You’re Sad: New Girl
This light-hearted comedy will definitely get you out of the dumps. The adorable Zooey Deschanel plays a cheerful girl living with three boys she met on Craigslist. It’s sweet, funny and will cheer you up in no time.

When You’re Drunk: Archer
This animated comedy is hard not to love. Archer is the drunk and douchey version of James Bond. It’s full of secret agent missions that always go wrong and witty adult humor—the perfect combination for a night of drinking. Bonus: you can find fun drinking game rules online that go with the show!

When You’re With With Your Parents: Parks and Recreation
This comedy is perfect for watching with your family. It follows an optimistic Parks & Rec employee and her attempts to find solutions to hilarious situations. It has creative characters and the material is (mostly) appropriate while still being seriously funny. Most importantly, there are no awkward sex scenes to suffer through. All seven seasons are on Netflix.

When You’re Feeling Serious: House of Cards
This show is a Netflix original, and let us tell you, they know what they are doing. This political drama involves a ruthless politician that will stop at nothing to conquer Washington. Even if you’re not especially into politics, this captivating drama is worth the watch just for the scandal. What better way to prepare for the election? 🗳️
WHAT THE HELL TO DO IN IOWA

You find yourself smack dab in the middle of the United States, feeling deprived of fun and exciting things to do or see. You may ask yourself, “What the hell is there to do and see in Iowa?” We’re here to answer that age-old question by presenting a handful of ideas to save you from your enervating boredom. Prepare for summer in Iowa.

National Balloon Classic
WHERE: Indianola (One hour south of Ames)
This annual event allows you to soar to the sky via hot-air balloon and join hundreds of balloons from around the world in a nine-day aerial takeover that only acrophobic individuals could pass up. Even if you feel safer with your feet on the ground, the multi-colored spectacle is truly captivating. This event usually takes place in late July and lasts until early August. It includes a wide array of entertainment such as live music, food offerings, evening fireworks and their “Night Glow Extravaganza.” Hot-air balloon pilots even compete for cash prizes later on. It costs $5 per person a day and prices vary on hot-air balloon rides.

ZooBrew
WHERE: Blank Park Zoo, Des Moines (about one hour south of Ames)
Every Wednesday during the summer, the animals of Blank Park Zoo work an overtime shift to strut their stuff and show off their natural beauty for an evening of extended festivities. Zoobrew is a 21 and older (sorry underage zoo zealots) casual event with live music from local bands, weekly themes such as last summer’s Spirit of Des Moines, cold, thirst-quenching alcoholic beverage stands scattered throughout and of course the stars of the show, the fascinating inhabitants of the park. But it’s not limited to just nocturnal animals. From Australia to Africa, the zoo is home to 1,184 diverse creatures, most of which are on display during the occasion including the snow leopards and the red panda. Ticket prices are around $13. Doors open at 5:30, the animals usually call it a day around 8, doors close at 8:30 and the event ends at 9.

Festivals, Festivals, oh the Festivals
WHERE: All over this great state
Summer is upon us, and believe it or not, there’s plenty to do in Iowa. Like the plethora of live music festivals sure to attract your interest. We’ve made a list of some noteworthy ones. These aren’t exclusive to music lovers either, as these festivals have an assortment of activities to partake in.

- Tree Town Music Festival: (Country) May 26-29 in Forest City
- Iowa City Jazz Festival: (Jazz) June 1-3 in Iowa City
- Prairie Land Music Fest: (Folk/Celtic) June 24 in Iowa City
- Saturday in the Park: (Varies Annually) July 2 in Sioux City
- 80/35: (Indie Rock) July 8-9 in Des Moines
- 515 Alive: (EDM and Hip Hop) July 22-23 in Des Moines
- Hinterland Music Festival: (Various) August 5-6 in St. Charles
- River Roots Live: (Traditional Rock) August 26-27 in Davenport

To see photos from some of these festivals throughout the summer, follow us on Instagram: @ethos_magazine

THINGS YOU CAN DO AT THE LIBRARY (BESIDE STUDYING)

- Rent movies and music in the Media Center
- Absorb the cool artwork (Christian Peterson, man!)
- Find the most interesting graffiti
- Use the fourth floor’s food restrictions to enforce your diet
- Order books from other libraries
- Have a scavenger hunt or play hide-and-seek
- Get to know a librarian!
- Find old issues of Ethos magazine
- Look at (and try not to damage) the old artifacts in the Special Collections Department
- Find old newspaper articles — go full-on Spotlight
- Broaden your horizons, check out international newspapers
- Count all the books... we’ll wait