

I just spent over 30 minutes writing about the well-known cultural facilities in Salem and how vital they have been to the citizens of our capitol city. EVERYTHING I WROTE SUDDENLY DISAPPEARED AND I CANNOT REPEAT.

My point was that Pentacle, the symphony, the Elsinore, the Grand, Willamette University's music and drama programs.....have brought remarkable enjoyment to all of us. But we cannot overlook the importance of movies---I am convinced that more people seek this beloved source of pleasure regularly in greater numbers than all other sources of entertainment. And Salem is incredibly fortunate to have had not only the Regal theaters, but Salem Cinema as well.

I have been attending movies at this outstanding theater during my entire 40+ years in Salem. Often I see more than one movie a week, because these are special films, some rarely seen elsewhere. People LOVE Salem Cinema and are terrifically loyal. I know that passage of this legislation will ensure that theaters, all theaters, can continue to bring knowledge, art, excitement and joy into our lives. Thank you.