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Option Green Virtual Film Festival to Focus on Climate Change and Its Impact; Watch for Free and Join the Discussion

EAST BRUNSWICK— Four films focusing on climate change and its impact will be featured in the East Brunswick Public Library's first-ever virtual film festival beginning with the National Geographic documentary, *Chasing Ice*, Jan. 19-20.

The Option Green Virtual Film Festival is part of the ongoing partnership between the library and the Friends of the East Brunswick Environmental Commission. Each year, the two organizations host free events on environmental topics led by experts in the field. The film series is funded by the American Library Association's "Resilient Communities: Libraries Respond to Climate Change" pilot program.

The films will be available for online viewing. Participants can sign up for these free screenings online at www.ebpl.org/optiongreen. Links to view the films will be sent to ticketholders at the start time of this event, and will expire 48 hours later. Following each screening, there will be an ongoing, discussion on the EBPL Discord server. Attendees will receive the link in their ticket.

Watch trailers:

<u>Chasing Ice, Jan. 19-20</u>, tells the story of National Geographic photographer James Balog's journey to the Arctic to document Earth's changing climate. The film won the 2014 Emmy for Outstanding Nature Programming. It runs 75 minutes and is rated PG-13.

<u>How to Let Go of the World and Love All the Things Climate Can't Change</u>, Feb. 16-17 is directed by Academy Award-nominee Josh Fox. The film shows the consequences of climate change across 12 countries on every continent. It runs 127 minutes and is rated TV-14.

<u>The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind</u>, March 16-17, is Is based on the true story of 13-year-old William Kamkwamba, who finds inspiration from a science book. He builds a wind turbine to save his famine-ravaged village in Malawi. This film is rated TV-PG and runs 113 minutes.

<u>Fire and Flood: Queer Resilience in the Era of Climate Change</u>, April 20-21, examines how the LGBTQ communities of Puerto Rico and Santa Rosa survived Hurricane Maria and wildfires, in late 2017. The film explores the vulnerability of LGBTQ communities to climate disasters. This film is not yet rated but runs 102 minutes. Trailer not available.

The Option Green Virtual Film Festival is sponsored by the East Brunswick Public Library, 2 Jean Walling Civic Center Drive, and the <u>Friends of the East Brunswick Environmental Commission</u>.