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OPEN CINEMA Tackles Copyright, Fair Use, the Future of Libraries and the Internet with Google and the World Brain November 27

Victoria, BC – November 12th, 2013. Should books or films be free on the Internet? How is the Fair Use clause impinging on creators' digital copyrights? On Wednesday November 27th, OPEN CINEMA will grapple with these thorny issues with the Victoria premiere screening of the chillingly powerful [Google and the World Brain](#) (2013). As always, the screening will be followed by open forum discussion with guests [Dave Obee](#), Times Colonist Editor-in-Chief and author; [David Leach](#), Technology and Society Professor, Department of Writing, UVIC and [Kim Nayer](#), Law Librarian and blogger.

In 1937 HG Wells predicted the creation of the 'World Brain', a giant global library that contained all human knowledge which would lead to a new form of higher intelligence. Seventy year later the realisation of that dream was underway: in 2002 Google began to scan millions of books for its Google Books website. But over half those books were still in copyright, and authors across the world launched a campaign to stop them, climaxing in a New York courtroom in 2011. A film about the dreams, dilemmas and dangers of the Internet, set in China, USA, Europe and Latin America.

"Today, more than ever before, information is power, so access to that information is vital. Libraries will remain as important as ever, but only if they evolve to meet new demands." **Dave Obee** is the author of *The Library Book: A History of Service to British Columbia*, which includes a chapter on the future of libraries. He is also one of the people behind the digitization of 50 years of the old Colonist newspaper (britishcolonist.ca) and a founder of the Times Colonist book drive, which raises money for literacy work.

WHAT [GOOGLE and the WORLD BRAIN \(2013\)](#) the story of the most ambitious project ever conceived on the Internet and the people who tried to stop it. **Post-screening discussion** with **Dave Obee**, Times Colonist Editor-in-Chief and author "*The Library Book*"; **David Leach**, Technology and Society Professor, Department of Writing, UVIC and **Kim Nayer**, Law Librarian and blogger. Join the conversation virtually via Livestream and #opencinema Tweepchat.

WHEN **7pm Wednesday, November 27th, 2013** (Doors 5:30pm)

WHERE **The Victoria Event Centre**, 1415 Broad St (elevator access)
Local food, cash bar and door prizes.

COST Admission by donation \$10-20 suggested.

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