

New DVD's January 2010

1. CBC News in Review November 2009

Parliament and the Election Question 13:55

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In late September, Liberal leader Michael Ignatieff announced that his party would no longer support Stephen Harper's Conservative government. That meant that the minority government could be defeated unless the NDP or the Bloc Québécois supported it. This story looks at what happened and whether Canadians could soon be heading to the polls.

Keeping Up with the Swine Flu 14:31 min

Last spring, the swine, or H1N1, flu first arrived in Canada. Thousands became ill, and by the end of the summer 78 people had died. Now a second wave is sweeping across the country. This story looks at what we have learned so far about this pandemic flu bug and the best way to fight it.

Adoption: Looking for a Baby Abroad 14:59

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Every year, for a number of reasons, many Canadians adopt children in foreign countries. International adoptions can provide them with the baby they always wanted, but they can also be expensive and frustrating. In this *News in Review* story they follow a Manitoba woman as she travels to Kazakhstan to adopt a baby girl.

Trying to Save the World's Amphibians 15:04

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All over the world frogs and hundreds of other amphibians are rapidly disappearing. The situation is so serious that some scientists believe we are witnessing the biggest mass extinction since the dinosaur. This story looks at what is happening to these little creatures and what is being done to try to save them.

2. CBC News in Review December 2009

The Copenhagen Climate Change Summit

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In December, 192 nations gathered in Copenhagen to discuss climate change. The plan was to begin drafting a document to replace the Kyoto Protocol, which expires in 2012. This News in Review story looks at the summit preparations and examines the debate over climate change in this country.

Is the Recession Really Over? 16:15 min

It's been just over a year since Canada was hit by the effects of a global recession. More than 350 000 people lost their jobs. Now there are some faint signs of recovery; but is the

recession really over? This story looks at the state of the Canadian economy and what economists are saying about its future.

The Internet: Forty Years Later 16:07 min

It's been 40 years since the Internet was born. Since then it has revolutionized our world. But it has also brought with it a host of new problems. This story looks at the birth of the Internet and examines some issues that are clouding its future.

The Great U.S. Health Care Debate 14:46 min

Shortly after assuming office U.S. President Barack Obama announced plans to reform his country's health-care system. The announcement set off a furious debate, with both sides citing Canada's Medicare system to back up their arguments. In this News in Review story they look at why the U.S. system needs to be reformed and one good reason our system is better.

3. **CBC News in Review February 2010**

Richard Colvin and the Afghan Detainees 16:30

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In November, a Canadian diplomat triggered a political firestorm on Parliament Hill. Richard Colvin told a committee that Canadian troops had been handing over prisoners to Afghan authorities, even though the government knew they might be tortured. The government denied it but refused to hand over documents, and then suspended Parliament. In this News in Review story they look at the allegations and at the government's controversial decision

The Road to the Winter Olympics 14:16 min

This month Canada will play host to the world when the Winter Olympics open in Vancouver. During the Games the spotlight will be on the athletes. But it has taken years of work by thousands of Canadians to prepare for the event. They look at the long road to the Winter Games, the challenges, and the controversies.

The Plane Bomber and Airport Security 16:15

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On Christmas Day 2009, a young Nigerian man allegedly tried to blow up an airliner as it prepared to land in Detroit. The man was subdued by other passengers before he could set off explosive material sewed into his underwear. But the incident triggered a security scare at airports all over the world. This story looks at what happened and at what is being done to try to make air travel safer.

Canada's Amazing Neptune Project 13:19 min

Although humans have travelled all the way to the moon and back, the bottom of the sea remains largely unexplored. Now some Canadian scientists are doing something about

that by placing sensors and cameras on the seabed off Vancouver Island. In this story they look at the NEPTUNE Canada project and at some of the amazing images those cameras have been capturing.

Who Killed the Electric Car 93 minutes

Running solely on electricity, General Motors' fleet of EV-1 electric vehicles were so efficient, they were on the brink of altering the future of driving in America - perhaps even the world. Those lucky enough to drive one gave it glowing reviews. So why were they all destroyed?

Narrated by Martin Sheen and featuring on screen contributions with Ed Begley Jr., Ralph Nader and Alexandra Paul, this is a murder mystery unlike no other as it unravels the puzzling demise of a vehicle that could have saved the environment and America's dangerous addiction to foreign oil.

Into Thin Air: Death on Everest 90 minutes

Based on Jon Krakauer's novel of a catastrophic expedition up Mount Everest. In March 1996, Outside magazine sent veteran journalist and seasoned climber Jon Krakauer on an expedition led by celebrated Everest guide Rob Hall. Despite the expertise of Hall and the other leaders, by the end of summit day eight people were dead.

The library has purchased the following in DVD format:

A Knight's Tale

Lord of the Flies

On Golden Pond

Animal Farm

Of Mice and Men