Catch Every Word at the Movies

Enhance your ability to catch the dialogue, voice-overs and lyrics of a film with these tips.

- Become familiar with the film in advance. The more you know, the better you will follow. Read reviews, interviews with the actors and crew and the play or book connected to the film.

- Search the theater’s website or call the box office for accommodations offered such as assistive listening devices to help hear the audio better and individual display devices for viewing the film’s dialogue simultaneously in text called closed captions. Search the listings for these symbols:

  🎧 Assistive Listening Devices  CC Closed Captioning

- Starting May 15, 2022, NYC movie theaters must show some movies with open captions each week. This means transcriptions are displayed directly on the screen. Search listings for the symbol. For more information, click here.

- Arrive early to secure the device(s) located at the box office or manager’s office. An ID is usually required in exchange. Staff can adjust device or replace it if not working. Take note: previews are often not captioned. Wait for the start of the film to confirm the display device for captions is working.

Looking for support or have a question? Reach out to CHC at 917-305-7700 or info@chchearing.org.