



“THE BICYCLE THIEF”

MOVIE NIGHT AT THE BAR LIBRARY

WHEN: Friday, April 10, 2015 at 5:30 P.M.

WHERE: The Main Reading Room of the Bar Library (Room 618)
Clarence Mitchell, Jr. Courthouse (100 North Calvert Street)

COST: \$5.00 – Light refreshments, included in the cost, will be served.

Vittorio De Sica's remarkable 1947 drama of desperation and survival in Italy's devastating post-war depression earned a special Oscar for its affecting power. Shot in the streets and alleys of Rome, De Sica uses the real-life environment of contemporary life to frame his moving drama of a desperate father whose new job delivering cinema posters is threatened when a street thief steals his bicycle. Cast with nonactors and filled with the real street life of Rome, this landmark film helped define the Italian neorealist approach with its mix of real life details, poetic imagery, and warm sentimentality. De Sica uses the wandering pair to witness the lives of everyday people, but ultimately he paints a quiet, poignant portrait of a father and son, played by nonprofessionals Lamberto Maggiorani and Enzo Staiola, whose understated performances carry the heart of the film.

Ranked #4 in *Empire* magazines "The 100 Best Films Of World Cinema" in 2010.

(The film that will be shown on April 10 is in Italian with English Sub-titles.)

TICKETS: May be purchased at the Library or through the mail. Checks should be made out to the Bar Library. Although tickets may be purchased at the door, for the purpose of ordering refreshments, please let us know if you think you might be attending. For more information telephone 410-727-0280 or e-mail us at jwbennett@barlib.org.