This multi-media resource list, compiled by Mary Cella of the St Charles Public Library in partnership with the American Library Association, provides a range of perspectives on the issues raised by the upcoming P.O.V. documentary “Bright Leaves” that premieres on August 23rd, 2005 at 10 p.m. on PBS (check local listings at www.pbs.org/pov/).

What legacy is passed down to generations when a family is a giant tobacco producer? Filmmaker Ross McElwee (Sherman’s March, “Time Indefinite” – P.O.V. 1994), whose great-grandfather created the famous Bull Durham brand in his native North Carolina, takes viewers on an autobiographical journey across that state’s social, economic and psychological tobacco terrain. Wise and wry, this meditation on the allure of cigarettes looks at loss and preservation, addiction and denial. “Bright Leaves” also examines filmmaking itself, as McElwee grapples with home movies, a vintage Hollywood melodrama and his own efforts to document North Carolina and his family.

ADULT NONFICTION

SMOKING AND TOBACCO


Reynolds, Patrick. The Gilded Leaf: Triumph, Tragedy and Tobacco: Three Generations of the R. J. Reynolds Family and
Delve Deeper into "Bright Leaves"
A film by Ross McElwee

**Fortune. Boston: Little, Brown, 1989.** The story of the Reynolds family, who accumulated their wealth from the tobacco industry.


**FAMILY HISTORY AND GENEALOGY**


**ADULT FICTION**


**Caldwell, Erskine. Tobacco Road. Athens, GA: University of
Delve Deeper into "Bright Leaves"
A film by Ross McElwee

Georgia Press, 1995. Published in 1932, the story is about the hard lives of a poor family in the south during the depression.


Grisham, John. The Runaway Jury. New York: Doubleday, 1996. A thriller novel that follows a huge tobacco lawsuit and a mysterious young man who has the power to sway the jury.


Mills, Kyle. Smoke Screen. New York: Putnam, 2003. After several unexpected promotions, Trevor Barnett is made the main spokesman for a tobacco industry about to collapse. When the industry stops manufacturing and recalls existing products, he bears the brunt of the backlash from enraged smokers and a government that has lost one of its main sources of revenue.

NONFICTION FOR YOUNGER READERS


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Dutton, Cheryl. Not in Here, Dad! New York: Barron’s, 1989. Dad decides to quit smoking after his family expresses concern.


Koss, Amy. Smoke Screen. Middleton, WI: Pleasant Co. Publications, 2000. Instead of telling her classmates that her mother is trying to quit smoking, Mitzi tells a lie that has more of an effect on her class than she expected.


VIDEOS/DOCUMENTARIES


“Identifying and Dating Your Family Photographs.” 123 Genealogy. 2003. (75 min.) This film teaches you how to examine family photographs and discover family histories.

“Do Your Family Tree.” Produced and directed by Richard Boddington. Horizon HomeVideo. 1991. (100 min.) This educational video set presents a variety of genealogical research techniques.

“The Insider.” Directed by Michael Mann. Touchstone Home Video. 1999. (158 min.) Based on a true story, the film follows a CBS 60 minutes producer as he struggles to air an episode about malpractices in the tobacco industry.

“Kickin’ Butts: How to Put Out Your Last Cigarette.” Crime Prevention Resources. 2000. (24 min.) Follows a woman as she attempts to quit smoking.


“Looking at Home.” KBYU Brigham Young University. (30 min.) Shows how to find sources of information at home.


JUVENILE VIDEO

“Tobacco: What About It?” MarshMedia. 2001. (13 min.) In this educational film, Janet must decide whether she wants to start smoking.

WEB SITES

www.pbs.org/pov/pov2005/brightleaves
The P.O.V website for Bright Leaves.

TOBACCO AND SMOKING

www.ash.org
Covers aspects of smoking that relate to cancer, allergies, heart attack, stroke and nonsmokers’ rights.

www.infact.org
National grassroots organization founded in 1977 (Nestle and GE boycotts) that highlights information about tobacco.

www.library.ucsf.edu/tobacco
UCSF’s archive of important and former secret documents concerning the tobacco industry.

www.quittobacco.com
Assists dentists in helping their patients to quit smoking and chewing tobacco.

www.rjrt.com
The web page for R.J. Reynolds, the second largest tobacco company in the United States.

www.tobaccodocuments.org
Contains over 4 million tobacco industry documents.

www.tobaccofreekids.org/
Attempts to educate children on the dangers of smoking through an awareness campaign.

www.tobacco.neu.edu/
Information from Northeastern University School of Law (Boston) about tobacco trials.

GENEALOGY

www.archives.gov/research_room/genealogy
Genealogy resources available at the National Archives and Records Administration.

www.EllisIsland.org
Search passenger lists by name.

www.familysearch.org
Family history and genealogy records.

www.genealogy.com
Discover and preserve family history.

www.gengateway.com
Family history and ancestry.

www.genealogytoday.com
Family tree history, ancestry databases, and search tools.

www.rootsweb.com
Oldest and largest genealogy website.

www.usgenweb.com
Volunteers provide Internet access to genealogy information on the county level through the United States.