



reading lolita in tehran

Streaming on Kanopy

Reading Lolita In Tehran (2026)
Directed by Eran Riklis

In revolutionary Iran, reading forbidden books becomes an act of resistance. Reading Lolita in Tehran is now streaming on Kanopy. Based on Azar Nafisi's bestselling memoir, Reading Lolita in Tehran, follows a teacher who secretly gathers seven female students to study banned Western classics. The film and book, found on Libby, speaks directly to library programming around banned books, women's education, and freedom of expression.

Explore the film and its synopsis and more: kanopy.com/product/reading-lolita-in-tehran

All images provided must be used for direct promotion of that specific film or collection.

List of Toolkit Items

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General Announcement

Print materials that showcase *Reading Lolita in Tehran*, which can be printed and displayed throughout your library.

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Digital Graphics

Graphics sized for various social media platforms and email, showcasing *Reading Lolita in Tehran*.

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Suggested Copy

Three options that you can copy and paste into your messaging across social media and email.

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Programming Ideas

- Pair a screening with Nafisi's memoir (available on Libby) and host a discussion on what the adaptation kept, changed, or left out.
- Use the film to anchor a broader banned/challenged books in-library display, tying the story's central message of reading forbidden literature.
- Position the film within Women's History Month or International Women's Day programming, with a focus on education access under authoritarian regimes.
- Invite a local educator, librarian, or scholar to speak on censorship, literacy access, or Iranian history following a screening.
- Offer patrons a short discussion sheet (themes: censorship, mentorship, resistance through literature) to take home or use in a book club follow-up.

Social Media and Newsletter Copy Suggestions

Option 1

Seven women. One forbidden reading list. A revolution they weren't supposed to survive. Reading Lolita in Tehran is streaming now on Kanopy, free with your library card: kanopy.com/product/reading-lolita-in-tehran

Option 2

Based on Azar Nafisi's bestselling memoir, Reading Lolita in Tehran follows a teacher and her students risking everything to read banned books in revolutionary Iran. Stream it now on Kanopy: kanopy.com/product/reading-lolita-in-tehran

Option 3

Watch the film adaptation of the bestselling memoir Reading Lolita in Tehran, now streaming on Kanopy. The film follows a teacher and her students as they secretly study banned classics in revolutionary Iran. Stream for free on Kanopy with your library card.

Campaign Start and End Dates

Reading Lolita in Tehran publishes **August 25, 2026**, and we encourage our library partners to use the materials provided to promote the film to your community. If you have any questions about the items contained in this toolkit, feel free to reach out to us at marketing@kanopy.com.

Sincerely,
The Kanopy Team