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Slackery News Tidbits, September 17

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Here's the latest in Austin and Texas film-related news.

- The Austin Gay and Lesbian Film Festival (aGLIFF) **has announced** this year's 25th anniversary lineup, which includes the festival's opening-night film *Cloudburst*, about a lesbian couple escaping from their nursing home to get married in Canada. During the five-day festival next month, 104 films and locally-produced Web series will screen at the Alamo Drafthouse, Paramount, Stateside and Violet Crown theaters.
- In honor of aGLIFF's anniversary, the festival introduced its rebrand as **Polari**. The nonprofit's name change, a historic form of cant slang used in the gay subculture, pays homage to the LGBTQIA community while charting a new course for the future.
- After widespread online reports of a mass DVD theft from the Infusion Room at Texas Children's Cancer Center, **The Superficial** reported that the Layla Grace Children's Cancer Research Foundation is collecting new and used G/PG-rated DVDs as donations for the hospital through the end of this month.
- Austin wunderkind **Emily Hagins** is raising funds on [Kickstarter](#) for her fourth feature film: *Grow Up, Tony Phillips*. The comedy is currently in pre-production, with principal photography scheduled in and around Central Texas in late fall.
- Get your next project funded by applying for the **2013-2014 Harry Ransom Center's Research Fellowships in the Humanities**. The Center awards more than 50 fellowships to support projects that require onsite use of its collections.
- The Waco-shot feature *Sironia*, which played AFF 2011 ([review](#); [interview](#)) will screen 7 pm Tuesday at [Violet Crown Cinema](#) through [TIFN](#). Austin-based filmmaker **Brandon Dickerson's** feature film debut features music by Texas singer-songwriter **Wes Cunningham**, who also co-wrote the script with Dickerson and Thomas Ward. The film stars Dallas-born actress Amy Acker, Jeremy Sisto, Carrie Preston and Ryan Cartwright. Dickerson and Cunningham will be in attendance at this special screening.
- **Cinema East** has announced it plans to run a fall movie series at the Alamo Drafthouse, which will include Skype Q&As with filmmakers. Stay tuned for more information.

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