Buried Beneath the Picker stacks

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Inside Pickle Memorial Library's media library, one can find more than 600 film titles that are not otherwise accessible. The vast majority of these films are now considered "classics," but not all of them are cinematic gems. Some are simply obscure, while others are simply difficult to find. However, for the dedicated film enthusiast, the Pickle offers a treasure trove of cinematic delights.

For the past few weeks, I have been exploring the Pickle's collection of silent films. These films are particularly interesting to me because they provide a unique glimpse into the history of cinema. Silent films were the dominant form of entertainment for much of the 20th century, and they continue to be appreciated by many enthusiasts today.

One of the most interesting films I have come across is "The Adventures of Frank and Dick." This film was made in 1910 and features two of the era's most popular stars, Frank and Dick. The film is a comedy, and it is filled with slapstick humor. The story follows Frank and Dick as they attempt to outsmart a group of thieves who are trying to steal a valuable diamond.

While the film is certainly entertaining, it is also notable for its historical significance. "The Adventures of Frank and Dick" is one of the earliest films to feature a major role for a woman, played by the actress Mabel Normand. Normand was a pioneer in the film industry, and her work in this film helped to pave the way for future female stars.

In conclusion, the Pickle Library's collection of silent films is a treasure trove of cinematic delights. I encourage all film enthusiasts to take the time to explore this collection and discover some of the lost treasures of the silent era. You never know what you might find!