

M is for Movie projector. Before television, watching "movies" (moving pictures) became a huge social event. Starting in 1917, the village of Schoharie held summer outdoor movies that were shown on a large screen in front of the Schoharie County Courthouse. Two hand-cranked movie projectors were used to show films, which were black and white, and also silent. One is in the museum's Scribner Exhibit and shown below. In 1930, Ed Scribner wired the projectors for sound and Schoharie's movies became the very first outdoor "talkies" (talking pictures).

