Why are movies important to society?

Why do we as people flock to the theater just to see a movie. Yes, the obvious answer is entertainment. But there has to be something else other than that. We can entertain ourselves in other ways without having to shell out millions of pounds.

Why do people like us, avid movie fans, escape the reality of the real world to sit and watch something that is not real, but is set in the real world? And even if the film is not set in the world we know, the characters feelings are exchanged to us by the actors as if they are real. Why would we want to see someone else portray something we live out everyday? What is it we're looking for inside a movie?

What is the most important contribution that film brings into our society? And do we actually learn from what we see, or just forget the whole thing after we see it?

We learn from films, of course we do, when i was just a child, vocabulary is a big part of film and same with books. It increases your knowledge of basic things in life such as conversation and different possible situations people can be put in, and of course morals found in films the same as books which can try to teach people the right thing to do. Films are an escape, its a reprieve from the same setting you view on a regular basis to see the world in a different perspective and try to understand people and the world around you better. Movies aren't just a form of entertainment but also a form of education, and to enhance an imagination of what is possible. I personally will never be a detective, or see the wild west, or fight vampires but i can watch a movie about it and get an overall sense of what it would be like to be the character, and still identify with the character based on personal beliefs and habits.

I read a quote online the other day. It stated "We are judged based on our actions, not on our intentions". I thought it was so true. We have good intentions, but most of us are too afraid or too embarrassed to go through with them. In most movies (usually the