

MCKOOL PRODUCTIONS PRESENTS

# BASIC

A SHORT FILM • CHRISTMAS 2026

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## LOGLINE

Three high school juniors find a forty-five-year-old IBM in the basement of their library. It turns on without power.

## SYNOPSIS

Three juniors find an old IBM computer in the storage basement of their small-town library. The machine runs without being plugged in. They keep it to themselves. Over the course of a summer, the machine becomes something none of them can quite explain. The short is a small character piece about teenagers and the things they keep from each other.

## KEY FACTS

FORMAT	Short Film
GENRE	Sci-Fi · Mystery
RUNTIME	~15 minutes
LANGUAGE	English
COUNTRY	United States
FILMING	June 3 to 6, 2026
LOCATION	Ellis County, Texas
PREMIERE	Christmas 2026
STATUS	Pre-production

## PRODUCTION COMPANY

**McKool Productions.** Independent film company in Maypearl, Texas. Founded in 2026 by writer-director Michael Finn McKool. BASIC is the company's debut short. Producers: Barrett Knetsch, Holden Montgomery.