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Are you looking to cut cable in 2017? The transition may be difficult but Yellowknife Public Library might be able to help with a large selection of movies and TV shows on DVD.

One that you might want to consider is *Last Man on Earth*, a post-apocalyptic sitcom starring *Saturday Night Live* alumni Will Forte.

Until last year, I had been an avid fan of *The Walking Dead*. However, starting to grow weary of the doom and gloom but not necessarily the post-apocalyptic setting itself, I decided—with some trepidation—to give *Last Man on Earth* a try.

It is possible, as it turns out, to have fun when the world has gone to pot. Largely, it is Will Forte's Phil Tandy Miller who indulges in the best end-of-the-world fantasies. He collects famous art, he moves into the White House for a brief period, he drives the original DeLorean from *Back to the Future*. He turns a kiddie pool into a giant margarita that he lies in and licks salt from the rim.

If that last one seems more depressing to you than funny, that balance is why the show works so well. As a comedian, Will Forte is not always everyone's cup of tea. He has, until recently, tended to go all out, all the time, throwing every ounce of energy into a gag even when it doesn't work (see *MacGruber*). But then came his surprisingly nuanced performance in the Oscar nominated *Nebraska*. Forte can also, it turns out, play the straight man.

So, in *Last Man On Earth*, we get a self-indulgent man-child who occasionally has poignant epiphanies. The most significant is that people need people. Crossing the U.S.A. spray-painting "Alive in Tucson" on billboards, Phil soon discovers that he is not, in fact, the last man on Earth and this introduces the stellar supporting cast including Mary Steenburgen, January Jones, Mel Rodriguez, and best of all, the delightfully quirky Kristen Schaal.

Season 3 left us with a shockingly dramatic cliffhanger just before Christmas, but not set to return until the spring, there is more than ample time to get caught up.

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