

# Celebrate Your Love of Literature with The Great American Read

PBS' GREAT AMERICAN READ has everyone talking about our favorite thing — books!

The Great American Read is an eight-part series that explores and celebrates the power of reading, told through the prism of America's 100 best-loved novels (as chosen in a national survey).

You can join the celebration at Great American Read events, book discussions, and by reading and voting for your favorite titles.

## Great American Read Premiere Party

Tuesday, September 11, 6–9 p.m. in the Library Center auditorium. Join the Library for a special kickoff celebrating a nationwide love of literature. At 6 p.m. we will host a short panel and Q&A featuring mystery writer Nancy Allen, Missouri State University psychology professor Dr. Christie Cathey and children's author David Harrison. Panelists will discuss why we love inhabiting other worlds and how we as a culture connect through titles on The Great American Read's list of America's 100 most-loved books. At 7 p.m. we'll air the live premiere of the PBS Great American Read Fall Kickoff special. Refreshments and Great American Read giveaways provided.

## Great American Reads with Wild Bob's Musical Book Club

Friday, September 14, 6:30–8:30 p.m. for age 21 and older at Lindberg's Tavern, 318 W. Commercial St. Musicians from Wild Bob's Musical Book Club share songs they've written about titles from the PBS Great American Read list.

## Great American Read Trivia Night

Friday, September 21, 7–9 p.m. for age 21 and older at Missouri Spirits, 507 W. Walnut St. Recruit and register a team to compete in six rounds of trivia drawn from the characters, themes and plots of the 100 books on the PBS Great American Read list. Rounds will be scored and prizes will be awarded to the top team! *Registration starts September 1; call 883-5341.*

## Literary Trivia Night

Thursday, October 18, 6–8 p.m. at the Schweitzer Brentwood Branch. Join Lauryl and Kyle, longtime hosts of Patton Alley Pub's Trivia Binge, for a night of trivia inspired by PBS' The Great American Read. Teams of four to six will compete on questions drawn from the characters, themes and plots of the 100 books on The Great

American Read list. Snacks will be provided and prizes awarded to the winners. *Registration starts October 4; call 883-1974.*

## Book Discussions

Join the conversation at these Great American Read book discussions. And pick up other Great American Read titles from Library book displays or at [thelibrary.org/catalog](http://thelibrary.org/catalog).

- Tuesday, September 11, 6 p.m., Donuts & Death, at Hurts Donut Company, 320 Park Central West. “**Rebecca**” by Daphne Du Maurier.
- Wednesday, September 12, 1–2:30 p.m. in Library Center meeting room B. **BYOB**: Talk about your favorite titles from The Great American Read.
- Thursday, September 20, 1:30 p.m., South Side Senior Book Discussion, at the South Side Senior Center, 2215 S. Fremont Ave. “**Looking for Alaska**” by John Green.
- Thursday, September 20, 6 p.m., Books & Brew, at Mother's Brewing Company, 215 S. Grant Ave. “**The Handmaid's Tale**” by Margaret Atwood.
- Thursdays at the Strafford Branch, Great American Read Book Discussion:
  - September 27, 2 p.m. “**The Sun Also Rises**” by Ernest Hemingway.
  - October 25, 4:30 p.m. “**Frankenstein or The Modern Prometheus**” by Mary Shelley.

## Vote for the Great American Read and Great Springfield-Greene Read!

**From 100 books, only one will win.**

There's still time to vote for the Great American Read before the October finale. Voice your opinion in the nationwide vote on [pbs.org/greatamericanread](http://pbs.org/greatamericanread), Facebook @GreatAmericanReadPBS, or Twitter @PBS. OPT and the Library also want your help naming the Great Springfield-Greene Read! Pick the local favorite by voting on the Library's social platforms: Facebook, @thelibrary.org; Twitter, @springfieldlib; Instagram, springfieldgreene-countylibrary; and in the Springfield-Greene County Library District group on Goodreads.

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