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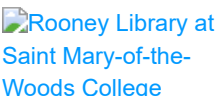
Three Weeks Remain to Submit Big Read Applications

The Big Read is accepting applications until **February 1st** from libraries seeking funding to conduct month-long, community-wide reads between September 2011 and June 2012. The Big Read is a national program designed to revitalize the role of literature in American culture. Organizations selected will receive a grant ranging from \$2,500 to \$20,000, access to online training resources, educational and promotional materials, inclusion of your organization and activities on The Big Read Web site, and the prestige of participating in a highly visible national program. Approximately 75 organizations from across the country will be selected by a panel of experts.

 **Big Read**
Deadline:
02/01/11

To review the Guidelines & Application Instructions, visit [The Big Read website](#). For more information, contact Arts Midwest at 612.238.8010 or TheBigRead@artsmidwest.org

St. Mary-of-the-Woods Awarded NEH/ALA Grant

 Congratulations to the Rooney Library at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College on being selected as 1 of 30 libraries nationwide to receive a \$2,5000 grant from the American Library Association and the National Endowment for the Humanities. Grant funding will support five reading, viewing and discussion programs featuring the documentary "Louisa May Alcott: The Woman Behind *Little Women*" and the companion biography of the same name. The program is part of NEH's *We the People* initiative, exploring significant events and themes in our nation's history and culture and advancing knowledge of the principles that define America.

Louisa May Alcott is recognized around the world for her novel "Little Women," but Alcott is scarcely known as the bold, compelling woman who secretly wrote sensational thrillers, lived at the center of the Transcendentalist and Abolitionist movements and served as a Civil War army nurse. The film, biography and library programs will re-introduce audiences to Alcott by presenting a story full of fresh insights, startling discoveries about the author and a new understanding of American culture during her lifetime. The 30 selected libraries will present five reading, viewing and discussion programs focused on Alcott, her body of work and her era.

Indiana Library Jobs

View job postings from around the state via [Jobs in Indiana Libraries on WebJunction Indiana](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS & WORKSHOPS

Government Websites

When: Tuesday, Jan. 11
 10:00 AM - Noon
 Where: Ohio Township PL

Advanced Cataloging for Evergreen Indiana

When: Friday, Jan. 14
 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
 Where: State Library

Advanced Cataloging for Evergreen Indiana

When: Friday, Jan. 14
 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
 Where: Paoli Public Library

Evergreen Indiana Admin/Reports Training

When: Thursday, Jan. 20
 10:00 AM - Noon
 Where: State Library

Indianapolis Youth Literature Conference

When: Saturday, Jan. 29
 8:30 PM - 4:00 PM
 Where: Indianapolis-Marion County Public Central Library

ILF Legislative Day

When: February 8, 2011
 Where: Indiana State Library

Teen Tech Week

When: March 6-12, 2011

Money Smart Week

When: April 2-9, 2011

View free LEU opportunities from LYRASIS & WJ-IN


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Libraries will enlist a lead project scholar with expertise in 19th-century American history or literature to help present and plan programs. For more information, visit www.ala.org/louisamayalcott

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