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### ***Communities Encouraged to Apply for a Grant from NEA's The Big Read***

Communities across the country are encouraged to apply for one of approximately 100 grants that will be awarded in 2007 as part of the National Endowment for the Arts' [The Big Read](#) program, "a national initiative to encourage literary reading by asking communities to come together to read and discuss one book."

50 grants will be awarded for programming occurring between January and June 2007 (deadline: September 12, 2006), and 50 more will be awarded for programming occurring between September and December.

In addition to a direct grant, communities will receive a library of resources, including reader's and teacher's guides and audio guides with commentary from renowned artists, educators, and public figures. Communities will also get publicity materials.

For 2007, communities will choose from eight American classics: ***Fahrenheit 451*** by Ray Bradbury; ***My Antonia*** by Willa Cather; ***The Great Gatsby*** by F. Scott Fitzgerald; ***A Farewell to Arms*** by Ernest Hemingway; ***Their Eyes Were Watching God*** by Zora Neale Hurston; ***To Kill a Mockingbird*** by Harper Lee; ***The Grapes of Wrath*** by John Steinbeck; and ***The Joy Luck Club*** by Amy Tan.

For more information, please visit <http://www.neabigread.org>.



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