

Big Read 2010 Schedule of Events

Updated February 26, 2010

Ongoing

Fantasy Creature Art Challenge

Jackson District Library Spring Arbor Branch, 113 E. Main St., Spring Arbor 49283

Open to children ages-10-17. Using ideas from *The Wizard of Earthsea* create a fantasy creature using any art medium. Bring your original creation in to the Spring Arbor Branch by March 26.

Big Read Cover Art Contest

Jackson County students in grades 6-12 are invited to submit their own cover design for *A Wizard of Earthsea*. Contest rules and submission forms are available at any Jackson District Library branch, or from our website at www.myjdl.com. Artwork must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. March 26.

Online Book Discussion Group

JDL will have an online book discussion group accessible on our website, www.myjdl.com. The first book will be The Big Read selection, *A Wizard of Earthsea* by Ursula K. Le Guin. Join us beginning March 1 through March 31 in this discussion. To join the discussion group, you can go to <http://www.myjdl.com/node/5925> or http://www.facebook.com/pages/Jackson-District-Library/140515498662?v=app_2373072738.

Saturday, February 27

Big Read Kick-off

Jackson High School Cafeteria, 544 Wildwood, Jackson 49202

2:00 -5:00 p.m.

Come join us as we kick-off the 2010 Big Read of Jackson County with food and fun! The Silverleaf Renaissance Festival combat Troupe will be demonstrating medieval battle techniques and amour, and a local artist Hector Trujillo will conduct a dragon art workshop for kids.

Wednesday, March 3

Storyhour-Fairy Tales/Fantasy

3:00-4:00 p.m.

Jackson District Library Napoleon Branch, 6755 Brooklyn Road, Napoleon, MI 49261

Friday, March 5

Book Discussion

Jackson District Library, Meijer Branch, 2699 Airport Rd., Jackson, MI 49202

10:00 -11:00 a.m.

Fantasy and Faith

Spring Arbor University White Auditorium, 106 E. Main St., Spring Arbor 49283

10:00 -11:00 a.m.

A panel consisting of faculty, staff and students will discuss fantasy genre and how to explore it and discern what is congruous, harmless, or objectionable to one's faith.

Big Read Fantasy Movie-Earthsea (NR)

Jackson District Library Napoleon Branch, 6755 Brooklyn Road, Napoleon, MI 49261

3:00-6:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 6

Sword and Sorcerer's Big Read Film Festival

Michigan Theater, 124 N. Mechanic, Jackson 49201

12:00-7:00 p.m.

The Michigan Theater will be presenting three family-friendly films: Eragon (PG) at 1:00p.m., Conan the Destroyer (PG) at 3:00 p.m., and Hellboy (PG-13) at 5:00 p.m. Tables will be set up to demonstrate various gaming options. Coupons for a free pop and popcorn will be given out the first 300 attendees. Other food will be available for purchase. No charge for admission.

Sunday, March 7

"The Explorers of Polynesia"

Peter F. Hurst Planetarium, 3328 Oakwood, Jackson 49203

3:00 p.m.

As part of the events in connection with Jackson County's "Big Read" selection *A Wizard of Earthsea*, the Hurst Planetarium (Jackson Public Schools) will present a free showing of *The Explorers of Polynesia* on Saturday, March 7, 2010 at 3:00 PM. Seating is limited to the first 70 participants that arrive.

Monday, March 8

Book Discussion

Jackson District Library Hanover Branch, 118 Main St., Hanover 49241

6:00-7:00 p.m.

Friday, March 12

Fantasy Fridays Movie-Pete's Dragon (Rated "G")

Jackson District Library Spring Arbor Branch, 113 E. Main St., Spring Arbor 49283

4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 13

Magic: The Gathering® Tournament

Club 789, 789 Woodworth Rd., Jackson

11:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

This is a standard DCI sanctioned tournament. Registration begins at 11:30 and the tournament begins at noon. Admission is free.

Dungeons & Dragons Tournament

Jackson District Library Carnegie Branch, 244 W. Michigan Ave., Jackson 49201

10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 17

Book Discussion

Jackson District Library, Carnegie Branch, 244 W. Michigan Ave., Jackson 49201

12:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 18

Community Forum: Why Fantasy Literature is Good for Children

Jackson District Library, Carnegie Branch, 244 W. Michigan Ave. Jackson 49201

6:30-8:00 p.m.

Steve Vander Ark, author of *The Harry Potter Lexicon* leads a discussion of the importance of fantasy literature for children. Books will be available for purchase and author signing.

Book Discussion

Jackson District Library, Summit Branch, 104 Bird Ave. Jackson, MI 49203

1:00 p.m.

Book Discussion

Jackson District Library, Eastern Branch, 3125 E. Michigan Ave., Jackson, MI 49202

2:30 p.m.

Friday, March 19

Big Read Fantasy Movie-Stardust (Rated PG-13)

3:30-5:30 p.m.

Jackson District Library Napoleon Branch, 6755 Brooklyn Road, Napoleon, MI 49261

Saturday, March 20

Yu-gi-oh Tournament

Jackson District Library, Carnegie Branch 244 W. Michigan Ave., Jackson
10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 21

Worship Service (11:00 a.m.) followed by Book Discussion (12:00 p.m.)
Universalist Unitarian Church of East Liberty, 2231 Jefferson Rd., Clark Lake, MI 49234

Monday, March 22

Book Discussion
Jackson District Library, Concord Branch, 108 S. Main St., Concord, MI 49237
1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 23

A Wizard of Earthsea Panel Discussion
Jackson District Library, Carnegie Branch 244 W. Michigan Ave., Jackson
6:00-8:00 p.m.
Audience members are invited to join in as a team of community members examines *A Wizard of Earthsea* from a variety of perspectives including, educational, spiritual, creative and others.

Wednesday, March 24

Book Discussion
Jackson District Library, Springport Branch, 116 Mechanic St. Springport, MI 49284
7:00 p.m.

Friday, March 26

Big Read Fantasy Movie-The Last Mimsy (Rated PG)
3:30-5:30 p.m.
Jackson District Library Napoleon Branch, 6755 Brooklyn Road, Napoleon, MI 49261

Fantasy Fridays Movie-Inkheart (Rated "PG")
Jackson District Library Spring Arbor Branch, 113 E. Main St., Spring Arbor 49283
4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

Wizard's Ball

Jackson District Library, Carnegie Branch 244 W. Michigan Ave., Jackson
6:30-9:00 p.m.
Come join us as we wrap-up The Big Read of 2010 by turning the Carnegie Branch Library into the land of Earthsea with food, games, music, and a costume contest. Fun for the whole family!

Thursday, April 1

Cover Art Contest Awards

Jackson District Library, Meijer Branch, 2699 Airport Road, Jackson, MI 49202

6:30 p.m.

Monday, April 5

Book Discussion

Jackson District Library, Spring Arbor Branch, 113 E. Main St., Spring Arbor, MI 49283

12:00 p.m.