

# The NEA Big Read: Quincy and The Little Read

presented by Quincy Public Library



## Events

**CITY COUNCIL PROCLAMATION** *Adults and Teens*  
**Monday, September 10** 7 pm

Mayor Kyle Moore will proclaim "NEA Big Read: Quincy" month at the start of the City Council meeting.

**NEA BIG READ: QUINCY KICK OFF** *Adults, Teens, and Kids*  
**Thursday, September 13** at Quincy Public Library 4 - 6 pm

Pick up a free copy of one of the Big Read/Little Read books! (One free book per person, please. Books available on a first-come basis.)

- Keynote address by WIU's Dr. Betsy Perabo
- City Council welcome from Jeff VanCamp
- Shakespeare performances by Square Peg Group-Troupe
- Violin duo from Quincy Symphony Orchestra
- Make Bottle Cap Castenets
- Blend your own trail mix for your *Station Eleven* adventure

**YOU'VE GOT A FRIEND IN ME STORY TIME** *Kids*  
**Thursday, September 13** 10:15 am

Friends can help us through anything. Come celebrate friendship! While supplies last, children will receive a free copy of *Zin! Zin! Zin! A Violin* by Lloyd Moss at story times.

**NEA BIG READ AT ARTFEST** *Adults, Teens, and Kids*  
**Saturday, September 15** Noon - 5 pm

at Quincy Art Center  
 Become part of Quincy's Traveling Symphony when you build your own finger drum at QPL's table at Arts Fest!

**MONDAY MOVIES: I AM LEGEND**, PG-13 *Adults*  
**Monday, September 17** 1 pm and 5 pm

A year after a plague kills most of humanity and turns the rest into monsters, the sole survivor in New York City struggles to find a cure. Will Smith stars in this award winning film, known for its stunt work.

**EMILY ST. JOHN MANDEL VIDEO INTERVIEW** *Adults*  
**Tuesday, September 18** 1:30 pm

View an interview with *Station Eleven* author Emily St. John Mandel, a prelude to the Literary Angles book discussion. All are welcome.

**STATION ELEVEN BOOK DISCUSSION - LITERARY ANGLES** *Adults*  
**Tuesday, September 18** 1:30 pm

We'll preface this book discussion by watching a video interview of *Station Eleven* author Emily St. John Mandel.

**ONCE UPON A TIME STORY TIMES** *Kids*  
**Tuesday and Thursday, September 18 & 20** 10:15 am

The words "Once Upon a Time" whisk us to a world of imagination. While supplies last, children will receive a free copy of *Zin! Zin! Zin! A Violin* by Lloyd Moss at story times.

**BALLOON GLOW** *Adults, Teens, and Kids*  
**Thursday, September 20** 6 pm

at Quincy University  
 Visit the NEA Big Read:Quincy table at QU's balloon glow. Pick up your schedule of NEA Big Read:Quincy events.

**MONDAY MOVIES: THE ROAD**, R *Adults*  
**Monday, September 24** 1 pm and 5 pm

In a dangerous post-apocalyptic world, a father defends his son as they travel to the sea in this film based on the book by Cormac McCarthy.

**INTERACTIVE SHAKESPEARE** *Adults and Teens*  
**Tuesday, September 25** 5:30 pm

Quincy Community Theatre's Kelsey Celek will lead an interactive workshop on reading and performing Shakespeare. No audition required! Just come have fun!



**DANCE TO THE MUSIC STORY TIMES** *Kids*  
**Tuesday and Thursday, September 25 & 27** 10:15 am

Express yourself with music and dance! While supplies last, children will receive a free copy of *Zin! Zin! Zin! A Violin* by Lloyd Moss at story times.

**SALVAGE SALON EXHIBIT** *Adults, Teens, and Kids*  
**September 13 - November 3** at Quincy Art Center

Quincy Art Center will display artwork made from recycled and reclaimed items, as they might have done in *Station Eleven*. Visit [quincycartcenter.org](http://quincycartcenter.org) for details.

**SALVAGE SALON RECEPTION** *Adults*  
**September 28** at Quincy Art Center 7 pm

Meet the artists who created the works on display in the Salvage Salon. Visit [quincycartcenter.org](http://quincycartcenter.org) for details.

**COSMIC COMIC WORKSHOP** *Teens*  
**Saturday, September 29** 1 pm

St. Louis artist Jennifer Stolzer will teach us how to draw our own *Station Eleven* graphic. How will you interpret and imagine this dystopian world? Registration is required.

**QUINCY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA** *Adults, Teens, and Kids*  
**Sunday, September 30** 3 pm

at Quincy Junior High School Morrison Auditorium  
 Enjoy Quincy Symphony's season opening concert, *Epic Romance*, with music from Brahms, Rossini, and Shostakovich, and a nod to *Station Eleven* with a performance of Shakespeare's *As You Like It* by William Walton. Tickets are \$18 for adults; \$15 for seniors 62 or better; children 18 and younger are free.

**MONDAY MOVIES: CHILDREN OF MEN**, R *Adults*  
**Monday, October 1** 1 pm and 5 pm

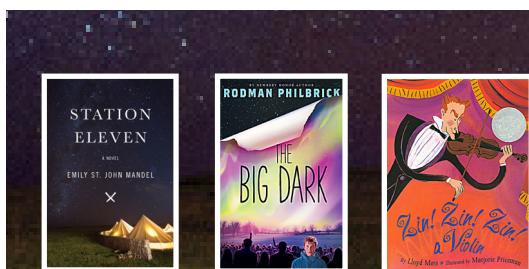
This Oscar-nominated movie tells about a future world in which women have become infertile and a miraculously pregnant woman is helped to sanctuary.

**STATION ELEVEN BOOK DISCUSSION - BOOKIES** *Adults*  
**Wednesday, October 3** 1:30 pm

Join in!

**ESCAPE GAME** *Teens*  
**Wednesday, October 3** 3 pm

Crazed scientist Dr. Johnson plans to unleash an epidemic, but not before creating an antidote to save his family. Can you and your team get the antidote and save society? Register your team, or we will place you with one, for this exciting escape room challenge.



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## SOUND AND LIGHT EXHIBIT

Thursday & Friday, October 4 & 5

Adults, Teens, and Kids

10 am - 5 pm

Artist Craig Colorusso's solar-powered "Sun Boxes" each emit a different note. Combined they make a B flat chord, which evolves over time. The "Sun Boxes" will be placed in QPL's front lawn. Listeners are encouraged to walk through and around them. The experience has been called both soothing and energizing. This exhibit is provided by Quincy Art Center.

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## INSTRUMENT PETTING ZOO

Friday, October 5

Kids

1 - 3 pm

Come see if you can make a violin go "Zin! Zin! Zin!" Musicians from Quincy Symphony Orchestra will bring a variety of musical instruments for you to see and try!

## QUINCY'S TRAVELING SYMPHONY: SQUARE PEGS GROUP-TROUPE

Sunday, October 7

Adults

2-4 pm

Discover the darker side of Shakespeare with this presentation of some of the lesser-known monologues from Shakespeare.



## MONDAY MOVIES: MAD MAX: ROAD WARRIOR R

Monday, October 8

Adults

1 pm and 5 pm

A cynical drifter agrees to help a small community in a post-apocalyptic wasteland escape bandits in this award-winning film.

## STATION ELEVEN BOOK DISCUSSION- RENAISSANCE READERS

Tuesday, October 9

Adults

10:15 am

Survival is insufficient. But what, exactly, makes life worth living?

## STATION ELEVEN BOOK DISCUSSION - ALL OVER THE PAGE

Tuesday, October 9 at County Market @ 48th

Adults

7 pm

Join us!

## EMILY ST. JOHN MANDEL VIDEO INTERVIEW

Wednesday, October 10

Adults

1 pm

View an interview with *Station Eleven* author Emily St. John Mandel, a prelude to the *Unshelved* book discussion. All are welcome.

## STATION ELEVEN BOOK DISCUSSION- UNSHELVED

Wednesday, October 10

Adults

1 pm

We'll preface this book discussion by watching a video interview of *Station Eleven* author Emily St. John Mandel.

## THE 1918 FLU EPIDEMIC

Wednesday, October 10

Adults

2-4 pm

at Quincy University's North Campus  
How did the 1918 Flu epidemic impact American society? Find out in this fascinating lecture by Dr. Tim Jacobs. This event is part of the POLIS series of lectures. Everyone is welcome.



## STAR TREK VOYAGER EPISODE "SURVIVAL INSTINCT"

Adults and Teens

Saturday, October 13

3 pm

Emily St. John Mandel took the line "Survival is insufficient" from *Star Trek*. Come see the episode and how it relates to *Station Eleven*.

## STATION ELEVEN BOOK DISCUSSION - PARDON OUR YOUTH

October 15

Adults

6 pm

Join in!

## STATION ELEVEN BOOK DISCUSSION

October 17

Teens

3 pm

Teens will discuss *Station Eleven*. Refreshments will be served.

## QUINCY MUSEUM - MUSEUM OF CIVILIZATION

September 13- October 13

Adults, Teens, and Kids

*Station Eleven* and *The Big Dark* describe many items that didn't work after a cataclysmic event. Can you identify mystery items, once commonly used by previous generations? Pick up a scavenger hunt list from QPL, then visit Quincy Museum to learn more. Quincy Museum's admission charge will apply.

## HISTORY MUSEUM AND JOHN WOOD MANSION- MUSEUM OF CIVILIZATION

September 13- October 13

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## BIG READ SPECIALS

September 13 - October 13

Adults, Teens, and Kids

Stop in to one of these District businesses to purchase and enjoy a *Station Eleven*-themed item:

### POTTER & VAUGHN, 504 Hampshire

Adults, Teens, and Kids

Potter & Vaughn, Quincy's fun shop for fun people, has selected some items especially for the NEA Big Read: Quincy. Stop in during their open hours to browse and buy from their selection of literary-themed items, including mugs, bookmarks, pencils, and more!

### ELECTRIC FOUNTAIN BREWING

Adults, Teens, and Kids

503 Maine

Electric Fountain Brewing, Quincy's local coffee roaster, will offer a Big Read beverage during their open hours.

### THYME SQUARE

Adults, Teens, and Kids

615 Hampshire

Thyme Square is preparing Rabbit Cassoulet - their signature dish during the NEA Big Read: Quincy. Stop in between September 13 and October 13 during Thyme Square's regular hours to enjoy it!

### POPP'N ON MAINE

Adults, Teens, and Kids

917 Maine Street

Grab a Big Read special at Quincy's gourmet popcorn shop! Stop in during their open hours to purchase some!

### KRAZY CAKES

Adults, Teens, and Kids

512 Hampshire

Enjoy a tasty *Night & Day Salad*, Krazy Cakes' Big Read specialty item, during their open hours.

### THE YUM FACTORY

Adults, Teens, and Kids

700 Maine Street

Pick up some delicious sweet treats at the Yum Factory during the NEA Big Read: Quincy! Items available for purchase during their open hours.

## STATION ELEVEN BY EMILY ST. JOHN MANDEL

- Overview: <https://www.arts.gov/national-initiatives/nea-big-read/station-eleven>
- Discussion questions: <https://www.arts.gov/national-initiatives/nea-big-read/station-eleven>
- About the author: <https://www.arts.gov/national-initiatives/nea-big-read/station-eleven>
- Study Guide: <http://knopfdoubleday.com/guide/9780385353304/station-eleven/>

