

“If All Arkansas Read The Same Book” and “The Big Read” Celebrate *The Great Gatsby* by F. Scott Fitzgerald

Through a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts and Arts Midwest, the Arkansas Center for the Book at the State Library encourages Arkansans to read *The Great Gatsby* by F. Scott Fitzgerald and to participate in discussions concerning the book and the ideas the author explores.

A wide range of programs relating to *The Great Gatsby* will be offered during National Library Week, April 2-8, 2006, as well as newspaper excerpts in conjunction with the Arkansas Press Association's "Newspaper in Education" program. In addition, more than thirty public libraries and fifty high school & college libraries will host discussions throughout the month.

A complete schedule of school, college, and public library book discussion sites is available on the website of the Arkansas State Library, www.asl.lib.ar.us.

Program Schedule

Sunday, April 2

Berryville/Eureka Springs — 12 noon — The White Linen Gatsby Bash, Books at Sow's Ear Antiques.
Little Rock — 2:00 p.m. — Showing of the 1974 film adaptation of *The Great Gatsby* starring Robert Redford, Central Arkansas Library System, Darragh Center.

Monday, April 3

Jasper — 5:30 p.m. — A Readers' Dinner at the Ozark Cafe, hosted by the Newton County Library. Phone 870-446-2983 for reservations.
North Little Rock — 7:00 p.m. — The Privilege of Power and the Power of Privilege, a lecture by Dr. Russell Murphy, William F. Laman Library.

Tuesday, April 4

Mountain Home — 11:30 a.m. — Gathering of the Groups, Baxter County Library. Phone 870-425-3598 for reservations.
Fayetteville — 7:00 p.m. — Showing of the 1974 film adaptation of *The Great Gatsby* featuring Robert Redford, Fayetteville Public Library.
Little Rock — 7:00 p.m. — Gatsby Chatroom, WordsWorth Books.

Wednesday, April 5

Conway — 11:30 a.m. — Gatherings of the Groups, Faulkner County Library. Phone 501-327-7482 for reservations.
7:00 p.m. — The Gatsby Gala, Faulkner County Library.

Thursday, April 6

Little Rock — 6:30 p.m. — *The Great Gatsby*, a readers' theater adaptation, Central Arkansas Library System, Darragh Center. Phone 501-918-3032 for reservations.

Friday, April 7

Jonesboro — 11:30 a.m. — Gathering of the Groups, Craighead County Jonesboro Public Library. Phone 870-935-5133 for reservations.
Blytheville — 6:30 p.m. — Book discussion and potluck dinner, That Bookstore in Blytheville.
Fort Smith — 6:30 p.m. — Showing of the 1974 film adaptation of *The Great Gatsby* featuring Robert Redford.

Friday, April 21

Little Rock — 9:00 a.m. — THE BIG READ at the Arkansas Literary Festival with celebrity readers, Cox Creative Center.
Participate in a live radio discussion of *The Great Gatsby* on KUAR Public Radio, FM 89.1, Little Rock.
“Book Club of the Air,” April 4th at 1:00 p.m.



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