

Not too late to get in on The Big Read

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UNION, WALLOWA COUNTIES — Events centered around The Big Read continue into March, with activities related to this year's featured book, "The House on Mango Street" by Sandra Cisneros.

Many events are online and can be accessed from anywhere — and streamed after the live event. Here's a look at the schedule:

FEB. 23-26

Salsa Dance Lessons with Amelia Díaz Ettinger

Join Amelia Díaz Ettinger to learn the history behind the movement, enjoy classic salsa dance steps, and groove to the music "Candela" by the Buena Vista Social Club. A lesson goes live at 1 p.m. each day at artcenter-east.org and fishtrap.org and all are available by streaming afterward.

TUESDAY, MARCH 1

Book discussion

Join an in-person discussion of "The House on Mango Street" at 2 p.m. at Catherine Creek Community Center, 667 Main St. in Union.

Our Neighborhood: Writing About Home

Doodle a neighborhood map and write stories from memories at this gathering at 1 p.m. at the EOU Library Children's Collection, La Grande.

Book discussions

Join others to talk about the featured book at 6 p.m. at Art



<https://eliottreichel.com/>
Eliot Treichel will give a "craft talk" on March 2.

Center East, 1006 Penn Ave. in La Grande. A second discussion begins at 7 p.m. via Zoom. For information, go to artcenter-east.org.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2

Reading Like a Writer: The House on Mango Street — A Big Read Craft Talk with Eliot Treichel

In conjunction with The Big Read, this craft talk explores Sandra Cisneros' "The House on Mango Street" through a "reading like a writer" lens. Rather than simply focusing on the novel's story or themes, the lecture will discuss what it means to read "like a writer" and then look at some of the writing choices Cisneros employs in her work — all with the goal of improving our own craft. Join the live event online at 6 p.m. at fishtrap.org, or stream it afterward.

MARCH 4-8

Big Read Finale: A Film Series

Inspired by "The House on Mango Street"

Presented in partnership with the Wichita Public Library and curated by mama.film, this finale consists of a series of virtual screenings of short films inspired by "The House on Mango

Friends of the Opera House & BMCC Music and Theatre Department
at BMCC's Bob Clapp Theatre

Little Women *The Broadway Musical*

Music by Jason Howland
Lyrics by Mindi Dickstein
Book by Allan Knee

at Blue Mountain Community College
Bob Clapp Theatre

Feb. 24, 25, Mar. 3, 4 - 7:30 PM
Feb. 26, Mar. 5 - 12:30 & 4:30 PM

Tickets on sale now!
541-663-6324
ElginOperaHouse.com

IF YOU MISSED IT

The Big Read kicked off Wednesday, Feb. 16, when Fishtrap's executive director Shannon McNearney visited with Sandra Cisneros, the author of this year's featured book, "The House on Mango Street." The conversation can be watched at any time by visiting fishtrap.org.

Street." These films explore subjects including identity and belonging, the immigrant experience, generational divide, responsibility, gender, family, faith and home. Their main characters add depth and perspective to the story and life of Esperanza Cordero, the book's protagonist.

Streamed online at fishtrap.org and available for viewing

afterward, the films are "El Carrito," "The Train Station," "Are You Still There?," "Her Dance" and "Mano Santa." To register for the films and more details, go to fishtrap.org/tbr2022-finale/.

MARCH 9, 16, 23, 30

Writing Workshop: Ephemeral Moments that Endure

E.M. "Lizzie" Sloan leads this four-session online micro-essay workshop from 6-7:30 p.m. Registration is \$180 or \$160 for Fishtrappers. Register at fishtrap.org.

Inspired by "The House on Mango Street," which is written in a series of short chapters or vignettes, the Wednesday evening sessions will play with isolated scenes that participants find are buried deep in the recesses of mind, heart and soul.

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