

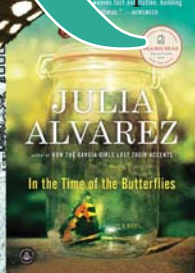
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In the Time of the Butterflies
Julia Alvarez

MKE Big Read | April 1 - May 13, 2017 | Milwaukee Public Library

"I found in literature a place where the table was set for all. Everybody was welcome. I found true democracy in reading." - Julia Alvarez

Read along with all of Milwaukee during the MKE Big Read! As part of the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) Big Read 2017, Milwaukee Public Library will offer exciting events, programs, and discussions related to Julia Alvarez's *In the Time of the Butterflies*. MKE Big Read seeks to inspire conversations about our communities and ourselves.

The NEA inaugurated the Big Read as a pilot project with 10 communities in 2006. By 2009, more than 400 communities in the U.S. had hosted a Big Read since the program's launch. Milwaukee Public Library first received a Big Read grant in 2008, featuring Zora Neale Hurston's *Their Eyes Were Watching God*. Since then, the library has participated in Big Read programs in partnership with other community organizations.



In the Time of the Butterflies, by acclaimed author Julia Alvarez, transports readers to the Dominican Republic in the mid-20th century when the country struggled under the brutal dictatorship of Rafael Leonidas Trujillo.

Alvarez honors the lives of Patria, Minerva, and María Teresa Mirabal, who became icons of freedom and women's rights when they were assassinated in the autumn of 1960 for their role in the underground movement against Trujillo's regime. The novel explores themes of courage, freedom, rebellion against tyranny, family and women's rights.

The MKE Big Read Kick-off Event will be held Saturday, April 8, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Central Library's Schoenleber Reading Room. The event will feature readings from the book, a performance of dances from the Caribbean, and craft activities. Community partners Milwaukee Public Museum and Walker's Point Center for the Arts will help you explore butterflies by getting up close and personal with MPM's mounted specimens and crafting your own butterfly to take home. Join us and receive free admission to MPM's newest special exhibit Global Kitchen! (*while supplies last*)

A condensed list of MKE Big Read events is included in this issue of the Reader. The full calendar of events is available at your library or online at mpl.org/mkebigread.

Thank you to our MKE Big Read Community Partners:



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FROM THE



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PAULA A. KIELY

Through a wonderful partnership with Ex Fabula, Milwaukee Public Library will be presenting special storytelling workshops in English and Spanish in conjunction with the MKE Big Read featuring *In the Time of the Butterflies*.

Ex Fabula - Latin for “from stories” - was founded with the belief that true, personal stories have a unique power to create connections between individuals, and they strive to magnify that power through live events that provide meaningful local experiences. MPL has been fortunate to work with Ex Fabula on a number of events in the past few years, and we’re thrilled to continue that natural partnership with them for MKE Big Read this year.

Reading, writing and storytelling create partnership opportunities for MPL with a wide range of organizations throughout the city. Local author and writing coach Rochelle Melander has worked with children throughout the library system, offering workshops at our libraries on creative writing and poetry, as well as special programs like the recent Dream Book craft held during the Martin Luther King Day Celebration.

Our faithful friends at Artists Working in Education (A.W.E.) have provided their Truck Studio Art workshops for years. These drop-in programs begin with an artist reading aloud a story or two and continue with a discussion of the book or illustrator. Participants then work on imaginative art activities relevant to the book or artistic theme for the day.

By forming strong connections with local storytellers, theater groups, musicians, dancers, performers, magicians, and even yoga teachers, the library provides year-round programming for children. Each of their programs ties into books or storytelling in unique and lively ways that continue to bring families back to the library.

I hope to see you during MKE Big Read events, and don’t forget to pick up your copy of *In the Time of the Butterflies* at your local library!



Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart.

-Elizabeth Andrew

Volunteer Spotlight: Nia Mooney

Rufus King High School
Assignments: Book Buddies, assists with Teacher in the Library and shelving maintenance

Nia Mooney is a teen volunteer at the Mill Road Library. She’s a vibrant young lady who loves dogs, performing random acts of kindness, reading literature and writing poetry. Nia reads to, and listens to, children who read in the Book Buddies program and assists the Teacher in the Library. Nia calls the library her “second home.”


Nia enjoys the Book Buddies program because she’s enhancing the reading skills of children by connecting with youth who are not strong readers. As a young child, Nia herself struggled with reading, but she met the challenge through the support of her father, who is an educator. She’s able to use her own experience and techniques to support the reading of others.

The experience at Mill Road Library has been rewarding. Nia’s learned how to interact with children and discovered that she wants to be a teacher when she gets older. She encourages other teens to get involved because it’s a productive experience, gives back to the community, and develops life skills. “I’m making an impact in a big and positive way!” said Nia.

“Nia is awesome and we love her!” said Ashley Schoolman, a librarian at Mill Road. “We feel so fortunate to have teens like Nia as a part of our community. They truly bring something special to the services we provide.”

Interested in volunteering? Learn about opportunities available at the library on the website at: www.mpl.org/about/volunteer/

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Mission: Inspiration starts here – we help people read, learn, and connect.

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MKE Big Read

On this page is a condensed list of special MKE Big Read events. The full calendar of events, including book discussions, children's, teen and bilingual programming, is available at your library or online at mpl.org/mkebigread.



Special Exhibit and Demonstration: Global Kitchen: Food, Nature, Culture at Milwaukee Public Museum

Thursday, April 6, 3-5 pm

Milwaukee Public Museum, 800 W. Wells St.

Use your senses to learn about staples of Caribbean cuisine and the rich culinary history of the Caribbean. Explore how food is grown, how it reaches our markets and kitchens, how cooks and cultures create cuisines, and the role of food in ceremony and celebration. *Free museum admission but special exhibition fees apply.*

A Visit From Author Julia Alvarez

Wednesday, May 3, 6-7 pm

Centennial Hall Loos Room, 733 N. Eighth St.

Acclaimed author and poet Julia Alvarez joins Milwaukee in a discussion of her MKE Big Read title *In the Time of the Butterflies*. Broadcast via Skype.

Discovery Lunch: Memoir Writing

Tuesday, April 4, 12:30-1:30 pm

Mill Road Branch Community Room, 6431 N. 76th St.

Tuesday, May 9, 12:30-1:30 pm

Central Library Community Room 1, 814 W. Wisconsin Ave.

Memory and family are central themes in the MKE Big Read book, *In the Time of the Butterflies*. Learn how to write the key stories of your life to share with your family and friends. Presented by author and writing coach Rochelle Melander. *Registration required; please call 414.286.3011 or register online at mpl.org/mkebigread.*

Discovery Lunch: Researching Your Family Tree

Tuesday, April 18, 12:30-1:30 pm

Zablocki Library Community Room, 3501 W. Oklahoma Ave.

Tuesday, May 2, 12:30-1:30 pm

Mill Road Library Community Room, 6431 N. 76th St.

Family history plays an important role in *In the Time of the Butterflies*. Start investigating your family history with the resources available at the Milwaukee Public Library. *Registration required; please call 414.286.3011 or register online at mpl.org/mkebigread.*

Learn Merengue and Bachata

Saturdays, April 15, 22, 29, 3-4 pm

Bay View Branch Community Room, 2566 S. Kinnickinnic Ave.

Panadanza Dance Company brings the dances of the Dominican Republic to Milwaukee in these dance classes for everyone! Please wear comfortable clothing.

The Thing About Flowers

Monday, April 24, 6-7:30 pm

Tippecanoe Branch, 3912 S. Howell Ave.

Tuesday, May 2, 6-7:30 pm

East Branch 2320 N. Cramer St.

Flowers in Julia Alvarez's *In the Time of the Butterflies* are sustaining, symbolic and ritualistic. Touch on the significance of flowers in the book and join Michael Alt, local florist and Alt's antique shop owner, as he shares his love of sustainable flowers and expertise in flower arranging. Make your own floral arrangement in a small vessel to take home.

Registration required; please call 414.286.3011 or register online at mpl.org/mkebigread.

Afternoons with Art (AwA)

Friday, April 7, 3-5:30 pm (Family Art Day)

Thursday, April 13, 1-5 pm

Walkers Point Center for the Arts, 839 S. 5th Street

Afternoons with Art classes give students an extensive session on art and expression, guided by a structured curriculum and experienced arts educators. Explore the themes of MKE Big Read's *In the Time of the Butterflies*. Call 414.509.6187 to register or visit WPCA's website at wpcamilwaukee.org/afternoons-with-art-awa/

Film Screening "In the Time of the Butterflies"

Saturday, April 15, 1 pm

Martin Luther King Branch, 310 W. Locust St.

Tuesday, April 25, 5:30 pm

Center Street Branch, 2727 W. Fond du Lac Ave.

Grab some popcorn and watch the feature film *In the Time of the Butterflies* featuring Salma Hayek and Marc Anthony.

Film Screening Documentary "Code Name: Butterflies"

Tuesday, April 11, 12:30-1:30 pm

Central Library Community Room 1, 814 W. Wisconsin Ave.

Part of Discovery Lunches series.

Registration required; please call 414.286.3011 or register online at mpl.org/mkebigread.

and

Monday, May 1, 6-7 pm

Capitol Branch, 3969 N 74th St.

"Code Name: Butterflies" is the first documentary to tell the powerful story of the Mirabal sisters of the Dominican Republic.

Dominican Political Environment during "In the Time of the Butterflies"

Saturday, April 22, 3-4 pm

Central Library Richard E. and Lucile Krug Rare Books Room, 814 W. Wisconsin Ave.

Dr. Valentina Peguero, Professor Emerita (History, UW-Stevens Point), gives insight into the Dominican political environment and Dictator Trujillo's reign during *In the Time of the Butterflies*.

Woodland Pattern and Boswell Book Company will both offer a 10% discount on the purchase of "In the Time of the Butterflies." Mention MKE Big Read at time of purchase.





FROM THE FRIENDS

OF THE LIBRARY

Join MPL Friends Members Exclusive Tour of the Pabst Mansion



On **Wednesday, April 12, at 11 a.m.** join Pabst Mansion Executive Director and Historian John Eastberg as he personally escorts MPL Friends Members and Docents through the beautiful Pabst Mansion.

Built by the famed brewing family between 1890-1892, the Pabst Mansion remains one of the largest and most expensive houses to have ever been constructed in the city. This special tour will highlight the rich details, stained glass, wrought iron work, along with original furnishings and the exceptional collection of fine and decorative arts. As an added bonus, you will be able to view the recently opened third floor of the Mansion to see what secrets have been unearthed regarding its design and learn about the plans for future restoration of this level as well as the historic Pavilion from the 1893 Chicago World's Fair.



This program is open to a limited number of Friends members and is also part of the Friends of the Milwaukee Public Library Docent Enrichment Program. Reservations are required. Please call (414) 286-8720, or email Friends@mpl.org.



Photos above courtesy of the Pabst Mansion; photo at right courtesy of the Milwaukee Public Library Historic Photo collection:

Men work at drafting tables (c.1895) in the offices of (George B.) Ferry & (Alfred C.) Clas Architects, designers of the Milwaukee Public Library, Pabst Mansion, and many others. The firm operated from 1881-1918.



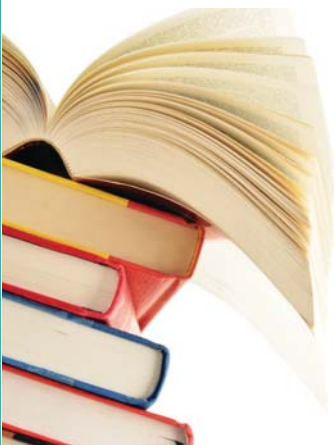
Summer Used Book Sale

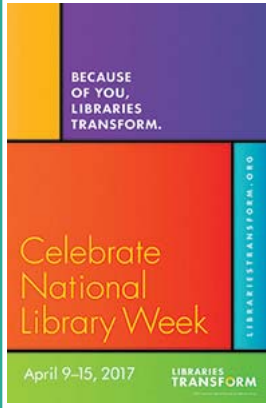
Saturday, June 17, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. ~ Central Library, 814 W. Wisconsin Ave.
Meeting Room 1, 1st floor

Featuring a large selection of children's books. All proceeds from this sale benefit the Milwaukee Public Library. Friends members may enter sales 30 minutes before the public with current membership card. Please use the Eighth Street entrance and present your card. There will be a 2-for-1 sale in the Bookseller Used Book Store during the sale.

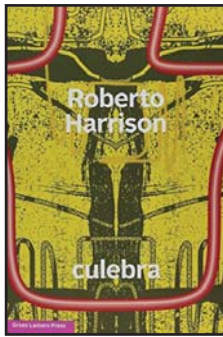
During the month of April, the Bookseller will feature a selection of half-priced sports books.

Next Sale: Saturday, September 16, 9 a.m. -4 p.m. 10-cent Sale at Central Library



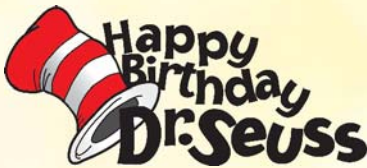


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Your support matters! Help transform lives April 9-15, 2017 during National Library Week with a monthly pledge and become a sustaining supporter of the Milwaukee Public Library Foundation. Milwaukee Public Library Foundation supports critical library services designed to empower Milwaukee. Receive an MPL coffee mug when you make a \$5 monthly pledge, or a copy of *culebra* by new Milwaukee Poet Laureate Roberto Harrison when you make a \$10 monthly pledge. Make your secure online monthly pledge at mpl.org/donate.

Kohl's Donates 5,000 Dr. Seuss Books and Plush Toys to MPL



The annual Dr. Seuss Birthday Celebration for families is a community favorite and reinforces the library's important role of introducing children to a love of reading. Kohl's volunteers greeted party-goers at the Welcome Desk with a Truffula Tree-themed lollipop game and plush Seuss prizes. The Kohl's volunteers were so pleased to be part of the event. Volunteer Molly Sproatt shared, "I grew up going to the Milwaukee Public Library so now, having the opportunity to give back and volunteer there through Kohl's means that much more. There were so many adorable kids there to celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday and it was great fun to be the first stop for families as they walked in!"



In honor of Dr. Seuss' birthday on March 2, Kohl's generously donated 5,000 books and plush toys to the Milwaukee Public Library. The books and plush, part of the current Kohl's Cares merchandise collection featuring Dr. Seuss, will be shared with young readers in the community at various MPL children's reading celebrations in 2017.

Make a Difference for Your Library

The Friends of the Milwaukee Public Library advocate for libraries, literacy, and lifelong learning through annual memberships. To join the Friends or renew your membership, please visit www.mpl.org/friends or call (414) 286-8720.

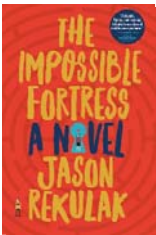
Tours of historic Central Library are free and open to the public Saturdays at 11 a.m. To schedule a special tour or to learn about becoming a tour guide, please call (414) 286-TOUR.





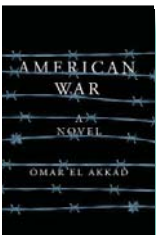
THE BOOKSHELF

The Impossible Fortress by Jason



Rekulak. Fiction. Fourteen-year old Billy and his friends plan a heist to obtain a scandalous copy of the 1987 Vanna White *Playboy* magazine, a plan centering on seducing their classmate Mary. What Billy doesn't count on is falling for Mary after finding out she shares his love of computer programming.

American War by Omar El Akkad. Fiction.



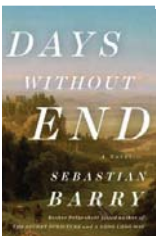
In 2074, America is again divided by a second civil war, shattering the United States and forcing six-year-old Sarat and her family into a displaced persons camp. Growing up under the influence of a charismatic leader radicalizes Sarat, with terrifying consequences for her, her family, and the nation.

Lincoln in the Bardo by George Saunders. Fiction.



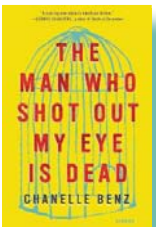
With the country in the throes of the Civil War, President Lincoln's young son Willie has passed away from typhoid. Under the cover of night, a grief-stricken Lincoln visits the crypt to hold the body of his son. It is here, in the cemetery, where the battle for Willie's soul takes place.

Days Without End by Sebastian Barry. Fiction.



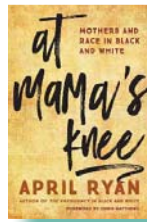
Thomas McNulty flees Ireland during the Great Famine, arrives in America and enlists in the Army. Fighting first the Indian Wars, and later the Civil War, Thomas endures the brutality of the frontier and the horrors of war.

The Man Who Shot out My Eye Is Dead: Stories by Chanelle Benz. Fiction.



Though varying wildly in content and style — from slave narrative to prison confession — each of these dark tales presents a snapshot of a life lived on the margins, of folks preyed upon in their vulnerability. Benz delves into the bleakness of humanity with an empathetic eye and taut, yet feverish prose.

At Mama's Knee: Mothers and Race in Black and White



by April Ryan. 305.800973 R988A. In this short rumination that reads partly like a conversational memoir and partly like an extended sociopolitical essay, White House correspondent April Ryan writes with passion and wisdom about Black motherhood in America. Drawing on interviews with notable figures like Valerie Jarrett and Iyanla Vanzant, Ryan explores police violence, single motherhood, and life in what she calls the "post-Obama" era.

The Meaning of Michelle: 16 Writers on the Iconic First Lady and How Her Journey Inspires Our Own edited by Veronica Chambers.



92 O122ME. Writers from Roxanne Gay to Ava Duvernay weigh in on the legacy of Michelle Obama. These writers describe Michelle in a variety of ways: Devoted wife and mother. Strong Black Woman. American Icon. As the first African American First Lady, she has played an important part in reshaping the role for the future.

Universal Harvester by John Darnielle. Fiction.



While working at a video store in rural Iowa in the late 1990s, Jeremy discovers that some of the store's merchandise has been altered — mysterious, unsettling, and sometimes violent scenes have been expertly cut into the tapes. The ambiguity of the mystery will be pleasing to some readers and frustrating to others, but the compelling, lyrical writing and nuanced characters make this a novel in which the pleasure is the journey, not the destination.

We Are Okay by Nina LaCour. Young Adult Fiction.



This short, poignant novel explores the nature of family, love, loss, and grief. Vacillating between sunny San Francisco (past) and snowy, frigid New York (present), Marin alternately runs from, and sits with her pain stemming from the long-ago loss of her mother and the newer, sharper loss of her grandfather.

Contributed by staff from the East Branch Library.

CHILDREN'S ROOM



MILWAUKEE PUBLIC LIBRARY LIBRARY NOW

Last month Milwaukee Public Library announced an historic partnership with Milwaukee Public Schools —LibraryNow. Using their MPS student ID number, LibraryNow provides complete, free digital access to all the library's online resources to every student



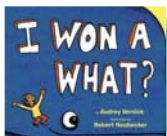
in grades 1-12 in the district. All MPL library card holders have the same access to online and digital resources!

What does this mean for youth growing up in the digital age? It means that a student who is stuck on a calculus problem at 10 p.m. can turn to Brainfuse and get live help from a tutor. It means that students and their families can save hundreds of dollars by using Brainfuse or Learning Express Library for **free** ACT or SAT preparation. It means that a high school student who needs to pass the Civics test as a graduation requirement can practice using ProCitizen. It means that a younger student can use Speakaboos and find a fun, interactive read aloud they can access on their own. It also means that parents and children have a reliable resource such as Gale Biography in Context or Country Reports for help with school reports and projects.

Finally, as a perfect balance to MPL's collection of print books, we have many audio and e-books with titles for children available through OverDrive. As we head into warmer weather and vacation season these are great resources to access and take along on the go.

Check out e-books and e-audiobooks with your library card on OverDrive or stop in for the print edition at your Milwaukee Public Library!

Available as E-books:



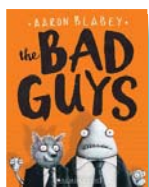
I Won a What? by Audrey Vernick. PIC VERNICK. Ages 4-7.

A small boy goes to the carnival to win a goldfish and comes home with an even bigger prize — a whale named Nuncio!

Read to find out the BIG fun one can have with a whale for a pet.

Giant Squid by Candace Fleming; illustrated by Eric Rohmann. 594.58 F597. Ages 6-10.

The giant squid has been a mystery to humans for centuries. Learn about this massive, magnificent creature living in the deep, dark ocean.



The Bad Guys by Aaron Blabey. GRPH BLABEY. Ages 7-11.

Long stereotyped as the “bad guys” of the animal world, a band of carnivores is on a mission to do some good in this comedic graphic novel. Can the “bad guys” succeed in freeing dogs from the city pound?

Available as E-books & E-Audiobooks:

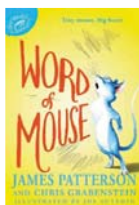
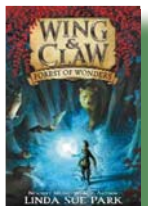


Guinness World Records. Daring Dogs by Cari Meister; photos supplied by Guinness World Records. EASY LEVEL 2 MEISTER. Ages 5-8.

Reading independently, or reading-along with narration, beginning readers can learn about records held by dogs, from a dog riding a scooter to one boasting the longest ears.

Forest of Wonders by Linda Sue Park. SF PARK. Ages 8-13.

Young apothecary Raffa loves going to the Forest of Wonders to collect ingredients for his remedies. When he creates a powerful cure from a rare vine, he unleashes magic that becomes too powerful to control.



Word of Mouse by James Patterson and Chris Grabenstein; illustrated by Joe Sutphin. FIC PATTERS. Ages 8-12.

Isaiah's not some lowly lab mouse. For one thing, he talks — and he's blue to boot! With help from his human friend Hailey, he proves even small creatures can dream big.

Roberto Harrison Named 2017-2019 Milwaukee Poet Laureate

The Milwaukee Poet Laureate project was initiated in February 2000, is sponsored by the Milwaukee Public Library and supported by the Friends of the Milwaukee Public Library. The project is funded by a contribution from the Harry F. and Mary Franke Idea Fund.

The project committee selects a local poet to serve as Milwaukee Poet Laureate for a two-year term. The poet laureate makes several guest appearances during the term, promoting poetry throughout the community.



The 2017-2019 poet laureate is Roberto Harrison whose books include *Os* (subpress, 2006), *Counter Daemons* (Litmus Press, 2006), *bicycle* (Noemi Press, 2015), *culebra* (Green Lantern Press, 2016), *Bridge of the World* (Litmus Press, forthcoming 2017), and *Yaviza*

(Atelos, forthcoming 2017), as well as many chapbooks. His work has been published widely in journals and anthologies such as *Chicago Review*, *Mandorla*, *Palabra*, *Puerto del Sol*, *Cream City Review*, *Callaloo*, and *Best American Experimental Writing 2015*. With Andrew Levy, Roberto edited the poetry journal *Crayon* from 1997 to 2008, and he is also the editor of *Bronze Skull Press* which has published over 20 chapbooks, including the work of many Midwestern poets. Most recently Roberto served as a co-editor for the *Resist Much/Obey Little* anthology. For several years, he hosted Milwaukee's Enemy Rumor poetry reading series. Roberto is also a visual artist. His inaugural reading will be scheduled in spring.

Roberto Harrison is preceded as Milwaukee Poet Laureate by talented and esteemed Milwaukee poets Matt Cook, James Chapson, Jeff Poniewaz, Brenda Cárdenas, Susan Firer, Peggy Hong, Marilyn Taylor, Antler and the first Poet Laureate, John Koethe.

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