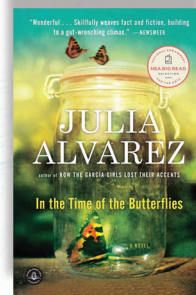


MKE

BIG READ



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 MKE Big Read! As part of the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) Big Read 2017, Milwaukee Public Library presents a variety of events, programs, and discussions connecting to Julia Alvarez's ***In the Time of the Butterflies***. MKE Big Read seeks to inspire conversations about our community and ourselves.

In the Time of the Butterflies transports us to the Dominican Republic in the mid-twentieth century when the country struggled under the brutal dictatorship of Rafael Leonidas Trujillo. Author Julia Alvarez honors the lives of Patria, Minerva, and María Teresa Mirabal, who became icons of freedom and women's rights when they were assassinated 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.

Read more about MKE Big Read at mpl.org/mkebigread.



MKE Big Read Kickoff

Saturday, April 8, 11 am-1 pm

Central Library, 814 W. Wisconsin Ave. - Schoenleber Reading Room

Ready, Set, Read! Help us kick off the MKE Big Read and celebrate ***In the Time of the Butterflies***. The kickoff will include readings from the book, Caribbean dances by Panadanza Dance Company, 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 tickets (while supplies last) to MPM's newest special exhibit *Global Kitchen!*

See inside for a complete list of events and programs.

Los programas bilingües en inglés y español se encuentran nombrados en la última página.



Thank you to our MKE Big Read Community Partners.

NEA Big Read is a program of the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with Arts Midwest.

Special Events

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.

“Milwaukee is a Butterfly” Teen Poetry Contest

April 1-30, for youth ages 10-18

Poetry Open Mic Red Carpet Event

Saturday, May 13, 6-8 pm

Centennial Hall Loos Room, 733 N. Eighth St.

Calling all teen poets and spoken word artists! We want you and your words to be heard! Join us for a writing workshop and perform at our Open Mic red carpet event. Our anti-violence theme is “Milwaukee Is a Butterfly.” Sponsored by the Teen Advisory Board.

Go to: mpl.org/poetrycontest for more information!

Programs

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 Branch Community Room, 3501 W. Oklahoma Ave.

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

Mill Road Branch 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.

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.

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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.

Afternoons with Art (AWA)

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

Thursday, April 13, 1-5 pm

Walker’s 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/



For Teachers! “In the Time of the Butterflies”

Teacher Roundtable

Presented by the Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies (CLACS) at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

Saturday, April 22, 9-11:30 am

UWM Northwest Quadrant D1961, 2025 E. Newport Ave.

A teacher roundtable discussion on *In the Time of the Butterflies* with Professor Emerita Valentina Peguero (History, UW-Stevens Point). Free event. Register by email to jkline@uwm.edu.

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*.



Book Discussions

In the Time of the Butterflies explores themes of courage, freedom, rebellion against tyranny, family and women’s rights. Discuss the book, its themes, and its relevance to our community with fellow Milwaukeeans at one of our many MKE Big Read book discussions.

Monday, April 3, 6 pm

Boswell Books, 2559 N. Downer Ave.

Wednesday, April 5, 3 pm

Woodland Pattern, 720 E. Locust St.

Wednesday, April 12, 6 pm

Zablocki Branch, 3501 W. Oklahoma Ave.

Tuesday, April 18, 6 pm

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

Wednesday, April 19, 2 pm

Capitol Branch, 3969 N. 74th St.

Tuesday, April 25, 6 pm (Book to Art)

East Branch, 2320 N. Cramer St.

Wednesday, April 26, 1 pm (Brown Bag)

Villard Square Branch, 5190 N. 35th St.

Tuesday, May 2, 6 pm

Washington Park Branch Conference Room, 2121 N. Sherman Blvd.

Thursday, May 4, 3:30-5:30 pm PRESENTED IN SPANISH

UWM Curtin Hall 733, 3243 N. Downer Ave. (jkline@uwm.edu for info)

Thursday, May 11, 5 pm

Tippecanoe Branch, 3912 S. Howell Ave.

Saturday, May 13, 1:30-3 pm

MPL Facebook page online at:

www.facebook.com/Milwaukee.Public.Library

Children’s Programming

Butterflies!

Spring has sprung! Celebrate the season and MPL’s Big Read selection *In the Time of the Butterflies* with a butterfly-themed story time and craft.

Wednesday, April 5, 4-5 pm

Capitol Branch, 3969 N. 74th St.

Monday, April 10, 4:30-5:30 pm

Atkinson Branch, 1960 W. Atkinson Ave.

Monday, April 10, 5:30-6:15 pm

Villard Square Branch, 5190 N. 35th St.

Thursday, April 13, 10:30-11 am

Bay View Branch, 2566 S. Kinnickinnic Ave.

Thursday, April 13, 10:30-11 am

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

Thursday, April 13, 10:30-11:15 am

Mill Road Branch, 6431 N. 76th St.

Monday, April 17 6-7 pm

East Branch, 2320 N. Cramer St.

Thursday, April 20, 10:30-11:15 am

Forest Home Branch, 1432 W. Forest Home Ave.

Saturday, April 22, 10:30-11:15 am

Central Library, 814 W. Wisconsin Ave.

Wednesday, April 26, 6:15-7 pm

Zablocki Branch, 3501 W. Oklahoma Ave.

Friday, April 28, 10:30-11:30 am

Tippecanoe Branch, 3912 S. Howell Ave.

Saturday, April 29, 2-2:45 pm

Martin Luther King Branch, 310 W. Locust St.



Code Breakers

Can you follow the clues and crack the code? Come be a Code Breaker at the library!

Tuesday, April 4, 4-5 pm

Washington Park Branch, 2121 N. Sherman Blvd.

Saturday, April 15, 2-3 pm

Central Library, 814 W. Wisconsin Ave.

Create Your Own World

If you were in charge of creating your nation, what would it look like? Would you be able to keep the peace and create a prosperous society? Discover the power you have to influence your world.

Saturday, April 8, 2-3 pm

Central Library, 814 W. Wisconsin Ave.



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.

Ex Fabula Storytelling Workshops - English

Thursday, April 13, 7-9 pm

UWM Union 280, 2200 E. Kenwood Blvd.

Monday, April 24, 6-8 pm

Artists Working in Education, 4315 W Vliet St.

Saturday, April 29, 2:30-4:30 pm

Villard Square Branch, 5190 N. 35th St.

Everyone has a story to tell, and we want to help you share yours! At Ex Fabula Storytelling Workshops, experienced storytelling coaches guide you through hands-on, small group exercises on the following topics:

- Finding your story: Why storytelling is important and powerful and how to select a great story to tell
- Crafting your story: How to structure your story for maximum impact
- Telling your story: Tips to practice before you take the stage

Our theme, in keeping with *In the Time of the Butterflies*, is “courage.” Ages 13 and up.

After the workshop, plan on attending a free StorySlam on Thursday May 4 at Centennial Hall (733 N. Eighth St.) and if you feel like sharing your story onstage, you can put your name in the hat.

Registration required, www.exfabula.org/mkebigread

Ex Fabula Storytelling Workshops - En Español

Miércoles, 19 de Abril, 5:30-7:45 pm

Forest Home Branch, 1432 W. Forest Home Ave.

Todo el mundo tiene una historia personal que compartir, ¡y queremos ayudarte a compartir la tuya! En los talleres de historias personales de Ex Fabula, entrenadores con experiencia te guiarán a través de prácticos ejercicios en grupo que abarcan los siguientes temas:

- Cómo encontrar tu historia: Por qué la narración de historias personales es importante y poderosa y cómo seleccionar una gran historia que contar.
- Cómo construir tu historia: Cómo estructurar tu historia para que tenga un mayor impacto.
- Cómo contar tu historia: Consejos para practicar antes de salir al escenario.

Nuestro tema es “el valor”, de acuerdo con *En el momento de las mariposas*. Para los de 13 años y mayores. Después del taller, quédate para el concurso de cuentos gratis, el jueves 4 de mayo en Centennial Hall, y si te gustaría compartir tu cuento en el escenario, puedes colocar tu nombre en el sombrero.

Se requiere inscripción, www.exfabula.org/mkebigread

El proyecto NEA Big Read es una iniciativa del National Endowment for the Arts (el Fondo Nacional para las Artes de Estados Unidos) en cooperación con Arts Midwest.



MKE Big Read Bilingual Story Slam with Ex Fabula

Thursday, May 4, 6:30-8:30 pm

Centennial Hall, 733 N. Eighth St.

Ex Fabula StorySlams strengthen community bonds by creating spaces where people can connect over true, personal stories. No props, no notes – just the elements of “Story. Stage. You”. This StorySlam will feature stories related to the theme of “Courage”.

Doors open at 6:30 pm, stories start at 7:30 pm. Come just to listen – or, if you have a story related to the night’s theme and can share it in 5 minutes or less, throw your name in the hat for a chance to take the stage. Another way to share stories is via UltraShorts, which are brief, true personal stories written on slips of paper and then read onstage by the emcee.

Los eventos de Ex Fabula fortalecen las relaciones de la comunidad creando espacios donde la gente puede conectar a través de historias personales verdícas. Sin utilería, sin notas – simplemente los elementos: “Historia. Escenario. Tú”. En este Slam de Historias se presentarán historias relacionadas con el tema “el valor”.

Las puertas se abren a las 6:30 y las historias empiezan a las 7:30. Puedes venir simplemente a escuchar – o, si tienes una historia relacionada con el tema de esa noche y puede ser contada en menos de 5 minutos, echa tu nombre en el sombrero para tener la oportunidad de salir al escenario. Otra manera de compartir historias es mediante los UltraShorts, que son breves historias verdícas y personales escritas en formularios y leídas en el escenario por el presentador.

Conversación de libros

En el tiempo de las mariposas explora los temas del valor, la libertad, la rebelión en contra de la tiranía, la familia y los recuerdos. Conversa sobre el libro, sus temas y su relevancia para nuestra comunidad con otros residentes de Milwaukee.

Thursday, May 4, 3:30-5:30 pm En Español

UWM Curtin Hall 733, 3243 N. Downer Ave. (jkline@uwm.edu for info)

