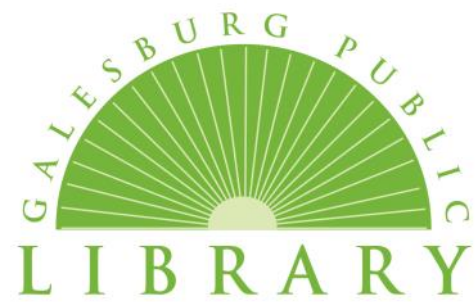


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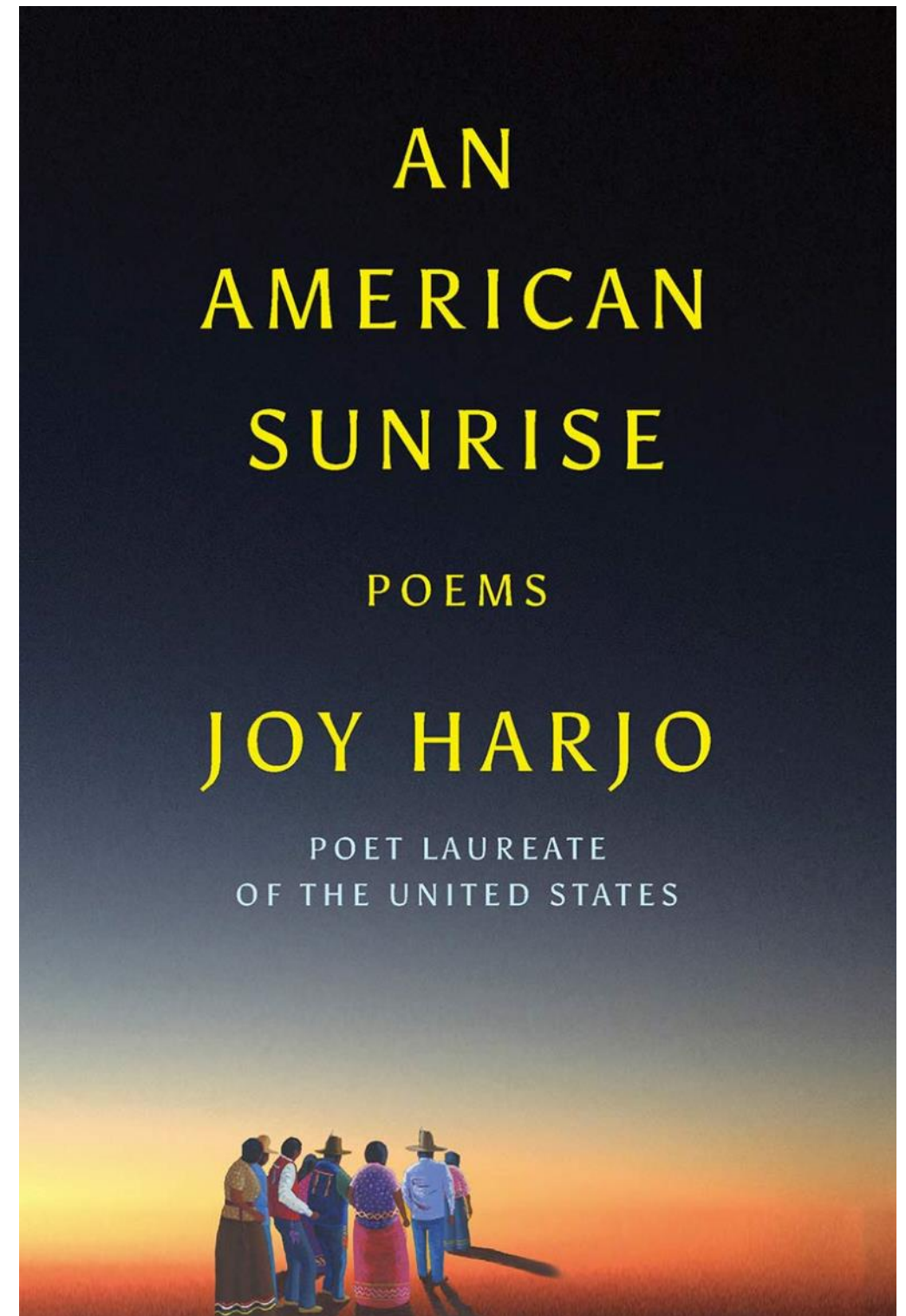
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NEA BIG READ

April 2022



at Galesburg Public Library



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All events are subject to change. Masks are encouraged for all events taking place at the library. Most events are open to all ages, but children under 13 must be accompanied by an adult.

NEA Big Read Kickoff

Sunday, April 3, 2:00 PM, The Orpheum Theatre

Kick off the NEA Big Read with a free musical performance by Black Hawk Performance Company of Chicago. Doors open at 1:30 PM and admission is free for all. Event is for all ages. Free copies of *An American Sunrise* and *Cheyenne Madonna* will be distributed to adults while supplies last. This event is made possible through a generous donation from a patron.

Standish Park Storywalk and Kids Book Giveaway

Friday, April 1—Sunday, May 1

Enjoy the weather getting warmer by taking a stroll through Standish Park while reading a story! *Jingle Dancer* by Cynthia Leitich Smith will be the featured book on the Standish Park Storywalk, and will be up all month long! A very limited number of free copies of *Jingle Dancer* will also be given away in the Children's Room starting Friday, April 1. Limited to one per household.

Watercolor Sunrise Craft

Tuesday, April 5, 6:30 PM, Galesburg Public Library

Make a beautiful watercolor sunrise painting. All supplies will be provided. Free and for all ages. Limited to 30 participants. Sign up at the Reference Desk, or by calling 309-343-6118 or emailing reference@galesburglibrary.org. Co-sponsored by the Galesburg Community Art Center.

New Library Groundbreaking

Thursday, April 7, 4:00 PM, Future Site of the Galesburg Public Library

Join us at the future site of the Galesburg Public Library for the official Groundbreaking Ceremony, followed by refreshments at the library. Poetry from *An American Sunrise* will be read to commemorate the groundbreaking.

Black Out Poetry

Monday, April 11, 6:30 PM, Galesburg Public Library

Create poetry that is also artwork by blocking out text on pages from recycled books! Free and for all ages. Sign up at the Reference Desk, or by calling 309-343-6118 or emailing reference@galesburglibrary.org.

Book Discussion

Tuesday, April 12, 1:00 PM, upstairs at the Galesburg Public Library

Join us for a discussion of *An American Sunrise* by Joy Harjo.

Book Discussion

Thursday, April 14, 6:30 PM, Jimmy's Pizza

Join us for a discussion of *An American Sunrise* by Joy Harjo.

Teen Craft Night: Pop-Up Poetry

Thursday, April 14, 6:45 PM, Galesburg Public Library

Come create a pop-up card that includes a poem! Free and open to teens ages 12-18 or in grades 7-12. Sign up at the Reference Desk, or by calling 309-343-6118 or emailing reference@galesburglibrary.org.

Musical Presentation: Journeying Through the American Indian Way of Life

Saturday, April 16, 2:00 PM, Galesburg Public Library

Join the library for a presentation by Kim Sigafus, an award-winning Ojibwa author. Kim will talk about the tribes that once inhabited Illinois and take the audience through the American Indian way of life as it once was. She will discuss Native gardening, harvest, and music, and will sing and drum! Presentation is free and open to all ages. Registration is not required, but is suggested. Sign up at the Reference Desk, or by calling 309-343-6118 or emailing reference@galesburglibrary.org. Funded through the Illinois Humanities Road Scholar program.

Keep Calm and Color On

Monday, April 18, 2:00 PM, Galesburg Public Library

Color for relaxation. Colored pencils and Native American-themed coloring pages will be provided. Free! For adults only.

Book Discussion: Two Roads

Tuesday, April 19, 6:00 PM, Galesburg Public Library

Join us for a discussion of the teen tie-in book to the Big Read, *Two Roads* by Joseph Bruchac. Free copies of the book are available while supplies last; call or email to request a copy. All ages welcome.

Weaving Workshop

Wednesday, April 20, 6:30 PM

Join us to learn about weaving and make your own work of art! All supplies will be provided. Free and for all ages. Limited to 30 participants. Sign up at the Reference Desk, or by calling 309-343-6118 or emailing reference@galesburglibrary.org. Co-sponsored by the Galesburg Community Art Center.

Kids' Book Club

Thursday, April 21, 4:00 PM, Galesburg Public Library

Open to 3rd-5th graders. Read and discuss *Ancestor Approved: Intertribal Stories for Kids* by Cynthia Leitich Smith. Free copies of the book are available in the Children's Room. Supplies are limited so get your copy soon!

Virtual Book Discussion

Thursday, April 21, 6:00 PM, Facebook

Join Buzzwords, our Millennial-aimed book discussion group, for a comparative discussion of *An American Sunrise* by Joy Harjo and *Cheyenne Madonna* by Eddie Chuculate. The group will meet in the GPL Online Book Discussion group on Facebook. You will need to join the group to participate.

Tome Raiders Book Club

Friday, April 22, 6:00 PM, Hardees

Join our sci-fi/fantasy book club for a discussion of *The Only Good Indians* by Stephen Graham Jones. Copies of the book are available for checkout on the Hold Shelf in the library.

Book Discussion: *Cheyenne Madonna*

Tuesday, April 26, 6:00 PM, Galesburg Public Library

Join us for a discussion of the tie-in book to the Big Read, *Cheyenne Madonna* by Eddie Chuculate. Free copies of the book are available while supplies last; call or email to request a copy.

Food for Thought Book Club

Thursday, April 28, 11:30 AM, Cornucopia

Join us for a discussion of *Our History is the Future: Standing Rock Versus the Dakota Access Pipeline, and the Long Tradition of Indigenous Resistance* by Nick Estes. Copies are available for checkout on the Hold Shelf in the library.

Printmaking Workshop

Thursday, April 28, 6:30 PM

Come learn the basics of printmaking! All supplies will be provided. Free and for all ages. Limited to 30 participants. Sign up at the Reference Desk, or by calling 309-343-6118 or emailing reference@galesburglibrary.org. Co-sponsored by the Galesburg Community Art Center.

The Big Write Reception

Saturday, April 30, 2:00 PM, Galesburg Public Library

Join us for a reception for winners, entrants, friends, family, and the community to celebrate The Big Write, the library's annual creative writing contest.