

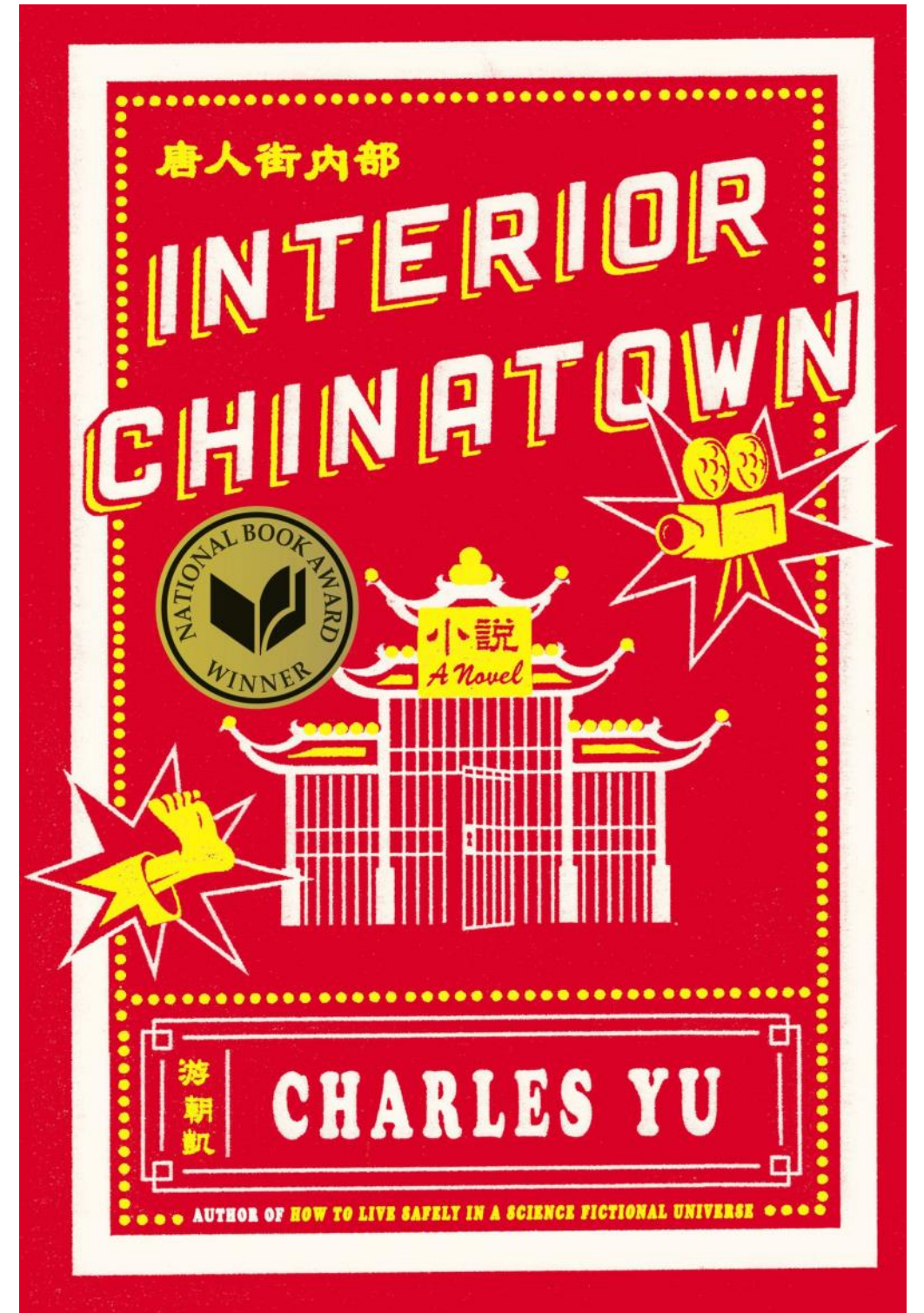
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NEA Big Read

April 2023
at Galesburg Public Library



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To register for events, sign up at the Reference Desk, or by calling 309-343-6118 or emailing reference@galesburglibrary.org. Most events are open to all ages, but children under 13 must be accompanied by an adult.

NEA Big Read Kickoff

Saturday, April 1, 8:00 PM, The Orpheum Theatre

Kick off the NEA Big Read with a free improv performance by one of the nation's premier Asian-American comedy troupes, Stir Friday Night. Doors open at 7:30 PM and admission is free for all. The event is labeled PG-13 and is geared towards adults, and The Orpheum bar will be open during the event. Free copies of *Interior Chinatown* will be distributed while supplies last. This event is made possible through a partnership with the Galesburg Public Library Foundation, as well as a generous donation from a patron.

Free Bird Walk

Sunday, April 2, 7:30 AM, Joe E. Anderson parking lot at Lake Storey

Join the Galesburg Area Bird Club for a walk around Lake Storey to look for local birdlife! Please bring binoculars and dress for the weather. Free and open to all ages.

Free Tai Chi

Tuesday, 4/4; Friday, 4/14; Thursday, 4/20; and Wednesday, 4/26, 9:00 AM, Galesburg Public Library

Xiaoqi Wu of Eastern Therapeutic will lead four sessions of her intermediate tai chi routine. Class is open to anyone, but aimed toward people who have done tai chi before.

Standish Park Storywalk

Saturday, April 1—Monday, May 1

Enjoy the weather getting warmer by taking a stroll through Standish Park while reading a story! *The Ugly Vegetables* by Grace Lin will be the featured book on the Standish Park Storywalk, and will be up all month long!

Ink Bonsai Tree Class

Thursday, April 6, 6:30 PM, Galesburg Public Library

The art of bonsai is in your hands! Create your two-dimensional bonsai with India Inks and careful brushstrokes. All supplies will be provided. Free and for all ages. Limited to 30 participants. Registration required. Class led by the Galesburg Community Art Center.

Book Discussion

Tuesday, April 11, 1:00 PM, Galesburg Public Library

Join us for a discussion of *Interior Chinatown* by Charles Yu.

Kids' Kickoff: A Taste of China

Tuesday, April 11, 6:00 PM, Galesburg Public Library

Join us for a celebration of Chinese treats! We'll sample some Chinese flavors, read stories about Chinese food, and make our own felt fortune cookies. For children of all ages accompanied by an adult.

Registration required.

Book Discussion: *Our Wayward Fate*

Tuesday, April 11, 6:00 PM, Galesburg Public Library

Join us for a discussion of the teen tie-in book to the Big Read, *Our Wayward Fate* by Gloria Chao. Free copies of the book are available while supplies last; call or email to request a copy. All ages welcome.

Book Discussion

Thursday, April 13, 6:30 PM, Jimmy's Pizza

Join us for a discussion of *Interior Chinatown* by Charles Yu.

Teen Craft Night: Paper Lanterns

Thursday, April 13, 6:45 PM, Galesburg Public Library

Come create a paper lantern craft! Open to teens ages 12-18 or in grades 7-12. Registration requested.

Keep Calm and Color On

Monday, April 17, 1:30 PM, Galesburg Public Library

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

Sgraffito Clay Workshop

Tuesday, April 18, 6:30 PM, Galesburg Public Library

Use or create contrasting images, patterns, and texture to reveal the clay color underneath with the help of tools and common household items. All supplies will be provided. Free and for all ages. Limited to 30 participants. Registration required. Class led by the Galesburg Community Art Center.

Kids' Book Club

Thursday, April 20, 4:00 PM, Galesburg Public Library

Open to 3rd-5th graders. Read and discuss *Front Desk* by Kelly Yang. Free copies of the book available in the Children's Room. Supplies are limited so get your copy soon!

Buzzwords Book Club

Thursday, April 20, 6:00 PM, Reserve Artisan Ales

Join Buzzwords, our Millennial-aimed book discussion group, for a discussion of *Interior Chinatown* by Charles Yu.

Free Movie: *Everything, Everywhere, All At Once*

Friday, April 21, 2:00 PM, Galesburg Public Library

Come to the library for a showing of the 2023 Best Picture Oscar winner *Everything, Everywhere, All At Once*. (2 hours, 12 minutes, rated R, ©Lionsgate)

Tome Raiders Book Club

Friday, April 21, 6:00 PM, Hardees

Join our sci-fi/fantasy book club for a discussion of *The Paper Menagerie* by Ken Liu. Copies of the book will be available for checkout on the Hold Shelf in the library.

Chinese Theater Shadow Puppetry Workshop

Wednesday, April 26, 6:30 PM, Galesburg Public Library

Create colorful silhouette figures, and then participate in a form of theatre accompanied by music. All supplies will be provided. Free and for all ages. Limited to 30 participants. Registration required. Class led by the Galesburg Community Art Center.

Food for Thought Book Club

Thursday, April 27, 11:30 AM, Cornucopia

Join us for a discussion of *Beautiful Country* by Qian Julie Wang. Copies will be available for checkout on the Hold Shelf in the library.

Yellow Peril Past and Present: Understanding Asian America through Personal and Historical Stories

Thursday, April 27, 6:30 PM, Galesburg Public Library

Join us for a presentation by educator-turned artist, storyteller, and creator Dr. Ada Cheng. Dr. Cheng will weave personal stories to highlight the myth of the model minority, practices of othering via micro-aggression, and the negative impact of stereotypes on Asian Americans and their mental health during the pandemic. She will also present on the various laws and regulations that have contributed to the construction of Asian Americans as the "other" in this country historically.

The Big Write Reception

Saturday, April 29, 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.