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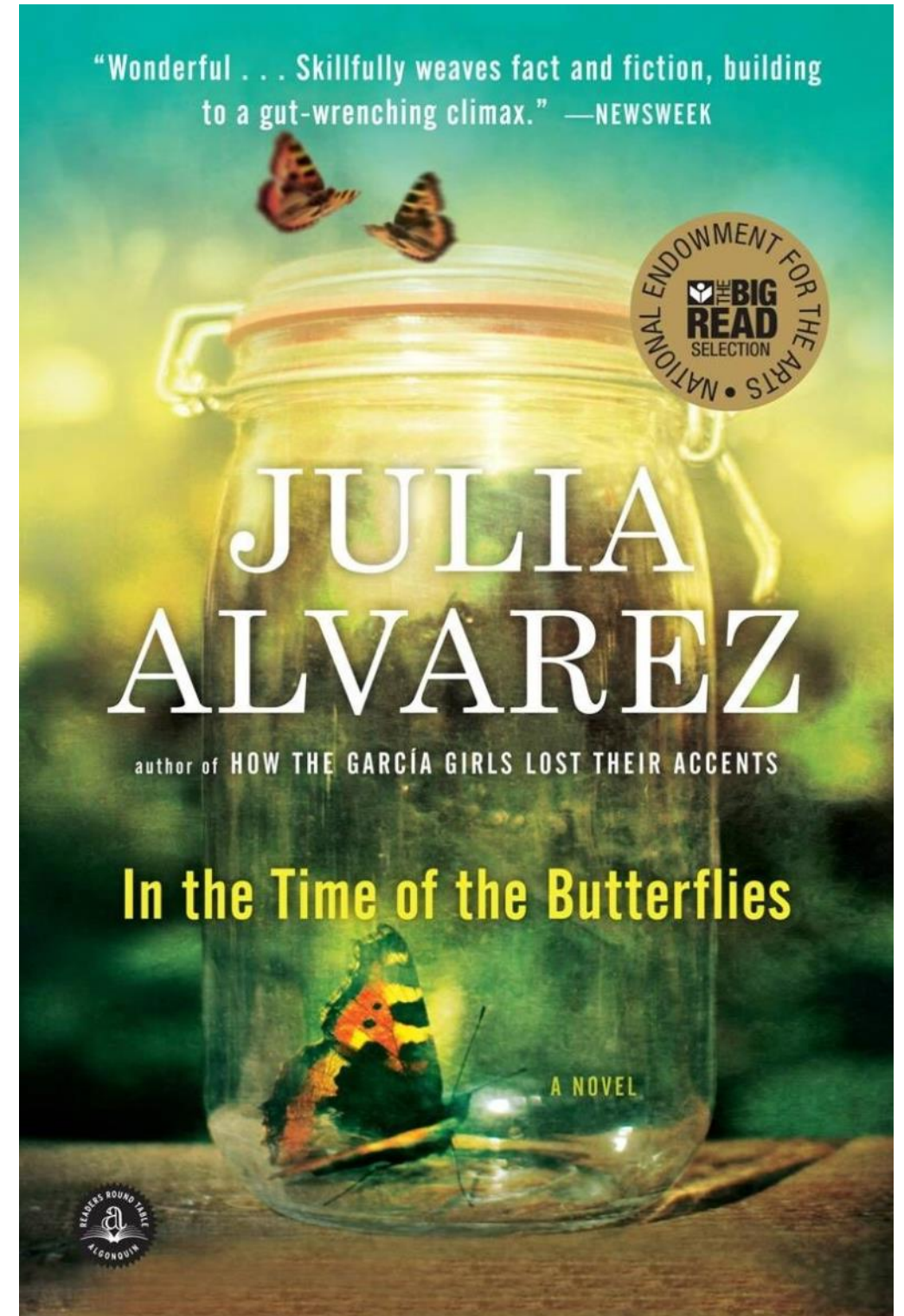
The NEA Big Read is a program of  
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# NEA Big Read

at Galesburg Public Library



May 2021



40 E. Simmons Street, Galesburg, IL 61401  
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All events are subject to change. Masks are required for indoor and outdoor events. In the event of inclement weather, outdoor events may be moved inside. The library will provide a mask to anyone who does not have one. Tables and groups will be socially distanced at all events. Most events are open to all ages, but children under 13 must be accompanied by an adult.

### **Memoir Writing Workshop**

**Monday, May 3, 6:30 PM, upstairs at the Galesburg Public Library**

Trying to write a memoir, but don't know where to start? Join the Writer Support Group, and meet with other writers to hone your skills and to give and receive feedback. Writers of any kind are welcome, but this meeting will primarily focus on memoir writing. Free and open to anyone.

### **The Big Read Begins!**

**Tuesday, May 4, 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM, Galesburg Public Library**

Stop by the library between 9:00 am and 7:00 pm to pick up a copy of this year's NEA Big Read book, *In the Time of the Butterflies* by Julia Alvarez! Bookmarks, Big Read event schedules, and treats will also be available.

### **Craftivism Cross Stitch**

**Tuesday, May 4, 6:30 PM, Galesburg Public Library Storybook Garden**

Combine crafting and activism with a fun and vocal cross stitch! Limited to 25 participants. Call 309-343-6118 or email [reference@galesburglibrary.org](mailto:reference@galesburglibrary.org) to sign up. Event will take place outside. Co-sponsored by the Galesburg Civic Art Center.

### **Free Bird Walk**

**Sunday, May 9, 7:30 AM, Lake Storey Park (Meet in the Joe E. Anderson area)**

Grab your binoculars and join the Galesburg Area Bird Club for a free bird walk. Free and open to all ages. No registration required. Please bring a mask. Anyone is welcome to join the group for birdwatching.

### **Free Children's Book Kits**

**Monday, May 10**

Starting Monday, May 10, call the Children's Room to request a fun kit to keep! Kits will include a copy of the kids' tie-in book to the Big Read, as well as a Dominican Republic-themed craft to do. Kits are limited so registration is required.

### **Book Discussion**

**Tuesday, May 11, 1:00 PM, upstairs at the Galesburg Public Library**

Join us for a discussion of *In the Time of the Butterflies* by Julia Alvarez. Please wear a mask.

### **Keynote Lecture: The Many Voices of the Past: Historical Fiction and its Role in Democratizing the Past**

**Tuesday, May 11, 6:30 PM, Zoom**

Join Professor Amy De Farias and the students of Monmouth College HIST 300 "Women in Latin America" course to learn about how works of historical fiction, like *In the Time of the Butterflies*, can give us important information about the past. Contact the Galesburg Public Library to get the Zoom link.

### **Butterfly Mobile Workshop**

**Wednesday, May 12, 6:30 PM, Galesburg Public Library Storybook Garden**

Create a fun and decorative mobile using paint, yarn, and wooden butterflies! Free and for all ages. Limited to 25 participants. Call 309-343-6118 or email [reference@galesburglibrary.org](mailto:reference@galesburglibrary.org) to sign up. Event will take place outside. Co-sponsored by the Galesburg Civic Art Center.

### **Book Discussion**

**Thursday, May 13, 6:30 PM, Wordsmith Bookshoppe**

Join us for a discussion of *In the Time of the Butterflies* by Julia Alvarez. Please wear a mask.

### **Creating Butterfly Gardens**

**Saturday, May 15, 10:00 AM, Galesburg Public Library Storybook Garden**

Learn how to attract butterflies AND grow your own butterflies. Learn what plants grow well in west central Illinois to attract butterfly species, and which plants have the most nectar to give the adult butterflies energy. Find out which plants are host plants to help you grow butterflies through the entire life cycle, right in your yard. Class led by Rhonda Brady, Master Gardener and butterfly conservation specialist. Registration required. Free and open to all ages.

### **Live Music in the Park: Chicago Latin Groove**

**Saturday, May 15, 2:00 PM, Standish Park Arboretum**

Join us for a musical celebration of our Big Read book! Chicago Latin Groove, the Midwest's premier tropical music band, will perform in Standish Park! Chicago Latin Groove has been delighting crowds since 2012. They play a large variety of Tropical music including Salsa, Merengue, Bachata, Latin Jazz, and Cha-cha-cha. Bring chairs, a blanket, and a picnic, and get ready to dance the afternoon away! Masks required when not at your seat. Free and open to all ages, no registration required.

### **The Monarch Butterfly Migration**

**Tuesday, May 18, 6:30 PM, Galesburg Public Library Storybook Garden**

Learn how our environment and climate have helped to create the unique North American Monarch Migration Phenomena! Rhonda Brady, Master Gardener and butterfly conservation specialist, will lead the class. Free and open to all ages.

### **Virtual Book Discussion**

**Thursday, May 20, 6:00 PM, Facebook**

Join Buzzwords, our Millennial-aimed book discussion group, for a discussion of *In the Time of the Butterflies* by Julia Alvarez. The group will meet in the GPL Online Book Discussion group on Facebook. You will need to join the group to participate: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2599070423642738>.

### **Tome Raiders Book Club**

**Friday, May 21, 6:00 PM, Galesburg Public Library Storybook Garden**

Join our sci-fi/fantasy book club for a discussion of *The Lost Book of Adana Moreau* by Michael Zapata. Copies of the book are available on the Hold Shelf in the library, or can be requested via curbside pickup.

### **Zoom with Julia Alvarez**

**Monday, May 24, 6:30 PM, upstairs at the Galesburg Public Library or Zoom**

The author of *In the Time of the Butterflies* will visit with the Galesburg Public Library via Zoom to discuss her book and answer your questions! Free and all are welcome. Event can be attended in person or virtually via Zoom. Please call or email to register, and let us know if you would like to attend in person or virtually.

### **Book Discussion: *Before We Were Free***

**Tuesday, May 25, 6:00 PM, Galesburg Public Library Storybook Garden**

Join us for a discussion of the teen tie-in book to the Big Read, *Before We Were Free* by Julia Alvarez. Free copies of the book are available while supplies last; call or email to request a copy. All ages welcome.

### **Virtual Food for Thought Book Club**

**Thursday, May 27, 11:30 AM, Zoom**

Join us for a discussion of *We Fed an Island: The True Story of Rebuilding Puerto Rico, One Meal at a Time* by José Andrés. Copies are available on the Hold Shelf in the library, or can be requested via curbside pickup.

### **Butterfly Painting Class**

**Thursday, May 27, 6:30 PM, Galesburg Public Library Storybook Garden**

Julie Davis, an instructor at Blick, will lead attendees in creating beautiful butterfly paintings! Limited to 25 participants. Call 309-343-6118 or email [reference@galesburglibrary.org](mailto:reference@galesburglibrary.org) to sign up. Event will take place outside. Co-sponsored by the Galesburg Civic Art Center.