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**NEA Big Read Nacogdoches: First Week's Schedule**

(Nacogdoches, TX) – The month-long celebration of NEA Big Read Nacogdoches begins October 1st and runs through October 30th. The Nacogdoches Public Library is leading the community-wide reading of the book, *Station Eleven* by Emily St. John Mandel. However, several groups and organizations are also partnering with the public library to bring book discussions and book-themed events throughout the city.

The schedule for week one includes:

October 1st

- Document Preservation with East Texas Research Center's Linda Reynolds, at 5:30 pm, Nacogdoches Public Library
- STEAM 4 Kids: Survival Series at 5:30 pm, Nacogdoches Public Library
- Station Eleven Book Discussion with Crystal Hicks at 6:30 pm, Nacogdoches Public Library

October 2nd

- Museum of Civilization Opening Reception at 5:30 pm,  
Nacogdoches Railroad Depot

October 3rd

- Station Eleven Book Discussion at 6:00 pm, Bosslight Bookstore

October 4th

- Keynote Panel Discussion of Station Eleven with Dr. Mike Martin  
and Dr. Mario Morera at 6:00 pm, Nacogdoches Public Library
- Pandemic Game Night at 7:00 pm, Nacogdoches Public Library

October 5th

- NEA Big Read Nacogdoches Kick-Off & Camp-Out, entertainment  
from 4-8 pm at Festival Park. After the event, registered  
participants may stay and camp overnight.

October 6th

- Tin Can Prep Kits, 2:00 pm at Stone Fort Museum (register by  
calling (936) 468-2408)
- Nerf Battlepocalypse at 4:30, Pecan Acres Park

Free copies of the book were funded through the National Endowment for the Arts Big Read grant in conjunction with Arts Midwest. Customers may still pick-up a free book at the public library. Copies of the book are also available for check-out in digital, print, and audio form.

The purpose of the NEA Big Read Nacogdoches is to bring the community together through the shared experience of reading the same book and then discussing and experiencing the book through art, poetry, learning new skills, and playing together in a variety of locations, including the public library. Books evoke a variety of emotions and opinions that are different for each person. October's events will feature events specifically for families, some for adults, and some for teens.

Those who do not have access to a camping tent may register with the library to be paired with a tent donor. Registration links for the NEA Big Read events and for anyone needing to borrow a tent or willing to loan a tent are available online at [www.ci.nacogdoches.tx.us/library](http://www.ci.nacogdoches.tx.us/library).