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NEA Big Read Nacogdoches: Kick-Off of Events

(Nacogdoches, TX) – The Nacogdoches Public Library is pleased to announce its schedule of events for the NEA Big Read Nacogdoches for October.

The Nacogdoches Library was recently awarded a \$13,000 Big Read Grant from the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with Arts Midwest. The grant was awarded on the library's proposed events and book discussions for the book, *Station Eleven* by Emily St. John Mandel. Free copies of the book have been distributed throughout the summer and a limited number are still available for pick-up. 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.

NEA Big Read Nacogdoches begins with Document Preservation on Monday, October 1st and will conclude with a movie night on October 30th. The Keynote Panel Discussion by Dr. Mario Morera and Dr. Mike Martin will be held on Thursday, October 4th at 6:00 pm at the Nacogdoches Library. The Kick-Off & Camp-Out will be held on Friday, October 5th at Festival Park and will feature entertainment and an opportunity to camp overnight! Stay tuned for more information on events, which will continue throughout the month of October.

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