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NEA Big Read Nacogdoches: Station Eleven Book Discussion with Dr. Judy Abbott

(Nacogdoches, TX) – Dr. Judy Abbott, dean of SFA's James I. Perkins College of Education, will lead a discussion on the NEA Big Read Nacogdoches book selection, *Station Eleven* on Thursday, October 18th at 5:30 pm at the Nacogdoches Public Library.

Station Eleven, by Emily St. John Mandel, was written in 2014 and has received numerous awards. It takes place over a series of years that cover the events during and after a pandemic flu that has decimated the earth's population. Survivors must learn long-forgotten skills to rebuild their communities. Dr. Abbott will present the book from an educator's perspective.

Dr. Abbott has been dean of the College of Education since 2010 and has an extensive teaching career in public schools and universities throughout the country.

The program is free, but registration is required. Registration may be done in person, by calling (936) 559-2970, or online at www.ci.nacogdoches.tx.us/library.

NEA Big Read Nacogdoches is the month-long community reading program funded through the NEA Big Read grant from the National Endowment for the Arts in

conjunction with Arts Midwest and Nacogdoches Friends of the Library. Free copies of the book are still available at the Nacogdoches Public Library.