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**NEA Big Read Nacogdoches: Keynote Panel**

(Nacogdoches, TX) – The Nacogdoches Public Library is pleased to announce the upcoming Keynote Panel Discussion about *Into the Beautiful North* by Luis Alberto Urrea on Thursday, October 17th at 5:30pm. The book is the selection for this year's NEA Big Read, which is made possible by a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with Arts Midwest. 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 Keynote Panel will feature guests Dr. Mario Morera, SFA modern languages professor, Dr. Dana Cooper, SFA history professor, Dr. Kenneth Untiedt, SFA English professor, and Amelia Fischer, local immigration attorney and city council member. The panelists will discuss the book and invite audience participation.

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 in a variety of ways with community partners. October's events will feature events specifically for families, some for adults, and some for teens. The NEA Big Read is a program of the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with Arts Midwest. More information is available online at [www.ci.nacogdoches.tx.us/library](http://www.ci.nacogdoches.tx.us/library), [www.facebook.com/NacogdochesPublicLibrary](https://www.facebook.com/NacogdochesPublicLibrary), or [www.instagram.com/NacPublicLibrary](https://www.instagram.com/NacPublicLibrary).