

# LIBRARY LINE

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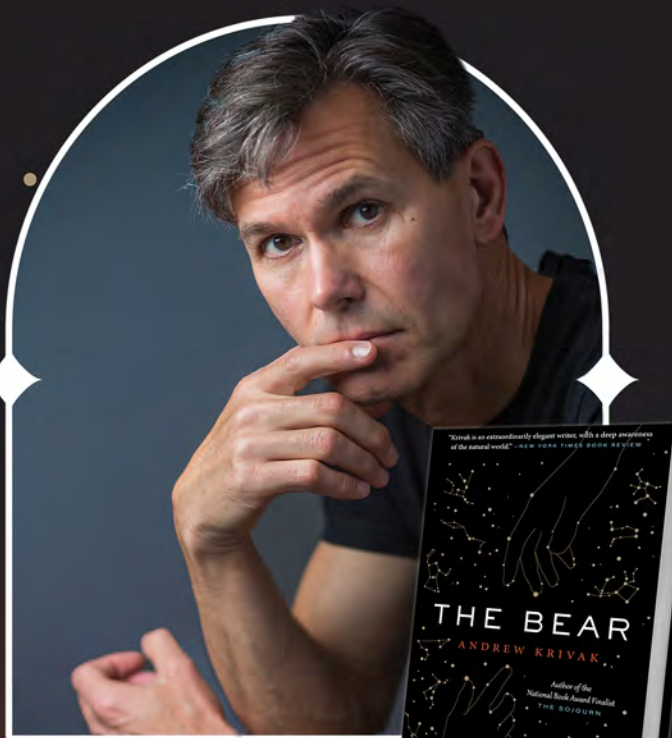


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NEA Big Read author Andrew Krivak,  
photo credit Sharona Jacobs

## IRVING'S COMMUNITY READ CELEBRATES 13 YEARS!

The 2024 NEA Big Read – Irving launches Oct. 17, offering a month of events that inspire creativity, introspection and celebrate thirteen years of community reading. This year's featured work, "The Bear" by Andrew Krivak, invites attendees to explore themes of survival and heritage—offering a reflective journey into humanity's role in the natural world. Free copies of "The Bear" will be available at Irving Public Library and partner locations beginning Oct. 19, while supplies last. The Friends are proud to support the NEA Big Read again in 2024.

Oct. 19 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., the NEA Big Read kicks off at the Jackie Townsell Bear Creek Heritage Center with free books, historical tours, a birds of prey exhibition, puppet shows, crafts and more. Through Nov. 16, Irving Library locations and NEA Big Read partners will host a variety of storytelling and self-sufficiency programs, genealogy workshops, crafting events and book clubs. See the Programs page in Library Line for more information.

From 1 to 3 p.m., Nov. 16 at the Irving Arts Center, author Andrew Krivak will present a keynote address along with a Q&A, and book discussion. While there, visitors can also enjoy an art show with works inspired by the book.

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**BIG READ**  
Managed by Arts Midwest  
arts.gov/neabigread

NEA Big Read is a program of the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with Arts Midwest. This national program encourages people of all ages and backgrounds to explore new ideas through literature. For a complete

schedule of events and more information, visit [CityofIrving.org/3712](http://CityofIrving.org/3712).

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# FRIENDS NEWS

## NORTH TEXAS GIVING DAY RESULTS

### SET A GOAL AND THEY WILL GIVE!

The Friends of the Irving Library exceeded a goal of \$5,000 on North Texas Giving Day. Contributions go to further fund the Library's event that has put a big spot on the map and in the hearts, minds and memories of many young adults, THE NORTH TEXAS TEEN BOOK FESTIVAL! The enthusiasm from young adults has spread way beyond the surrounding states. The Fest is a "must attend" for authors

who are thrilled to be selected.

With over 15,000 young adults crowded into the Irving Convention Center, costs are escalating. We are proud of the dedication of our contributors.

#### ADDITIONAL SUPPORT:

The Disney organization has seen the success with young people through the book fest and have become a major contributor of the event.



## RINGING IN THE HOLIDAY SEASON

Make the Friends of the Irving Library the first and most important stop on any holiday shopping list. There are "Books and More" for every age. Puzzles, music, movies, and more for every age and every interest.

### Holiday Book Sale

**Saturday, Nov. 9**  
**10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

### Members Only Book Sales

**1 to 3 p.m., Nov. 6 and Dec. 4**

**Sales take place at the Friends Warehouse, 3000 Rock Island Rd.**



**7 P.M., FRIDAY, OCT. 25,**  
**SOUTH IRVING LIBRARY**

Wear a costume and bring a goody bag! The Friends make sure that along with the treats are books in every bag. Over 100 books were given away last year and the Friends plan to give more away this year.



Donita Maligi with Friends President  
Kaye Hickox

## Touching Tribute

Donita Maligi, Senior Library Assistant with the Children's Department at South Irving Library, retired this summer, leaving behind a legacy of dedicated service. In a heartfelt gesture, grateful patrons contributed \$1,000 to the Friends—truly a gift that will continue making an impact for years to come!



# NEA BIG READ HIGHLIGHTS

Free copies of "The Bear" will be available to the public starting Oct. 19, while supplies last.

## Oct. 19 | NEA Big Read Kickoff

11 a.m. to 2 p.m. | Jackie Townsell Bear Creek Heritage Center, 3925 Jackson St.

Take a tour of the center, see local birds of prey exhibition, puppet shows, crafts and more! Free copies of "The Bear" available.

## **NEA Big Read Book Discussions:**

### Heritage Book Club

Senior Center Members only

7 p.m., Oct. 17 | Heritage Senior Center

7 p.m., Nov. 6 | Valley Ranch Library

7 p.m., Nov. 7 | South Irving Library

7 p.m., Nov. 12, West Irving Library

## **NEA Big Read Puppet Show for Kids:**

### **Why the Bear Has a Short Tail**

10:30 a.m., Oct. 30 | Valley Ranch Library

10:30 a.m., Nov. 4 | West Irving Library

10:30 a.m., Nov. 5, South Irving Library

## **Author Events:**

### Envisioning Future Worlds workshop with Samantha Mabry

1 p.m., Oct. 26 | Irving Archives and Museum



### Homegrown and Handmade with Deborah Neimann

6:30 p.m., Oct. 28 | South Irving Library

## Nov. 16 | NEA Big Read Keynote 1 to 3 p.m. | Irving Arts Center

Author Andrew Krivak presents a keynote address and book discussion with audience Q&A. View artwork inspired by the book.



# PROGRAM NEWS

Looking for more events or event details?  
Check out the Beyond the Stacks newsletter!

## **Special Interest:**

### Archery Workshop

5 p.m., Oct. 24 | Lively Pointe Recreation Center

### Native American Storytelling with Amy Bluemel and Hithla Dance Troupe

7 p.m., Oct. 30 | Valley Ranch Library

### Upcycled Art Workshop

with Texas Bluebonnet Arts & Crafts

6 p.m., Nov. 1 | Jack D. Huffman Building

### Poetry in Nature Workshop

The Writer's Garret with Lisa Huffaker

10 a.m., Nov. 2 | Northwest Park

### Night Hike & Star Party

with the Fort Worth Astronomical Society

7 p.m., Nov. 8 | Campion Trail

*Registration is required.*

### Park Trash Cleanup

9 to 11 a.m., Nov. 9 | Northwest Park

Guardians required for attendees under age 18.

## **Genealogy Events:**

### Hispanic Genealogy

with Hogar de Dallas

1 p.m., Oct. 26 | South Irving Library

### Personal Storytelling & Archived Recordings

with essay coach Nicole Stewart

1 p.m., Nov. 9, West Irving Library

### African American Genealogy

with Dallas Genealogical Society's African

American Genealogical Interest Group

6 p.m., Nov. 14 | Valley Ranch Library

To see a full list of NEA Big Read events, visit the online calendar!



# SERVICES NEWS

## UPCOMING LIBRARY CLOSURES

Stay tuned for Glow-Up schedule changes this fall!

Nov. 27 - Libraries close at 5 p.m.

Nov. 28-29 - Thanksgiving Holiday

Dec. 23 - Libraries close at 6 p.m.

Dec. 24-25 - Christmas Holiday

Dec. 31 - Libraries close at 6 p.m.

Jan. 1 - New Years Day

Jan. 20 - MLK Day

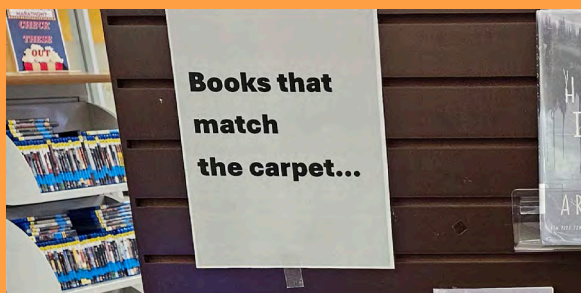
March 1 - North Texas Teen Book Festival



Crews took on the Herculean effort of moving whole shelving units before the carpet install.



West's new carpet really brightens up the space! The difference is like night and day.



Staff at West Library were inspired to put up a new book display in honor of the updates!

## THE “AFTER GLOW” AT IPL

This summer and early fall, Irving Public Library made great strides as part of its Glow-Up! Three major projects were successfully completed, giving the Valley Ranch and West Irving libraries a fresh look. Valley Ranch Library received a new HVAC system, while both Valley Ranch and West Irving got brand-new flooring. Moving crews handled shelving, and a crane was brought in to remove the old HVAC equipment. Now, the libraries are back in action, and patrons have happily returned to their favorite spots.

During the closures, South Irving Library stepped up to the plate, welcoming new visitors. Study rooms and table spaces were in high demand, and many parents shared how much their kids enjoyed the Discovery Zone. Still, as the saying goes, there's no place like home, and everyone was thrilled when their local branches reopened.

With a few more projects still in the works, stay updated by visiting [CityofIrving.org/Library](https://www.cityofirving.org/Library) or following @irvinglibrary on [Instagram](#), [X](#) and [Facebook](#).

## PRINCH IN A PINCH

The new wireless printing service, Princh, is now available at the West Irving and Valley Ranch libraries. As West customers know, this convenient service allows customers to pay for print jobs by credit card directly at the Print Release station. South Irving Library will be joining soon, with credit card readers being installed at South and Valley Ranch in the coming weeks. To learn more, visit [CityofIrving.org/2432](https://www.cityofirving.org/2432).

