



Berkeley Public Library

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More Big Read

Berkeley, California—Berkeley continues **The Big Read** in celebration of Zora Neale Hurston's *Their Eyes Were Watching God* with two more programs. On **Sunday, October 28, Dennis M. Chester of Cal State East Bay will discuss the Harlem Renaissance. This will be followed by a screening of the film *Their Eyes Were Watching God* with Halle Berry.** The event takes place from 1:00pm – 5:00pm at Berkeley Public's Central Library, located at 2090 Kittredge St. in Berkeley. The following **Saturday, November 3rd, the West Berkeley Senior Center hosts Jamie Myrick's portrayal of Zora Neale Hurston. The Hurston program runs from 11:00am – 1:00pm and is appropriate for all ages.**

The Big Read in Berkeley is presented in partnership with the **Mayor's Office, West Berkeley Senior Center, Berkeley High School, Berkeley Reads,** and the **Berkeley Public Library.**

Join others in Berkeley by reading this remarkable novel which chronicles the journey of Janie Mae Crawford from her grandmother's plantation shack to Logan Killick's farm, to all-black Eatonville, to the Everglades, until a tragedy brings her back to Eatonville. From this vantage point Janie narrates her life story to her best friend, satisfying the oldest human longing – self-revelation.

The Big Read is an initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) designed to restore reading to the center of American culture. The NEA presents the Big Read in partnership with the Institute of Museum and Library Services and in cooperation with Arts Midwest. The Big Read brings together partners across the country to encourage reading for pleasure and enlightenment.

Berkeley is one of nearly 200 communities nationwide participating in The Big Read in 2007. From October 13 – November 16, 2007 our community will celebrate *Their Eyes Were Watching God* with a full calendar of events including a film series featuring the Harlem Renaissance, several book discussion groups, and more.

For more information on this event, please contact Linda Sakamoto-Jahnke at 510-981-6275. You also can view a full calendar of events for **The Big Read** in Berkeley at www.berkeleypubliclibrary.org



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