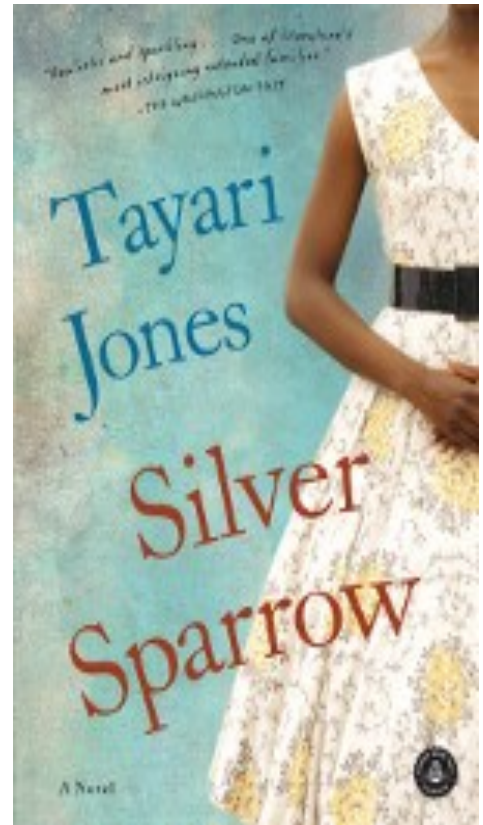


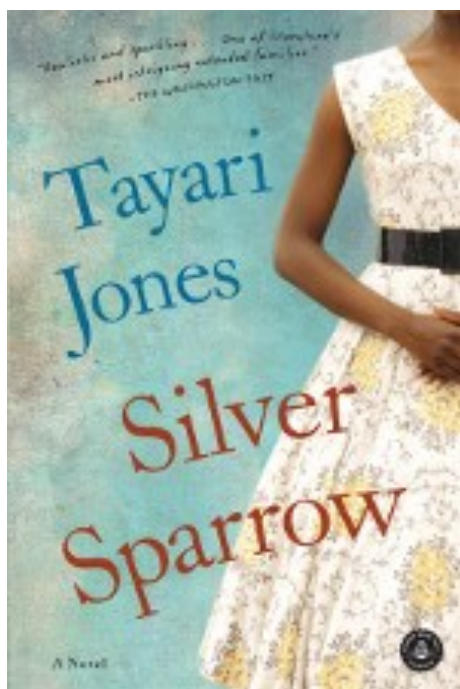
The Big Read 2017



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NEA Big Read is a program of the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) designed to broaden our understanding of the world, our communities, and ourselves through the joy of sharing a good book. Troy University is one of the 77 not-for-profit organizations to host an NEA Big Read project between September 2016 and June 2017. The NEA presents NEA Big Read in partnership with Arts Midwest.

Silver Sparrow by Tayari Jones is the story of two teenage girls living in 1980's Atlanta. They live very different lives, except for one thing: a father. One mother and daughter know of their father's second family. What happens when the other mother and daughter find out? Join us as we read and discuss this thought-provoking novel.



The Big Read Event Schedule

Book Discussion: Extraordinary Lunch Bunch

Monday, February 27, 12:00 p.m.

Juliette Hampton Morgan Memorial Library

245 High Street, Montgomery

Book Discussion: Cover to Cover Book Club

Tuesday, February 28, 6:30 p.m.

Juliette Hampton Morgan Memorial Library

245 High Street, Montgomery

Book Discussion: Ladies of High Tea Book Club

Tuesday, March 7, 3:00 p.m.

EL Lowder Regional Library

2590 Bell Road, Montgomery

Book Discussion: Southern Charms Book Club

Thursday, March 9, 3:00 p.m.

Coliseum Boulevard Branch Library

840 Coliseum Boulevard, Montgomery

All events are free and open to the public.

For more information, contact Alyssa Martin at (334)-241-8601

The Big Read Event Schedule

Book and Bagel Book Club

Monday, March 13, 10 am
Pine Level Methodist Church
593 Pine Level Lane, Ramer 36069

Silver Sparrow Book Giveaway

Troy University will be giving away copies of this year's Big Read book in the lobby of the Morgan Library; get yours while supplies last!

Tuesday, March 14, 11:00 a.m.
Juliette Hampton Morgan Memorial Library
245 High Street, Montgomery

NEA Big Read Kickoff Event: Her World as Witness – Women Writers of the African Diaspora

Internationally-known photographer Laylah Amatullah Barryn will talk about the inspiration for her exhibition.

Thursday, March 16, 6:00 p.m.
Rosa Parks Museum– Exhibit Hall
252 Montgomery Street, Montgomery

The exhibit will be on display at the Rosa Parks Museum through April 22.



The Big Read Event Schedule

Book Discussion: Eastbrook Mystery Club

Thursday, March 23, 3:00 p.m.

Coliseum Boulevard Branch Library

840 Coliseum Boulevard, Montgomery

Book Discussion: After 5 Book Club

Monday, April 3, 6:00 p.m.

Rufus A. Lewis Regional Library

3095 Mobile Highway, Montgomery

Book Discussion: The Influence of History on Our Everyday Lives, with Dr. Felicia Bell, Director of the Troy University Rosa Parks Museum

Tuesday, April 4, 11:30 a.m.

Trenholm State Community College

Student Center

1225 Air Base Boulevard, Montgomery



The Big Read Event Schedule

Book Discussion: The Importance of Hair in *Silver Sparrow*, with Cassie Rockette-Rogers, Troy University Montgomery English Department Faculty

Thursday, April 6, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Rosa Parks Library and Museum–
Auditorium

252 Montgomery Street, Montgomery



Panel Discussion: Family Relationships in *Silver Sparrow*, with Dr. Kanessa Doss, Assistant Professor of Psychology, Troy University and Dr. Sharon Everhardt, Assistant Professor of Sociology, Troy University

Tuesday, April 11, 6:00– 7:30 p.m.

Rosa Parks Library and Museum– Auditorium

252 Montgomery Street, Montgomery

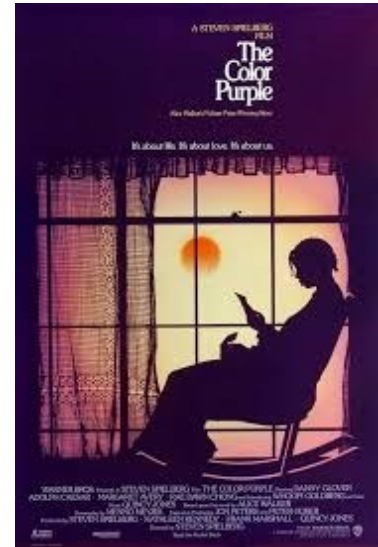


The Big Read Event Schedule

Book Discussion: Rosa Parks Page Turners

Wednesday, April 12, 11:00 a.m.

Bertha Pleasant Williams Branch Library
1276 Rosa L. Parks Avenue, Montgomery



Film Screening: The Color Purple

Monday, April 17, 1:00 p.m.

Trenholm State Community College
Student Center

1225 Air Base Boulevard, Montgomery

Film Screening: The Color Purple, with Dr. Sara Kosiba, Associate Professor of English, Troy University

Monday, April 17, 6:00 p.m.

Rosa Parks Library and Museum – Auditorium
252 Montgomery Street, Montgomery



The Big Read Event Schedule

Book Discussion: Pike Road Bookies

Pike Road Branch Library
Thursday, April 20, 9:15 a.m.
9585 Vaughn Road, Pike Road



Meet the Author: Tayari Jones

Friday, April 21, 9:00 a.m.
Troy University Montgomery– Whitley Hall,
Gold Room
231 Montgomery Street, Montgomery

Alabama Book Festival: Author Tayari Jones

Book signing to follow author talk
Saturday, April 22, 10:00 a.m.
Old Town Alabama
201 Columbus Street, Montgomery

Book Discussion: Ramer Readin' Right Book Club

Wednesday, April 26, 11:00 a.m.
Ramer Branch Library
5444 State Highway 94, Ramer