





## NEA BIG READ ROSWELL

The NEA Big Read-Roswell will be taking place January-March of 2021 where the community of Roswell is encouraged to read *Into the Beautiful North* by Luis Alberto Urrea. The Kick-Off Event is January 23<sup>rd</sup> and will end March 13<sup>th</sup> with the author Luis Alberto Urrea speaking to the Roswell community. Please see the linked information for specific details concerning the writing, poetry, art and Loteria contests as well as the list of scheduled community events. The Big Read committee encourages all of Roswell and RISD to participate in this community event. The purpose of the Big Read is to promote literacy and unity within our community. If you have question or would like to become more involved with the Big Read please contact Jori Flom.









It has been over ten years since Roswell has participated in a Big Read program - one that is funded in part by the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA). The purpose of the Big Read is to promote literacy and unity in a given city or community by having as many people of all ages - from students of middle and high school age through senior citizens - reading the same book and participating in a wide variety of activities that are related to some of the book's main themes.

The novel's themes of friendship, loyalty, perseverance, cross border issues, survival instincts and using one's innate talents to ultimately thrive offer a variety of opportunities for community events. Our community events include numerous book discussions in English and Spanish, writing workshops, writing, art and poetry contests, panel presentations with guest speakers, musical and dance performances, and a personal appearance by the book's author Luis Urrea. Copies of the book will be distributed widely throughout the community to ensure everyone has a chance to read the book and participate in the range of community activities. There will be versions in both English and Spanish available. If you need a book there will be specific pick up locations around the Roswell area. More information will be forthcoming.

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