

EVENTS

***My Ántonia* by Willa Cather**

October 16, 2004 at 2 and 7 pm

Red Cloud

A preview screening of PBS' *American Masters* series biography *Willa Cather: The Road is All* will be held at the Red Cloud Opera House. PBS will broadcast the Cather biography on the *American Masters* series in 2005. Admission is free. Call 402-746-2641 to reserve seats. The biography will also be previewed in Omaha, Lincoln, and Scottsbluff. Look for times and places in the community closest to you.

March-April 2005

All citizens of Nebraska will be invited to read *My Ántonia* and participate in local discussions/activities during March and April of 2005 (ending on April 23).

February 2005

Farmers Co-Op Station, 305 East 4th Ave., Red Cloud

Contact person is Denise Davie at (402) 746-2226

DONATE COPIES OF *MY ÁNTONIA* FOR OUR TROOPS

- In support of One Book One State, Farmers Co-Op of Red Cloud will be accepting donations of new and used copies of *My Ántonia* and free will donations to purchase the book. All of the books will be sent to our Troops through "Operation Paperback" in March.
- Please bring donations to the Farmer's Co-Op Station, Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. or Saturday 8:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. by March 1, 2005.

February-March 2005

Norfolk Public Library, 308 Prospect Ave., Norfolk, NE

Contact persons for Norfolk Public Library events are Ted Smith, Director or Marci Retzlaff at (402) 844-2100.

- **Tuesday, February 15, 2005**
7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. at the Norfolk Public Library
WILLA CATHER SPEAKS
Betty Jean Steinshouer will present this literary Chautauqua. More than 25 years of research will bring the audience as close as they will ever get to meeting and conversing with Willa Cather. Free event.
- **Tuesday, March 15, 2005**
7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. at the Norfolk Public Library
MY BABICKA, Ántonia
Antonette Willa Skupa Turner will describe the friendship between Cather and her grandmother, tell stories, and show artifacts of the time and place of this wonderful story. Free event.
- **Tuesday, March 29, 2005**
7:00 p.m. at the Norfolk Public Library
OPEN BOOK DISCUSSION OF *MY ÁNTONIA*
Norfolk Public Library's book discussion groups will host a community-wide discussion of "*My Ántonia*." Free event.

Saturday, March 12, 2005

9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

The Great Platte River Road Archway Monument, Kearney

WILLA CATHER: WOMEN THROUGH TIME

Nebraska author, Willa Cather, provides women of all ages with lessons in pioneer life and life on the prairie.

- Hear from Antonette Willa Turner and learn of her grandmother, "Ántonia's," life and relationship to Willa Cather.
- Betty Kort, Executive Director of the Willa Cather Pioneer Memorial and Educational Foundation, will speak about Cather and Cather's relationship with quilts.
- University of Nebraska-Kearney English professor, Susanne George Bloomfield, explains how her career connects the past with the future.
- Program includes quilting demonstrations, book signings, question and answer sessions, Cadette and Senior Girl Scout participation.

March 2005

Internet Book Discussion

We have set aside the month of March 2005 as a time to read and discuss *My Ántonia*.

All are welcome to join us. We appreciate any and all input.

Contact person is Mary M. Jones.

March-April 2005

Ogallala

Contact person is Cindy Mielke at (308) 284-4354.

Goodall City Library is located at 203 West A Street, Ogallala, NE.

- **Wednesday, March 9, 2005**
10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. at the Goodall City Library - Upper Level
ONE BOOK ONE STATE READS *MY ÁNTONIA* BOOK TALK
- **Wednesday, March 23, 2005**
6:00 p.m. at the Goodall City Library - Upper Level
ONE BOOK ONE STATE READS *MY ÁNTONIA* BOOK TALK
- **Wednesday, April 13, 2005**
12:00 noon - 1:00 p.m. at the Keith County Senior Center
ONE BOOK ONE STATE READS *MY ÁNTONIA* BOOK TALK
- **Saturday, April 16, 2005**
10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. at the Goodall City Library
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March-April 2005

Omaha

FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS INVITED TO JOIN MY ÁNTONIA DISCUSSION GROUPS

Librarians and staff at Omaha Public Library are inviting readers and wannabe readers of Willa Cather's *My Ántonia* to join one or more Nebraska Reads discussion groups.

Nebraska Reads was initiated by the Cather Foundation as the first statewide reading project to honor the 50th anniversary of the Willa Cather Pioneer Memorial and

Educational Foundation in Red Cloud, NE.

Free discussion guides and refreshments will be provided. Call 444-4844 to register.

- **2:30 p.m., March 19**
Omaha Public Library - A.V. Sorensen Branch, 48th and Cass
Discussion led by April Earl, Library Specialist
- **11 a.m., March 26 (FOR TEENS & ADULTS)**
Omaha Public Library - Millard Branch, 13214 Westwood Lane
Discussion led by Mary Henriksen and Paul Christopherson, Teen Librarians
- **6:30 p.m., April 13**
Omaha Public Library - Willa Cather Branch, 44th and Center Streets
Discussion led by Maggie Tarelli-Falcon, Librarian & Branch Manager
- **4 p.m., April 28 (FOR TEENS & ADULTS)**
Omaha Public Library - Florence Branch, 30th and Bondesson
Discussion led by Mary Henriksen, Teen Librarian
- **7 p.m., April 29**
Barnes and Noble Booksellers, 3333 Oak View Drive
Discussion led by Cynthia Vana, Library Specialist

Betty Jean Steinshouer will present a Chautauqua performance of Willa Cather at 3:30 p.m., April 3, at Omaha Public Library's Milton R. Abrahams Branch, 5111 N. 90th St. Registration preferred, but walk-ins welcome. Call 444-6284 to register.

Omaha Public Library's Nebraska Reads activities are sponsored by Nebraska Center for the Book, Nebraska Humanities Council, Friends of Omaha Public Library, and the Willa Cather Pioneer Memorial and Education Foundation, with support from Omaha area book stores.

Library programs are free and open to everyone. Visit omahapubliclibrary.org or willacather.org for more information.

April 2005

Lincoln

Contact person is Myrna Tewes at (402) 441-8500.

Friday, April 1, 2005

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Join other members of the community discussing *My Ántonia*. Free Admission. Location: Bethany Branch Library, 1810 North Cotner, Lincoln, NE

- **Wednesday, April 6, 2005**
WILLA CATHER SPEAKS: THE MAKING OF *MY ÁNTONIA*
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Betty Jean Steinshouer, an actress and Cather scholar, will present this literary Chautauqua. More than 25 years of research will bring the audience as close as they will ever get to meeting and conversing with Willa Cather.
Free Admission. Location: Eiseley Branch Library, 1530 Superior Street, Lincoln, NE

April 2005

Hastings

Hastings Public Library is located at 517 W. 4th, Hastings, NE.

- **Thursday, April 7, 2005**
HASTINGS PUBLIC LIBRARY CATHER GALA - HASTINGS CITY AUDITORIUM
Dinner: 6:30 p.m. Tickets available at the Hastings Public Library for \$15; registration required for dinner.
Program: 7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. "The Making of *My Ántonia*," written and performed by Betty Jean Steinshouer. Program is free, with no registration necessary.
Contact person is Feliecia Cogley at (402) 461-2346.
- **Thursday, April 14, 2005**
TEA WITH *MY ÁNTONIA* - HASTINGS PUBLIC LIBRARY
3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Enjoy afternoon tea and a lively discussion of *My Ántonia* with Betty Kort.
Registration is required, admission is \$3.
Contact person is Pam Bohmfalk at (402) 461-2346.
- **Thursday, April 21, 2005**
MORNING GLORIES DISCUSS *MY ÁNTONIA* - HASTINGS PUBLIC LIBRARY
10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Join the Hastings Public Library monthly book club for a discussion of *My Ántonia*. New participants are always welcome. Refreshments provided. Free admission.
Contact person is Pam Bohmfalk at (402) 461-2346.

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Grand Island.

Grand Island Public Library, 211 N. Washington, Grand Island, NE 68801

Contact person is Patsy R. Arnold at (308) 385-5333.

- **Sunday, April 10, 2005**
WILLA CATHER SPEAKS: THE MAKING OF *MY ÁNTONIA*
Featuring nationally recognized humanities scholar Betty Jean Steinshouer. A one-woman show based on the life of the legendary author; created and performed by Betty Jean Steinshouer. This program will be free and open to the public.
Contact person is Patsy R. Arnold at (308) 385-5333
- **Tuesday, April 12, 2005**
MY ÁNTONIA BOOK DISCUSSION
Time: 7:30 p.m. Free admission.
- **Thursday, April 14, 2005**
FILM PRESENTATION based on the novel *MY ÁNTONIA*
7:30 p.m. This PG presentation is a touching retelling of Willa Cather's beloved romance set against Nebraska's starkly beautiful prairie in the late 1800s and is a family approved program for the participation of all ages. Prairie snacks will be provided. Free admission.

Monday, April 25, 2005

7:00 p.m.

Sidney Public Library

Sixth Grade students of Mrs. Carla Brauer will be hosting discussion groups. All are welcome, free admission.

Contact person is Carla Brauer, West School, at (308) 254-0959.

Thursday, April 28, 2005

7:30 p.m.

Beatrice Public Library

MY ANTONIA BOOK DISCUSSION WITH DR. STEVE SHIVELY

Friday, April 29 - Saturday, April 30, 2005

Red Cloud

The Cather Foundation will hold its 50th Annual Spring Festival in Red Cloud, Nebraska. Cather scholars from throughout the United States will be available to lead discussions and answer questions about *My Antonia*. The Cather Foundation will take the discussion of *My Antonia* to a new level. People from across Nebraska will be invited to participate.

Friday, April 29, 2005

Red Cloud

Winners of a statewide writing competition will receive prizes and awards at the 2005 Spring Festival in Red Cloud in special ceremonies at the newly restored Red Cloud Opera House. The writing competition will be open to secondary school students across the state.