

NEA BIG READ

featuring

AN AMERICAN SUNRISE BY JOY HARJO

Programs for Adults and Teens

May 5, 6:00 pm, Wednesday

JASILYN CHARGER, WATER PROTECTOR

Join us for a presentation from Jasilyn Charger, a water protector and founding member of the youth group that started the encampment at Standing Rock in prayerful opposition of the Dakota Access Pipeline. Jasilyn will discuss their journey, as well as their current efforts with the nonviolent direct-action protests of Enbridge Line 3 in northern Minnesota.



May 19, 6:00 pm, Wednesday
**INDIGENOUS MUSIC WITH
CLIFF MATIAS**

Learn about the instruments that Indigenous peoples used and still use today for ceremony and celebration.



May 12, 6:00 pm, Wednesday
**NEA BIG READ BOOK
DISCUSSION: AN AMERICAN
SUNRISE BY JOY HARJO**

Join OCL staff and fellow readers for the NEA Big Read book discussion of *An American Sunrise* by Joy Harjo, the current US Poet Laureate and first-ever Native American to hold the position.



May 25, 2:00 pm, Tuesday
**BLACK OUT POETRY
TAKE & MAKE**

Tap into your creativity by creating a poem using book pages. These kits are available for pickup at the Toms River Branch, while supplies last.



May 1-31

2021 NEA BIG READ BEANSTACK CHALLENGE

The Beanstack Challenge will allow the community to connect to Joy Harjo's *An American Sunrise* digitally. The participants will complete activities and attend programs to learn about Native American history and culture and engage with Harjo's stories. Please register through OCL's Beanstack page.



May 1-31

KAHOOT! TRIVIA

Test your knowledge of Native American culture with a Kahoot! Trivia.



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NEA BIG READ: ESCAPE ROOM

Follow prompts, solve puzzles, and find answers to "escape" from this virtual form and learn all about Toms River's 2021 NEA Big Read!



Registration is required for Virtual Programming.
Please call 732-349-6200 or go online to register.



Our series of programs for the public as a partner in the Toms River School System's "NEA Big Read" grant. The Big Read is a program of the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with Arts Midwest. The goal of the grant program is to bring a community together in programming and conversation around a work of literature.

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