



**FEBRUARY 2009**

**ST. CHARLES COUNTY READS**

*The Call of the Wild*

by Jack London

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**FOUNDRY ART CENTRE**



St. Charles City-County  
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*Your Answer Place*

**What is the Big Read?**

The Big Read is an initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts, 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. It provides citizens with the opportunity to read and discuss a single book within their communities. In 2009, approximately 400 communities in the U.S. will be hosting a Big Read program.

**Exciting, Howlin' and Unforgettable Wild Times!**

**Big Read Events & Programs**

Check inside this calendar to find out about Big Read programs throughout St. Charles County. Join book discussion groups, attend family programs, participate in programs related to *Call of the Wild*, hear special speakers, and discover other ways to share your ideas, listen, learn & think about Jack London's classic novel. **Register online for programs at the St. Charles City-County Library District at [www.youranswerplace.org](http://www.youranswerplace.org)**

**THE BIG READ KICKOFF!**  
**Sunday, February 1, 2009**  
**1:00 pm**

**Foundry Art Centre**  
**520 North Main Centre in St. Charles**

It will be a wild time as we kick off the month-long St. Charles County Big Read celebration of *The Call of the Wild*! Free copies of *Call of the Wild* will be distributed at the Big Read Kickoff.

- 1:00 pm Local dignitaries kick off the event with what the Big Read means to St. Charles County.
- 1:30 pm Gateway Sled Dog Club presents living history enactor "Klondike Mike" and a full sled dog team.
- Ongoing demonstrations by the Boy Scouts of survival techniques Yukon Gold Rush participants may have used to survive & reach the gold fields.
- 3:30 pm Symphony Society of St. Charles County will present a free concert featuring two works by Missouri composers: "Wilds Gallop" by Kirt Mosier and "Three Bentons" by John Cheetham.

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**MEET AN IDITAROD DOG MUSHER  
& HER ALASKAN HUSKY**

**Karen Land**, a three-time participant in the 1,150-mile Iditarod Sled Dog Race across Alaska, will discuss how she got involved with sled dog racing and what led her to participate in the sport's most grueling race. Karen will appear with her sled dog, Borage.

Completing the 1,150-mile Iditarod is among one of the most difficult feats in all of sports. More people have reached the summit of Mount Everest than have made it to the Iditarod finish line behind a dog team.

Register online for library programs at [www.youranswerplace.org](http://www.youranswerplace.org).

Free copies of *Call of the Wild* will be distributed.

- **Monday, February 9 from 7:00-9:00 pm**  
Kisker Road Branch Library  
1000 Kisker Road; St. Charles
- **Tuesday, February 10 from 7:00-9:00 pm**  
Middendorf-Kredell Branch Library  
2750 Hwy K; O'Fallon
- **Wednesday, Feb. 11 from 7:00-9:00 pm**  
Foundry Art Centre 636 255-0270

**CALL OF THE WILD AS A SLAVE NARRATIVE  
Saturday, February 21 2:00 pm**

Foundry Art Centre; St. Charles



**Dr. Jeanne Reesman**, Executive Coordinator of the Jack London Society, will discuss how *Call of the Wild* can be read as a slave narrative. Reesman, professor of English at University of Texas at San Antonio, is a leading Jack London scholar who has published seven

books on his life and works.

**MAKE A FLIP-BOOK WORKSHOP**

with **Bill Vann**, Illustrator

Two Day Workshop

**February 9 & 11 from 6:00-9:00 pm**

**February 16 & 18 from 6:00-9:00 pm**

**Middendorf-Kredell Branch Library**

2750 Hwy K; O'Fallon

A flip book is a collection of combined pictures intended to be rapidly flipped to give the illusion of movement and create an animated sequence. Illustrator Bill Vann will instruct students in the process of creating a flip book for *Call of the Wild*. Free copies of *Call of the Wild* will be given to all participants.

Register for library programs online at [www.youranswerplace.org](http://www.youranswerplace.org).

Flip book workshops will also be offered at the Foundry Art Centre. Call 636 255-0270.



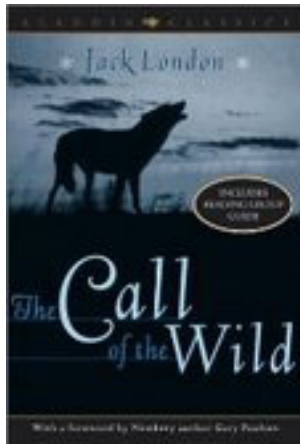
**Sponsored by Friends of the Library**

Sign up for the adult reading program at any branch of the St. Charles City-County Library District. Read or listen to 7 titles and earn a "green" library tote bag. Upgrade your prize to a special Big Read tote bag by reading *The Call of the Wild* OR participating in a designated Big Read event. Complete the program by February 28 and enter the drawing to win an iPod Touch or gift cards to local merchants.

**More Big Read *Call of the Wild* programs  
at Foundry Art Centre**

**520 North Main Centre; St. Charles**  
[www.foundryartcentre.org](http://www.foundryartcentre.org)

- A Nighttime HOWL at the Wild Canid Survival Research Center in Eureka
- "Daughters of the Rich" by Jack London play staged by Community Players
- Journal Making Workshops
- Photo Scavenger Hunt



## JOIN CALL OF THE WILD BOOK BUZZ!

- Participate in a free Book Discussion Group for adults, teens or families
- Get free copies of *Call of the Wild* & Study Guides for your own book discussion group
- Bring the family to special free discussion groups and movie nights

Register online at [www.youranswerplace.org](http://www.youranswerplace.org) for all library programs. Free copies of *Call of the Wild* will be distributed at each discussion group.

- **Monday, February 2 at 7 pm**

Main Street Books 636 949-0105  
307 South Main; St. Charles.

- **Wednesday, February 4 at 7 pm**

Spencer Road Branch Library  
427 Spencer Road; St. Peters.

*A howling good time for adults & teens joint book discussion group with **Call of the Wild** related refreshments!*

- **Wednesday, February 4 at 1:30 pm**

McClay Branch Library  
2760 McClay Road; St. Charles

- **Friday, February 6 at 7 pm**

North County Branch Library  
Commfield Road; Portage des Sioux

- **Saturday, February 7 at 10 am**

Kisker Road Branch Library  
1000 Kisker Road; St. Charles  
*A special family book discussion, craft, Alaskan food tasting and movie showing of **The Call of the Wild** (rated PG). All Ages invited.*

- **Tuesday, February 10 at 7 pm**

Main Street Books 636 949-0105  
307 South Main; St. Charles.

- **Thursday, February 12 at 6:30 pm**

Boone's Trail Branch Library  
10 Fiddlecreek Plaza; New Melle  
*A special family book discussion group.*

- **Tuesday, February 17 at 7 pm**

Kisker Road Branch Library  
1000 Kisker Road; St. Charles  
*A Call of the Wild related discussion group:*  
***My Lead Dog Was a Lesbian: Mushing across Alaska in the Iditarod, the world's most grueling race*** by Brian Patrick O'Donoghue

- **Tuesday, February 17 at 6 pm**

McClay Branch Library  
2750 McClay Road; St. Charles  
*A special teens only book discussion group.*

- **Thursday, February 19 at 2 pm**

Middendorf-Kredell Branch Library  
*A Call of the Wild related book discussion group:*  
***Murder on the Iditarod Trail*** by Sue Henry

- **Monday, February 23 at 4:30 pm**

Corporate Parkway Branch Library  
1200 Corporate Parkway; Wentzville  
*A special teens only book discussion group.*

- **Monday, February 23 at 7 pm**

Kathryn Linnemann Branch Library  
2323 Elm Street; St. Charles

- **Thursday, February 26 at 5:30 pm**

Deer Run Branch Library  
*A special adult & teen joint book discussion group. Followed by the movie **Call of the Wild** at 6:30 pm. Refreshments served.*

- **Thursday, February 26 at 6:30 pm**

Deer Run Branch Library  
*See the movie **Call of the Wild**. (Rated PG)*



DOWNLOADABLE CALL OF THE WILD

[www.youranswerplace.org](http://www.youranswerplace.org)

Listen on your MP3 player

Read the PDF version

All you need is a library card!

# BIG READ PROGRAMS JUST FOR KIDS @ YOUR LIBRARY!

Register online for all library programs at [www.youranswerplace.org](http://www.youranswerplace.org)



The **Wild Canid Survival & Research Center** will discuss the role of the wolf in our environment and bring hands-on wolf pelts & other wolf artifacts that will help children learn more about these amazing animals.

**All Ages Families Welcome**

**Registration begins Monday, February 9**

- **Monday, February 16**  
McClay Branch at 10:30 am  
Spencer Road Branch at 2 pm
- **Tuesday, February 17**  
Kathryn Linnemann Branch at 7 pm
- **Thursday, February 19**  
Kisker Road Branch at 10:30 am
- **Friday, February 20**  
Corporate Parkway Branch at 10:30 am

## CORPORATE PARKWAY BRANCH

1200 Corporate Parkway; Wentzville  
**DOGGIE TAKE HOME CRAFT**-February 2-6  
Drop in & pick up craft to make at home!

## SCHOOL'S OUT ACTIVITY

Iditarod-themed relay races, crafts & snacks

**Monday, February 16 2:00-3:00 pm**

Grades K-5 Limit 25. Registration begins 2/9/09

**TRAIL OF THE WILD SCAVENGER HUNT**-Feb 23-March 1

Kids & Teens, follow a trail of clues to answer questions about Jack London, sled dogs & the Klondike Gold Rush. Enter a drawing to win a prize paperback!

## DEER RUN BRANCH

1300 North Main; O'Fallon

**GOLD RUSH GUESSING CONTEST**-February 1-28

Preschool-Grade 6. There's gold in this here library! Find the gold coins hidden in the library and enter to win a paperback book. Drawing March 1.

**WHO'S AFRAID OF THE BIG BAD WOLF?**

Explore the world of the big, bad & sometimes misunderstood wolves in fairy tales, folklore & funny fiction.

**Thursday, February 5 4:30-5:30 pm**

Grades 1-5 Limit 25. Registration begins 1/29/09.

## KATHRYN LINNEMANN BRANCH

2323 Elm Street; St. Charles

**TRAIL OF THE WILD SCAVENGER HUNT**-Feb. 2-28

Follow a list of clues about Alaska & enter to win a paperback book of your choice.

**WILDERNESS TRIVIA & DISPLAY**-Feb. 2-28

Displays of books and other materials about Alaska, wilderness survival and more.

## KISKER ROAD BRANCH

1000 Kisker Road; St. Charles

**THE BIG READ**-February 1-28

Check out special displays and a new trivia board every week about Alaska!

**FUN WITH BURT DOG STORYTIME**

Stories with Burt, the amazing wonder dog. Bring pet food donation for the Humane Society.

**Monday, February 2 10:00-10:45 am**

## IN THE WILD STORYTIME

**Tuesday, February 10, 17 & 24 10:00-10:45 am**

Ages 3-6 Limit 20. Registration begins 2/3/09

## CALL OF THE WILD DIORAMA

Make a diorama of a dog sled team. Please bring a shoe box!

**Tuesday, February 24 6:30-7:30 pm**

Grades 2-5 Limit 15 Registration begins 2/17/09

## BEAR WITH US MOVIES

**Friday, February 27 10:00-10:45 am**

## McCLAY BRANCH

2760 McClay Road; St. Charles

**WHO LET THESE DOGS "IN"?**-February 1-28

Ages 2-12 match pictures & names of some famous dogs & enter a drawing to win a paperback book.

## DOGS! WOLVES! FAMILY STORYTIME

Stories & Activities for a Howling Good Time!

**Tuesday, February 24 7:00-7:45 pm**

## MIDDENDORF-KREDELL BRANCH

2750 Hwy K; O'Fallon

## DOG SLEDDING STORY/CRAFT

**Monday, February 23 4:30-5:15 pm**

Grades 1-5 Limit 20 Registration begins 2/16/09

## WHO'S AFRAID OF THE BIG, GOOD WOLF? STORY TIME

Ages 3-6 Limit 25 per session. Registration begins 2/17/09

1. Tuesday, February 24 10:00-10:45 am

2. Tuesday, February 24 1:30-2:15 pm

3. Wednesday, February 25 10:00-10:45 am

4. Wednesday, February 25 7:00-7:45 pm

## SPENCER ROAD BRANCH

427 Spencer Road; St. Peters

## KLONDIKE GOLD!

What did it take to prospect for gold? What are the gold fields like today? Find out in this special program.

**Tuesday, February 17 4:15-5:15 pm**

Grades 1-5 Limit 20 Registration begins 2/10/09

## WOOF! WOOF! DOGGY STORY TIME

**Wednesday, February 25 10:00-10:45 am**

Ages 3-6 Limit 25 Registration begins 2/18/09

## LIBRARY EXPRESS AT DISCOVERY VILLAGE

378 Shadow Pines Dr; Wentzville

## CALL OF THE WILD MAKE IT-TAKE IT

Make fun wild animal projects to take home

**Tuesday, February 10 Drop in 3:00-5:00 pm**

## LIBRARY EXPRESS AT WINGHAVEN

7435 Village Center Dr; O'Fallon

## CALL OF THE WILD MAKE IT-TAKE IT

Make fun wild animal projects to take home

**Friday, February 13 Drop in 3:00-5:00 pm**

## BOONE'S TRAIL BRANCH

10 Fiddlecreek Plaza; New Melle

**TUESDAY/THURSDAY STORY CRAFTS**--Ages 3-7

Wolves-February 5 at 6:30 pm or February 10 at 11 am

Alaska Adventure-Feb. 19 at 6:30 pm or Feb. 24 at 11 am

## SOUTH COUNTY BRANCH

5577 Walnut Street; Augusta

## DOGGONE FUN STORYTIME

**Thursday, February 12 11:00-11:45 am**