

Big Read Kick-Off, Indigenous Community Day Celebration at Ragle Park on Sept. 17

Santa Fe Public Library and Santa Fe Indigenous Center Partnering for Community Event from 12 to 4 p.m.

The Santa Fe Public Library (SFPL), in partnership with [Globalquerque!](#) and the [Santa Fe Indigenous Center \(SFIC\)](#), will launch their 2022 [National Endowment for the Arts Big Read](#) program at the SFIC Indigenous Community Day at Ragle Park on Saturday, September 17. The Big Read in Santa Fe is presented in partnership with local sponsors and with support from the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA). This year's Big Read focuses on the novel *There There*, by Tommy Orange.

Community members are invited to learn about the Big Read activities, enjoy music from Jir Anderson, founder of Native Guitars Tour, and G. Precious, rap artist, watch traditional dance performances, enjoy youth activities hosted by the Georgia O'Keeffe Museum and Santa Fe Children's Museum, and visit a variety of non-profit booths at the event from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.

"The Santa Fe Public Library is honored to be selected to host an NEA Big Read program in 2022. We are looking forward to once again coming together as a community to share a good book, conversation and connect through the power of reading," said Maria Sanchez-Tucker, City of Santa Fe Community Services Director.

Santa Fe is one of 62 communities nationwide participating in the 2022-2023 NEA Big Read, and is the only community to receive the grant in the state of New Mexico. From September 17 through November 5, *There There* by Tommy Orange will be the focus of a full calendar of events including an in-person conversation with the author, essay, poetry and art contests, Story Slam with the Santa Fe Botanical Garden, and a Trivia Bowl at Santa Fe Brewing Co.

For more information on this event and the NEA Big Read, contact Jessica Gulliford: jmgulliford@santafenm.gov

You also can view a full list of events for the NEA Big Read in Santa Fe on the [Library's online calendar](#).

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