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**WSRE AND WEST FLORIDA PUBLIC LIBRARIES TO HOST PREVIEW SCREENING  
OF “THE GREAT AMERICAN READ” ON TUESDAY, SEPT. 4**

*“The Great American Read” PBS series is part of a national campaign  
to inspire conversations about reading and votes for America’s best-loved novel*



PENSACOLA, Fla., August 22, 2018 — WSRE and West Florida Public Libraries invite book lovers to gather for an advance screening of PBS’ fall television series, “The Great American Read,” at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 4 at the Pensacola Library located at 239 N. Spring St.

The screening is a free event and offers library patrons the opportunity to be interviewed on camera for an upcoming WSRE program, “What Makes a Great Book.” There will be door prizes and conversation about the books featured on the film, all of which are in the running to be voted “America’s Best-Loved Novel.”

“The Great American Read” is an eight-part television and online series designed to spark a national conversation about reading and the books that have inspired and shaped us. Hosted by Meredith Vieira, the series will air Tuesdays at 7 p.m. from Sept. 11 to Oct. 23 on WSRE.

In the TV series, Vieira will take viewers on a journey across the country to uncover the nation’s 100 most-loved novels, the people who love them and their authors. Throughout the summer, Americans have been reading the books and engaging in the national conversation by participating in local events, visiting an interactive website ([pbs.org/greatamericanread](http://pbs.org/greatamericanread)) and voting for their favorite books from the list of 100.

The list comes from a national survey of ordinary Americans. Voting began with the campaign launch on May 22, and will conclude with the series finale on Oct. 23 when “America’s Best-Loved Novel” is revealed.

Below is the full list of America's 100 favorite novels, in alphabetical order by title:

1984	Hatchet
A Confederacy of Dunces	Heart of Darkness
A Game of Thrones	The Help
A Prayer for Owen Meany	The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy
A Separate Peace	The Hunger Games
A Tree Grows in Brooklyn	The Hunt for Red October
The Adventures of Tom Sawyer	The Intuitionist
The Alchemist	Invisible Man
Alex Cross Mysteries**	Jane Eyre
Alice's Adventures in Wonderland	The Joy Luck Club
Americanah	Jurassic Park
And Then There Were None	Left Behind
Anne of Green Gables	The Little Prince
Another Country	Little Women
Atlas Shrugged	Lonesome Dove
Beloved	Looking for Alaska
Bless Me, Ultima	The Lord of the Rings**
The Book Thief	The Lovely Bones
The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao	The Martian
The Call of the Wild	Memoirs of a Geisha
Catch-22	Mind Invaders
The Catcher in the Rye	Moby Dick
Charlotte's Web	The Notebook
The Chronicles of Narnia**	One Hundred Years of Solitude
The Clan of the Cave Bear	Outlander
The Coldest Winter Ever	The Outsiders
The Color Purple	The Picture of Dorian Gray
The Count of Monte Cristo	The Pilgrim's Progress
Crime and Punishment	The Pillars of the Earth
The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time	Pride and Prejudice
The Da Vinci Code	Ready Player One
Don Quixote	Rebecca
Doña Barbara	The Shack
Dune	Siddhartha
Fifty Shades of Grey	The Sirens of Titan
Flowers in the Attic	The Stand
Foundation	The Sun Also Rises
Frankenstein	Swan Song
Ghost	Tales of the City
Gilead	Their Eyes Were Watching God
The Giver	Things Fall Apart
The Godfather	This Present Darkness
Gone Girl	To Kill a Mockingbird
Gone with the Wind	Twilight
The Grapes of Wrath	War and Peace
Great Expectations	Watchers
The Great Gatsby	The Wheel of Time**
Gulliver's Travels	Where the Red Fern Grows
The Handmaid's Tale	White Teeth
Harry Potter **	Wuthering Heights

\*\*Denotes a series title

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To learn more, visit [wsre.org](http://wsre.org) or call 850-484-1200.

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### Photo Note

Host Meredith Vieira will take viewers on a journey across the country to uncover the nation’s 100 most-loved novels, the people who love them and their authors in “The Great American Read” PBS series airing Tuesdays this fall on WSRE. Book lovers are invited to a free preview screening at the West Florida Public Library in downtown Pensacola on Tuesday, Sept. 4 at 6 p.m.

### About WSRE

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