

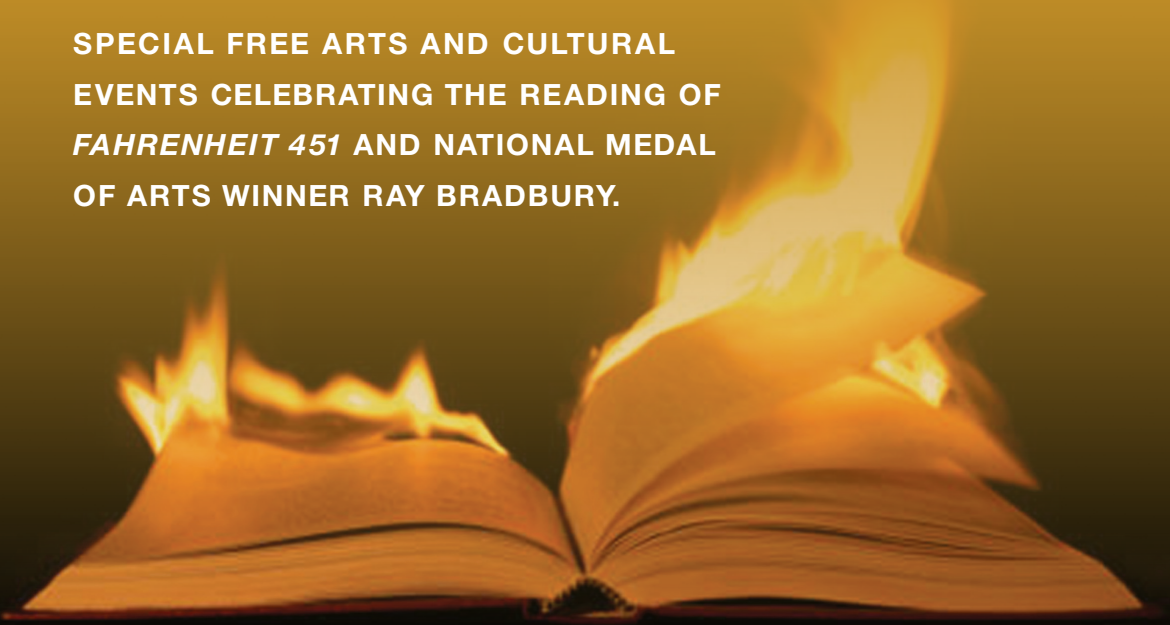
# The **BIG** **READ**

## WEST HOLLYWOOD READS *FAHRENHEIT 451*

The West Hollywood Library and the City of West Hollywood through its Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission present The Big Read, an initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts.


## APRIL 2012

SPECIAL FREE ARTS AND CULTURAL  
EVENTS CELEBRATING THE READING OF  
*FAHRENHEIT 451* AND NATIONAL MEDAL  
OF ARTS WINNER RAY BRADBURY.



The Big Read is a program of the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with Arts Midwest. [www.neabigread.org](http://www.neabigread.org)

# West Hollywood Reads *Fahrenheit 451*

All special events and book discussions are free and open to the public. Events noted with a  can be viewed on West Hollywood City Channel 10 or live streamed at [weho.org](http://weho.org) (click on "Weho TV" and "Watch Live").

## SPECIAL EVENTS

### Kickoff Event

**Sat. March 31**

10 am to 2 pm, *Library Auto Court*  
The community will be introduced to The Big Read 2012 programming as part of the opening of the Friends of the West Hollywood Library Book Store. Book give-aways and surprises.

### City Council Meeting

**Mon. April 2**

6:30 pm, *Council Chambers*  
A screening of the short film "A Conversation with Ray Bradbury" will be followed by City Council proclaiming April as Ray Bradbury Month in the City of West Hollywood.

### "You Don't Stay For Nothing":

A Poetry Writing Workshop Utilizing Ray Bradbury Writings

**Thurs. April 5**

7-9 pm, *Library - Community Mtg Rm*  
Poetry workshop led by poet Steven Reigns focusing on the power in the written words of emotions found in Bradbury's dystopian novel *Fahrenheit 451*.

### "The Man Behind the Masterpiece"

**Wed. April 11**

7-8:30 pm, *Council Chambers*  
Ray Bradbury's biographer, Sam Weller, will present a special lecture on Bradbury's life and works.

### "Dissent 451: Art and Activism Now"

**Sat. April 21**

3-5 pm, *Council Chambers*  
Panel discussion on art and activism presented by the Center for the Study of Political Graphics.

### "Taking it to the Streets"

World Book Night: Book Give Away on the Streets of West Hollywood

**Mon. April 23**

4-9 pm, *Locations throughout the City*  
West Hollywood celebrates World Book Night, a night of giving away a million free paperbacks to new readers!

### "Doing is Being: A Reading of Ray Bradbury's Poetry"

**Wed. April 25**

7 pm, *Library - Community Mtg Rm*  
Steven Reigns and other poets will read and discuss their favorite poetry works by Ray Bradbury.

### "Science Fiction and the Enduring Influence of Ray Bradbury"

**Sat. April 28**

4 pm, *Council Chambers*  
Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society presents a panel discussion on Ray Bradbury and his influence on science fiction and fantasy.

### "Censorship Today and the Enduring Legacy of Fahrenheit 451"

**Mon. April 30**

7 pm, *Council Chambers*  
This closing event features LA Times Book Critic David Ulin and others discussing the current state of censorship in our society.

## BOOK DISCUSSIONS

*Fahrenheit 451*

### Women's Advisory Board Book Club

**Tue. April 3**

7 - 8:30 pm, *Library - Community Mtg Rm*  
The Women's Advisory Board Book Club will hold a special book discussion led by a PEN Center Emerging Voices fellow.

### Family Story Time

**Wed. April 4**

3:30 pm, *Library - Children's Theatre*  
Family story time in the West Hollywood Library's children's story-telling theatre.

### Jones Coffee House

**Sat. April 7**

10 am - 12 pm  
*Jones Coffee House, Library*  
A PEN Center Emerging Voices fellow leads a book discussion at Jones Coffee House in the West Hollywood Library.

### Library

**Tue. April 10**

7 pm, *Library - Community Mtg Rm*  
A PEN Center Emerging Voices fellow leads a book discussion at the West Hollywood Library.

### Conversation Café Russian and English Speakers Discussion in English

**Mon. April 16**

3 pm, *Plummer Park*  
A PEN Center Emerging Voices fellow leads a Russian/English book discussion group. The group will include both native Russian and native English speakers with the discussion in English.

### Library

**Tue. April 17**

7 pm, *Library - Community Mtg Rm*  
A PEN Center Emerging Voices fellow leads a book discussion at the West Hollywood Library.

### Family Story Time

**Wed. April 18**

3:30 pm, *Library - Children's Theatre*  
Family story time in the West Hollywood Library's children's story-telling theatre.

### Russian Literature Club

**Thurs. April 19**

3 pm, *Plummer Park*  
Russian Literature Club will discuss the book (in Russian).

### Library

**Thurs. April 26**

7 pm, *Library - Community Mtg Rm*  
A PEN Center Emerging Voices fellow leads a book discussion at the West Hollywood Library.

Events, dates, and times subject to change, please check the website for the most up-to-date information. [www.weho.org/arts](http://www.weho.org/arts)

West Hollywood Library 625 N. San Vicente Blvd. (at Melrose)

