



These events are part of our NEA Big Read program celebrating *Interior Chinatown* and exploring the theme “Where We Live.” For more information about the Public Library of Mount Vernon and Knox County’s NEA Big Read programs, visit [www.knox.net](http://www.knox.net), email [knoxwrites1@gmail.com](mailto:knoxwrites1@gmail.com) or call (740) 392-BOOK extension 8259.

## FEBRUARY 2025

<b>NEA Big Read Kickoff Celebration</b>	Saturday, February 15	12:00 noon-1:00pm	Mount Vernon Library, Solarium	201 North Mulberry Street, Mount Vernon, OH 43050
<b>NEA Big Read Book Giveaway and Write In with Sunset Press</b>	Saturday, February 15	2:00 pm-3:00 pm	Kenyon College Bookstore	106 Gaskin Avenue, Gambier OH 43022
<b>Interior Chinatown Adult Book Discussion w/Librarian Christie</b>	Wednesday, February 19	12:00 noon-1:00 p.m.	Mount Vernon Library, Solarium	201 North Mulberry Street, Mount Vernon OH 43050
<b>Poetry Workshop and Reading from Andy Grace</b>	Thursday February 20	6:00 pm-7:30 pm	Mount Vernon Library, Multipurpose Room	201 North Mulberry Street, Mount Vernon OH 43050
<b><i>Always Anjali</i> Children's Storytime at The Annex (ages 3-7)</b>	Saturday, February 22	10:00 am-11:00 am	The Annex	12 East Gambier Street, Mount Vernon, OH 43050

<b>Teen MakerSpace “Chinese Opera Mask” Workshop”</b>	Monday, February 24th	3:00 pm- 7:00 pm	Mount Vernon Library, Multipurpose Room	201 North Mulberry Street, Mount Vernon, Mount Vernon OH 43050
<b>NEA Big Read: Interior Chinatown Book Discussion on “What Are You Reading?” Podcast</b>	Monday, February, 24th	4:00pm- 5:00pm	Virtual	Listen or watch the podcast via Library YouTube, Spotify or website
<b>Ekphrastic Writing workshop</b>	Thursday, February 27th	6:00 pm- 7:00 pm	The Gund	101½ College Drive, Gambier, OH 43022
<b>“Where We Live” Appalachian Square Dance Workshop</b>	Friday, February 28th	4:00 pm- 6:00 pm	TheBrown Family Environmental Center	9781 Laymon Road, Gambier, OH 43022

## MARCH 2025

<b><i>Interior Chinatown Adult Book Discussion w/Librarian Mike</i></b>	Monday, March 3rd	6:30 pm- 7:30 pm	The Mount Vernon Library, Solarium	201 North Mulberry Street, Mount Vernon OH 43050
<b>NEA Big Read: Teen MakerSpace “Yin Yang Beadwork”</b>	Monday, March 3rd	3:00 pm- 7:00pm	Mount Vernon Library, Multipurpose Room	201 North Mulberry Street, Mount Vernon OH 43050
<b>Chinese Foodways Demo with Chef Nav (Space limited! Advance Registration Required)</b>	Monday, March 3rd	4:30 pm - 6:30 pm	Knox Memorial, Commercial Kitchen- Ground Floor	112 East High Street, Mount Vernon, OH 43050

<b>NEA Big Read: <i>Flower Drum Song</i> (Movie)</b>	Tuesday, March 4th	7:00pm- 9:00pm	Mount Vernon Library, Multipurpose Room	201 North Mulberry Street, Mount Vernon OH 43050
<b>Teen MakerSpace “Watercolor Scroll Calligraphy”</b>	Monday, March 10th	3:00pm- 7:00pm	Mount Vernon Library, Multipurpose Room	201 North Mulberry Street, Mount Vernon OH 43050
<b><i>Big Trouble in Little China</i> (Movie)</b>	Tuesday, March 11	7:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Mount Vernon Library, Multipurpose Room	201 North Mulberry Street, Mount Vernon OH 43050
<b>Teen MakerSpace “Porcelain Plate Painting / Takeout Boxes and Fortune Cookies”</b>	Monday, March 17th	3:00 pm- 7:00 pm	Mount Vernon Library, Multipurpose Room	201 North Mulberry Street, Mount Vernon OH 43050
<b>NEA Big Read Book Tasting and Mocktails!</b>	Monday, March 17th	5:00 pm- 6:30 pm	Mount Vernon Library, Solarium	201 North Mulberry Street, Mount Vernon OH 43050
<b><i>Interior Chinatown</i> Student Book Discussion with Professor Travis Lau</b>	Tuesday, March 18	4:30 pm - 5:30 pm	<i>The Kenyon Review</i> Finn House, Cheever Room	102 W. Wiggin Street, Gambier OH 43022
<b>Armchair Traveler Series: Exploring Chinatown in San Francisco and Vancouver</b>	Tuesday, March 18th	7:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Mount Vernon Library, Multipurpose Room	201 North Mulberry Street, Mount Vernon OH 43050
<b>Prose Workshop: “Writing About Place” with Ira Sukrungruang</b>	Thursday March 20	6:00 pm - 7:30 pm	Mount Vernon Library, Multipurpose Room	201 North Mulberry Street, Mount Vernon OH 43050
<b><i>Interior Chinatown</i> YA Book Discussion</b>	Thursday, March 20th	5:00 pm- 6:00 pm	Mount Vernon Library, Teen MakerSpace	201 North Mulberry Street, Mount Vernon OH 43050



<b><i>The Name Jar</i></b> <b>Children's Storytime at The Annex</b>	Saturday, March 22nd	10:00 am - 11:00 am	The Annex	12 East Gambier Street, Mount Vernon, OH 43050
<b>Charles Yu Reading and Author Talk w/Ira Sukrungruang</b> (Advance Registration required)	Sunday, March 23	1:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Knox Memorial Theater	112 East High Street, Mount Vernon, OH 43050
<b><i>Ride On</i></b> <b>(Main Movie Night)</b>	Tuesday, March 25th	7:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Mount Vernon Library, Multipurpose Room	201 North Mulberry Street, Mount Vernon OH 43050
<b>"Where We Live" Water Dance Movement Workshop</b>	Saturday, March 29	1:30 pm - 2:30 pm	The Brown Family Environmental Center	9781 Laymon Road, Gambier OH 43022
<b><i>The Spice Box</i></b> <b>Children's Storytime at The Annex</b>	Saturday, March 29	10:00 am - 11:00 am	The Annex	12 East Gambier Street, Mount Vernon, OH 43050
<b>Ekphrastic Writing workshop</b>	Monday, March 31	4:00 pm - 5:00 pm	The Gund	101½ College Drive, Gambier OH 43022
<b><i>What Are You Reading?</i></b> <b>Podcast Book Tasting of companion texts to <i>Interior Chinatown</i></b>	Monday, March 31st	4:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Virtual	Listen or watch via the Library's YouTube channel, Spotify, Facebook, or <a href="http://www.knox.net">www.knox.net</a>
<b>NEA Big Read: Teen MakerSpace "Panda Terrariums"</b>	Monday, March 31st	3:00pm - 7:00pm	Mount Vernon Library, Multipurpose Room	201 North Mulberry Street, Mount Vernon OH 43050



## APRIL 2025

<b>Screenwriting Workshop “Interior Mount Vernon: Writing About Where We Live” with Jonathan Tazewell and Hao Zhou</b>	Thursday, April 3	6:00 pm- 7:30 pm	Mount Vernon Library, Multipurpose Room	201 North Mulberry Street, Mount Vernon OH 43050
<i>I Lived Inside A Whale</i> <b>Children's Storytime at The Annex</b>	Saturday, April 5th	10:00 am- 11:00 am	The Annex	12 East Gambier Street, Mount Vernon, OH 43050
<b>Tiny Rug NEA Big Read “Where We Live” Reading with Sunset Press</b>	Sunday, April 6	6:00 pm- 7:30 pm	Kenyon College Bookstore	106 Gaskin Avenue, Gambier OH 43022
<b>Teen MakerSpace “Dragon Puppets”</b>	Monday, April 7th	3:00 pm- 7:00 pm	Mount Vernon Library, Multipurpose Room	201 North Mulberry Street, Mount Vernon OH 43050
<b>Teen Maker Space Builder’s Workshop: Creating Ceremonial Dragon Heads</b> <i>(Space is limited. Advance Registration Required)</i>	Friday, April 11	2:30 pm- 5:00 pm	Mount Vernon Library, Multipurpose Room	201 North Mulberry Street, Mount Vernon, OH 43050
<b>Builders Workshop: Creating Ceremonial Dragon Heads</b> <i>(Space is limited. Advance Registration Required)</i>	Saturday, April 12	10:00 am - 12:00 noon	The Annex	12 East Gambier Street, Mount Vernon, OH 43050
<b>NEA Big Read Closing Celebration: Book Browse and Noodle Bar</b>	Saturday, April 12	12:00 pm- 1:30pm	The Brown Family Environmental Center	9781 Laymon Road, Gambier, OH 43022
<b>NEA Big Read Closing Celebration: Poetry Reading and Workshop with Cindy Juyoung Ok</b>	Saturday April 12	2:00 pm- 4:00pm	The Brown Family Environmental Center	9781 Laymon Road, Gambier, OH 43022

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