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### ***Rancho Cucamonga Library Services Announces The Big Read Kickoff Event and Mark Twain Month!***

#### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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**Rancho Cucamonga, California** – Rancho Cucamonga Library Services encourages the community to read Mark Twain's *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* during the month of April in celebration of The Big Read. Rancho Cucamonga Library Services will host The Big Read Kickoff Event on Saturday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. at the Paul A. Biane Library, Victoria Gardens, 12505 Cultural Center Drive, Rancho Cucamonga.

The Big Read Kickoff Event will include entertainment, music, activities, crafts, and games for the whole family. The event will feature storyteller Kurt Sutton as Mark Twain, Craig Newton's *Historical Journey through America's Music*, the Guinness Book of World Records, world's tallest cat, the Super Reader bookmobile, and more. This event is free to the public and there are no tickets required. Library Services will also be featuring The Little Read for our younger audiences to enjoy.

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Rancho Cucamonga is one of over 200 communities nationwide participating in The Big Read, an initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) designed to restore reading to the center of American culture by providing citizens with the opportunity to read and discuss a single book within their communities. 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.

Rancho Cucamonga has been the recipient of four consecutive Big Read grants. Other activities throughout the month of April include book discussions, movie showings, author visits, and the following special events. Please visit the Library's website at [www.rcpl.lib.ca.us](http://www.rcpl.lib.ca.us) for a complete calendar listing.

- **Keynote Event and National Library Week Program**, featuring Ray Bradbury Friday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m., Victoria Gardens Cultural Center, Celebration Hall.
- **Little Read presents Will & Company's theatrical production *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*** Wednesday, April 21<sup>st</sup> at 4:00 p.m., Paul A. Biane Library.

**For More Information** – For additional information about Rancho Cucamonga Library Services and The Big Read, please call (909) 477-2720 or visit [www.rcpl.lib.ca.us](http://www.rcpl.lib.ca.us).

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