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Call for entries in The Big Read Dearborn open photo competition focusing on environment, nature and wildlife

Entries due on April 28; professionals and amateurs welcome

DEARBORN, Mich. – The Big Read Dearborn, a community-wide reading celebration, is calling for entries in an open photo competition to recognize outstanding photographic images featuring themes of nature, wildlife and the environment.

The photo competition is one of a variety of activities the Dearborn Public Library is hosting this spring during The Big Read Dearborn to encourage people across the city to read "The Call of the Wild" by Jack London.

Amateur and professional photographers 14 years of age or older are welcome to submit up to two works in the juried photo competition. Dearborn residency is not required to enter this competition. **Entries are due on April 28**. Entry fees are \$15 for one entry or \$25 for two entries per artist.

The juror is award-winning Michigan photographer Monte Nagler. He studied with renowned photographer Ansel Adams. Nagler's work can be found in many public and private collections including the Detroit Institute of Arts and the University of Michigan Museum of Art, Ford Motor Company, Chrysler, General Motors and others.

A non-juried Junior Photo Competition is open to children through age 18. There is no fee for this competition.

For entry forms and specific details about preparing and delivering entries for submission in the competition(s), download the entry form from TheBigReadDearborn.org website, pick up an entry form at any Dearborn Public Library location or the Ford Community & Performing Arts Center, or call 313-943-5478.

The photo competition is coordinated by the Dearborn Community Fund, one of many local organizations partnering with the Dearborn Public Library to present The Big Read Dearborn.

Many additional activities will take place March 8 through May 17 as part of The Big Read Dearborn beginning with a free kickoff event 11 a.m.-2 p.m. on March 8 at The Henry Ford.

More information, including a complete list of activities, events, partners and sponsors of The Big Read Dearborn, is online at BigReadDearborn.org.

The Big Read is a program of the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with Arts Midwest.