

*Your library invites you to play  
and learn with us this winter!*



## *The Big Read is back!*

*This year's book is 'To Kill A Mockingbird'*



Explore issues of justice, integrity and compassion as APL examines "To Kill A Mockingbird," a story of the South and prejudice in the 1930s by Harper Lee. Community groups and businesses are invited to join in this campaign to promote reading by staging events or tying their programs to this year's themes and book. The Big Read kicks off in February and continues through April.

Events scheduled so far include: book clubs, theatrical productions, readings and a creative competition for teens. Free books and Reader's Guides will be available. For more information about The Big Read in Anchorage and the rest of the state, go to [www.anchoragelibrary.org](http://www.anchoragelibrary.org). To join in and/or include an event on the community calendar, contact Toni McPherson, 343-2981 or [mcpersontm@muni.org](mailto:mcpersontm@muni.org). The Big Read is an initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with the Institute of Museum and Library Services and Arts Midwest.



## *Book Lovers Gone Wild!*

*Weekly hour of book fun for adults*

**Tuesdays, Noon-1pm, Wilda Marston Theatre, Loussac**

- **Feb. 5** **Live on stage** — Featuring the courtroom scene from The Big Read's "To Kill A Mockingbird." Free copies of the books and reader's guides available.
- **Feb. 12** **Speed-dating with Books** — Bring your favorite book. You'll have three minutes to convince someone they'll love it too! Then it's their turn!
- **Feb. 19** **Booklovers Quiz Show** — Is it "Settings for \$100" or "First Lines or \$50?" Play along. Submit ideas for answers/questions to [akctrbk@gmail.com](mailto:akctrbk@gmail.com).
- **Feb. 26** **Define-a-Thon** — Get the definition. Choose from four answers.
- **March 4** **Books to Films** — Guess the line, guess the author, guess the actors, then catch the clips!

## *Book Club kits available @ your library*

Does your book club have a hard time coming up with a book to read? Do members have trouble getting copies of the books you've chosen? Do your discussions fall flat, because you can't think of questions to ask to keep the conversation going? Let Anchorage Public Library help!

In February 2008, APL will offer a new service—Reading Group Kits. Peruse the various titles, check out a kit and like magic your book club blues are gone. The kits include 8-10 copies of a given title, a short author biography, general questions that may be used to spur discussion, and a list of tips on organizing and running an effective book club. Kits may be checked out for one 6-week period. Holds may be placed on titles not currently available. Initially about 30 titles are available. To check out a kit, ask at a reference desk for assistance. A list of book club kit titles will be available in the APL catalog and can be reserved online.

