



News from the Dearborn Community Fund



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## **Call for art entries in The Big Read Dearborn** **juried art competition**

***Entries due on FEBRUARY 2; professionals and amateurs welcome***

**DEARBORN, Mich.** – The Dearborn Public Library has announced that entries will be accepted on Tuesday, Feb. 2 in the open art competition scheduled as one of a variety of events and activities in The Big Read Dearborn, a community-wide reading celebration, taking place across Dearborn this winter.

The book selected as the focus for The Big Read Dearborn is “Great Tales and Poems of Edgar Allen Poe.” Art entries should reflect the Poe-inspired theme “Dreaming Dreams No Mortal Ever Dreamed Before.”

The collection of writing in the book represents the melancholy, brilliance, passionate lyricism, and torment of Edgar Allen Poe. Included in this one volume, are his masterpieces of mystery, terror, humor, and adventure, including stories such as The Tell-Tale Heart, The Black Cat, and his finest lyric and narrative poetry—The Raven and Annabel Lee. These works defined American romanticism and secured Poe as one of the most enduring literary voices of the nineteenth century.

Amateur and professional artists 16 years of age or older are welcome to submit up to two works in the juried art competition. Works can be all media, 2-D and 3-D including photography and must be current (within two years).

**Entries are due on Tuesday, Feb. 2, 2016.** Entry fees are \$25 for one entry or \$30 for two entries per artist. Dearborn residency is not required to enter this competition.

The juror in this competition is award-winning Dearborn Artist Mohamad Bazzi.

For entry forms and specific details about preparing and delivering entries for submission in the competition, download the entry form online at [BigReadDearborn.org](http://BigReadDearborn.org), or pick up an entry form at any Dearborn Public Library location or the Ford Community & Performing Arts Center, or call 313-943-5478.

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

Many additional activities and events will take place this winter as part of The Big Read Dearborn reading celebration beginning with a free kickoff event on Saturday, Feb. 6, 2-4 p.m. at the Henry Ford Centennial Library, 16301 Michigan Ave, Dearborn 48126.

More information, including a complete list of activities, events, partners and sponsors of The Big Read Dearborn, is online at [BigReadDearborn.org](http://BigReadDearborn.org).

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