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Yakima Valley Libraries Going “Into the Beautiful North” With Big Read Grant

Yakima, WA- Yesterday the National Endowment for the Arts announced that Yakima Valley Libraries was one of 77 entities to receive a piece of their \$1million dollars of funding to promote the literacy and community in our valley. YVL received a grant for \$17,000 to promote our activities; this is the fourth non-consecutive year that YVL has received a Big Read Grant.

Yakima Valley Libraries chose the book *Into the Beautiful North* by Luis Alberto Urrea. The book, about a 19 year old girl named Nayeli who is trying to save her village from banditos, is an inspiring, adventurous book that we look forward to sharing with our community.

The Big Read activities, which include book discussions, performances, museum exhibits takes place during the month of October. “We look forward to sharing the adventures of Nayeli with our community. We have a number of organizations and groups we are partnering with to make this a valley wide experience that truly engages and inspires people. We want everyone to be asking themselves ‘What Would Nayeli Do?’” says Yakima Valley Libraries Director Kim Hixson.

Events and involvement opportunities will be promoted as they are confirmed.

As always the Yakima Valley Libraries strives to support lifelong learning and an informed citizenry by providing free, open and full access to a vast array of ideas and information. We look forward to serving you.

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