



*By Ursula K. Le Guin*

**OCTOBER 3 to  
NOVEMBER 20, 2015**

**THE BIG  
READ**

**[Germantown-TN.gov/BigRead](http://Germantown-TN.gov/BigRead)**







## Programs & Events

October 3 to  
November 20

# A Wizard of Earthsea

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The Big Read Germantown events are free with the exception of Peanut Butter & Jam, and all events are open to the public. Complete event details are available at [Germantown-TN.gov/BigRead](http://Germantown-TN.gov/BigRead) or at the Germantown Community Library.

### Taking place throughout The Big READ event

#### Table Top Role-Playing Fantasy Games

Germantown Community Library,  
1925 Exeter Road

Stop by the library and play one of the exciting table-top, role-playing games, including Small World, Munchkins and Talisman - The Magical Quest! Check out games at the circulation desk and find a quiet corner of the library to play.

#### Book Club Kits

Germantown Community Library,  
1925 Exeter Road

We encourage your book club to come by the library and check out an Earthsea Book Club Kit, which includes copies of the book, bookmarks, a Germantown Reads button and reader's guides from The Big Read. When you are finished, post the name of your book club and your thoughts on this book on the Germantown Community Library's Facebook page ([facebook.com/GermantownCommunityLibrary](https://facebook.com/GermantownCommunityLibrary)).

#### Fantasy Faire Wizard Costume Contest

Saturday, October 3, 6 p.m.  
Germantown Community Library  
1925 Exeter Road

Dress up as your favorite wizard for this all-ages costume contest. Refreshments will be served and awards presented. Participating wizards must arrive by 5:45 p.m. in order to register for the contest.

#### Edible Book Contest

Monday, October 12, 6:30 p.m.  
Germantown Community Library  
1925 Exeter Road

All ages are invited to show off their creative cakes and other edible creations during the Edible Book Contest. Create a totally edible artwork inspired by a favorite "fantasy" book and bring it to the library to show off. Awards will be presented in several categories, including a special category for creations based on the 2015 Big Read selection, A Wizard of Earthsea. Required pre-registration begins September 17 at the Library.

*"But it is one thing to read about dragons and another to meet them."*  
-Ursula K. Le Guin, *A Wizard of Earthsea*

#### Writing and Publishing 101

Saturday, October 17, 3:30 p.m. (teens),  
4:30 p.m. (adults)  
Germantown Community Library  
1925 Exeter Road

Local fantasy writer and Vanishing Island author Barry Wolverton will present two sessions on writing and publishing. Refreshments will be served.

#### ArtSavvy:

#### Fantasy Fiction Panel Discussion

Monday, October 19, 7 p.m.  
Germantown Performing Arts Center  
1801 Exeter Road

Join the conversation about wizards, wizard schools, dragons and adventure. Hear local fantasy author Barry Wolverton and fellow enthusiasts of the fantasy genre in a rousing discussion of A Wizard of Earthsea and other fantasy fiction, like Harry Potter, The Hobbit, Game of Thrones and more. Other panelists include Houston High School teacher Natalie Parker-Lawrence and MSO musician Joey Salvalaggio. Fantasy-themed refreshments will be served. The event is free and open to the public but reservations are strongly suggested. Call 901-751-7500 to claim your spot!

#### Workshop to Create Staged Reading of A Wizard of Earthsea

Saturdays, October 17 and 31  
and November 7 and 14, 2 to 4 p.m.

Germantown Community Theatre  
3037 Forest Hill Irene Road  
Based on the reading of the book, workshop participants will collaborate in preparing dialogue of selected scenes from the book for Germantown's Big Read final event - A Staged Reading of A Wizard of Earthsea. GCT staff will guide participants through the creative artistic process over the course of four workshops. For more information and to register, email [Cheryl@gctcomeplay.org](mailto:Cheryl@gctcomeplay.org) or call 901-453-7441.

*"It is good to have an end to journey toward, but it is the journey that matters in the end."*  
-Ursula K. Le Guin

#### Wizard Scarecrow Contest at the Farm Park Fall Fest

Sunday, October 25, 1 to 4 p.m.

Bobby Lanier Farm Park  
7901 Poplar Pike

Family-friendly scarecrows are welcome to visit the Farm Park this fall. The rules are simple and the contest is open to all ages, individuals, families, groups and businesses. Only one entry per person, family or group is allowed. Forty entries will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis, October 1 to 24. Official rules and entry forms are available online at [TheFarmPark.org](http://TheFarmPark.org).

#### Peanut Butter & Jam: Big Trouble for Little Wizards

Saturday, November 7, 9:30 and 10:30 a.m.

Germantown Performing Arts Center  
1801 Exeter Road

Grab your magic wand! You have been accepted into the Earthsea Academy for Junior Wizards. One little wizard has broken the rules and needs your help recapturing his renegade shadow. Discover the magical music of Tchaikovsky, Mussorgsky, Berlioz and Dukas' "The Sorcerer's Apprentice" in this original Babu Press musical storybook. Tickets are \$8 per child and includes admission for up to two accompanying adults. Advance tickets are available online at [GPACweb.com](http://GPACweb.com) or by calling 901-751-7500. Peanut Butter & Jam is GPAC's celebrated music education program introducing children ages 8 and under to a wide variety of musical instruments and styles.

*"He knew now, and the knowledge was hard, that his task had never been to undo what he had done, but to finish what he had begun."*  
-Ursula K. Le Guin, *A Wizard of Earthsea*

#### A Wizard of Earthsea Staged Reading

Friday, November 20, 7 p.m.

Germantown Community Theatre  
3037 Forest Hill Irene Road  
Germantown's Big Read finale begins with the Houston High School string ensemble performing "The Sorcerer's Apprentice" by Dukas. This will be followed by a staged reading of A Wizard of Earthsea developed by Germantown Community Theatre through a series of workshops. Following the staged reading, GCT Executive Producer Dr. Michael D. Miles will give an overview of the artistic process used to create the staged reading and open the floor for a Q&A session.

#### Terrific Twos and Threes Toddler Story Time

Wednesday, September 30, 10 a.m. and  
Thursday, October 1, 10 a.m.

Germantown Community Library  
1925 Exeter Road

Toddler Story Time will be themed to A Wizard of Earthsea with age appropriate books, like How to Train Your Dragon.

#### Big Read Kick-Off Celebration

A Wizard of Earthsea Fantasy Faire

Saturday, October 3, 5 to 7 p.m.

Germantown Community Library  
1925 Exeter Road

Mayor Mike Palazzolo and area dignitaries will be on hand to officially launch The Big Read in Germantown. Open to all, this family-friendly event celebrates fantasy fiction with strolling musicians, juggler, balloonist, fire performer, face painting, wizarding science experiments, mule-drawn wagon rides, food trucks and more. Don't miss an opportunity to take a selfie with Germantown's own traveling wizard or town crier. Some lucky Faire goers will receive a free book. Copies will also be available for check out.

*"To me a novel can be as beautiful as any symphony, as beautiful as the sea."*  
-Ursula K. Le Guin

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# BOOK DISCUSSIONS

The community is invited to participate in the Read Germantown! Book Club's October book selection, *A Wizard of Earthsea* by Ursula K. Le Guin. Discussion will utilize The Big Read educational materials and be moderated by library staff.

## Teen Graphics Book Club

Thursday, October 15, 4:30 p.m.

Germantown Community Library, 1925 Exeter Road

## Germantown READS Book Club

Thursday, October 15, 6:30 p.m.

Germantown Community Library, 1925 Exeter Road

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Join the Germantown Municipal Council PTA for a family and friends book discussion while enjoying dinner at a Germantown restaurant. Volunteers will provide discussion questions from The Big Read. And keep an eye out for Germantown's own traveling wizard and town crier.

## Books & Bites Family Dinner Book Discussion

Monday, October 26, 5 to 7 p.m.

Marco's Pizza, 7685 Farmington Boulevard

## Books & Bites Family Dinner Book Discussion

Tuesday, October 27, 5 to 7 p.m.

Chick-fil-A, 1230 S. Germantown Road

Books & Bites Family Dinner Book Discussion

Thursday, October 29, 5 to 7 p.m.

Whole Foods, 7825 Poplar Avenue

For more information, visit [Germantown-TN.gov/BigRead](http://Germantown-TN.gov/BigRead) or call Stacey Ewell at 901-751-7559.



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