

Saturday, October 18 -- 2 PM

Screening of the documentary film *Great Writers: Jack London*. This fascinating film presents the story of the writer's life and examines the social and political events that influenced his works. The program includes insightful commentary, as well as archival documents and rare interviews.

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Thursday, October 30 -- 7 PM

"*Jack London, Photographer*," a lecture by Sara S. "Sue" Hodson. **Sue Hodson**, curator of literary manuscripts for The Huntington, will present an illustrated lecture. Jack London was an accomplished photographer and photojournalist who documented the Russo-Japanese War, the South Pacific during his year-long cruise of the *Snark*, the poverty in the east end of London, England, and the Mexican Revolution. With two co-editors, Hodson is working on the first-ever book focusing on London as a photographer, due out in 2010 from the University of Georgia Press.

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Jack London (1876 - 1916)

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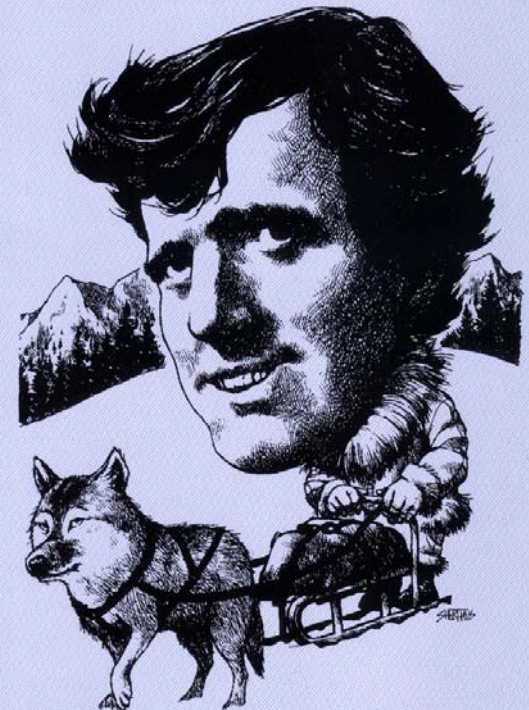
**THE
BIG
READ**



The Burbank Public Library,
in partnership with
The Huntington Library,
invites you to celebrate
THE BIG READ...

September 27 -- November 2,
2008

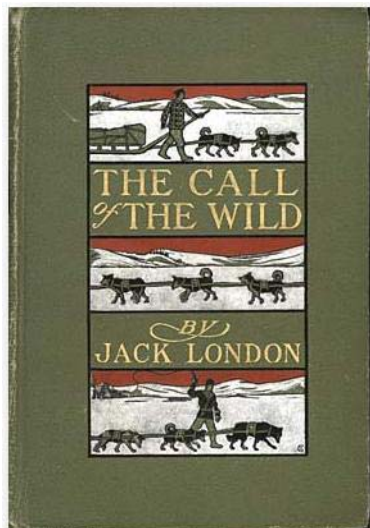
Program of Events



**JACK LONDON'S
The Call
of the Wild**

The **BIG READ** is an initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with the Institute of Museum and Library Services designed to revitalize the role of literature in American culture and bring the transformative power of literature into the lives of its citizens. The Big Read brings together partners across the country to encourage citizens to read for pleasure and enlightenment.

The Huntington Library was awarded a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts to host a Big Read celebration of Jack London's *The Call of the Wild*. This program is all about reaching out to nonreaders and readers at risk. It represents a commitment to promote the sheer enjoyment of reading through the writing of an author like Jack London.



As was true during his lifetime, Jack London continues to be an extraordinarily charismatic figure who readily draws readers into his robust tales of adventure. He was himself an adventurer, who followed his own call of the wild to the Alaskan Klondike, to the South Pacific on a ship he built, and to many parts of the world as a journalist and war correspondent. He read voraciously and was always convinced that he could learn to do anything, if he could read about it in a book.

The Huntington has enlisted partners whose mandate includes working with, and reaching out to, lapsed or reluctant readers. Partners include libraries, public schools, and community organizations, several of which will serve as venues for the Big Read events. They represent 10 cities in the area: Alhambra, Arcadia, **Burbank**, Pasadena, Pico Rivera, Montebello, San Diego, San Marino, Sierra Madre, and South Pasadena.

For a complete list of all the Big Read events, go to The Huntington's website at www.huntington.org/thebigread/events.htm.

Calendar of FREE Big Read Events

The Burbank Public Library

Monday, September 29 -- 7 PM

Acclaimed actor **Michael Oakes** will create a powerful portrayal of author/adventurer Jack London. [www.liveoakes.com]

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Thursday, October 9 -- 7 PM

Ericka Koss, Literature Specialist for the National Endowment for the Arts, will discuss The Big Read as a response to the decline of American reading habits. Her lecture will focus on Jack London within the context of other California writers such as John Steinbeck and Robinson Jeffers.

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Saturday, October 11 -- 2 PM

Screening of the documentary film *Alaska: Big America*.

Alaska, it's the land itself – its vast distances, the extreme weather, the imposing landscapes – that has shaped history and shaped the lives of all those who come under its spell. People have been lured by riches beyond their wildest dreams – fur, fish, gold, oil. Many have come to find a new life and to make their mark. Others come to lose themselves in a wild land more vast and unforgiving than they could ever imagine. They've come to measure themselves against its challenges. In return, they've endured bitter temperatures, isolation, and harrowing adventures for the privilege of living there.

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