

The Big Read

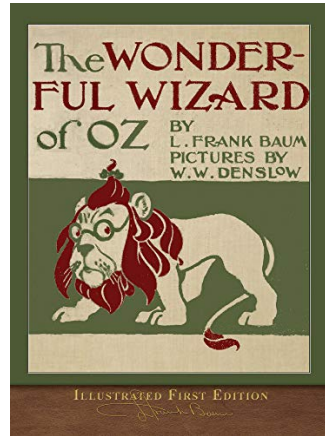
The Big Read (All Grades)

The Wonderful Wizard of Oz

by L. Frank Baum

Big Read resource materials will be made available online.

Dorothy and her dog Toto find themselves in the strange land of Oz after a cyclone hits her Aunt and Uncle's house in Kansas. To return home, Dorothy must follow the yellow brick road to find the famous Wizard of Oz who lives in the beautiful Emerald City. On her strange and sometimes frightening journey, she meets the Scarecrow, who is desperate to acquire some brains, the Tin Woodman who wants a heart and the cowardly Lion who wants to gain courage. When they finally get to see Oz - in all his different guises - he sets them a terrible task which must be fulfilled before he will grant them their wishes. Since it first appeared in 1900, *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz* remains one of the world's most beloved and widely read books. Throughout more than a century of remarkable change, the popularity of L. Frank Baum's classic tale has endured and grown, embraced by generation after generation of children and the young at heart.



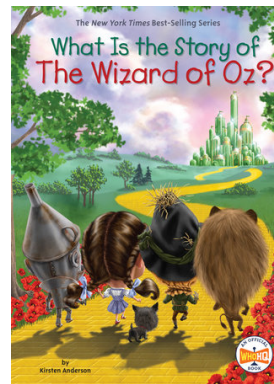
Golden Isles Arts & Humanities and Marshes of Glynn Library System are partnering to bring a 17th year of the Big Read to the community in 2024. Though grant funding from the NEA was not received this year, we feel it is important to continue this tradition. As grant funding was used to purchase books to give away, we will be much more limited in the number of free books this year. If you know that you would like to participate and know how many books that you need, please contact our office by the end of September and we will discuss ordering those books and any cost that may be involved.

The Middle Read (Grades 3-7)

What is the Story of The Wizard of Oz?

by Kirsten Anderson

When L. Frank Baum wrote about the adventures of a young farm girl named Dorothy and her pet dog in the magical Land of Oz in 1900, he wanted to create a beautiful story based on the America he knew and treasured. But he had no idea his book would become a bestseller and grow into the cultural phenomenon that it is today. After the iconic 1939 film, numerous sequels, retellings, and musicals, it's easy to see why *The Wizard of Oz* has been called "America's greatest and best-loved homegrown fairytale." From Baum's first book through *Wicked*, the story of *The Wizard of Oz* is as fascinating as the tale itself.



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The Little Read (Grades K-2)

The Wonderful Wizard of Oz: A BabyLit Storybook

adapted by Stephanie Clarkson

In *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz*, preschoolers enjoy a whirlwind adventure to a magical land, meeting new friends, facing dangerous foes, and learning that "there's no place like home." Easy-to-follow, engaging text combined with original quotes and beautiful artwork.

