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## **OC PUBLIC LIBRARIES PRESENTS PROGRAMMING INSPIRED BY WOMEN IN SCIENCE**

ORANGE COUNTY, Calif. (March 11, 2021) — OC Public Libraries is hosting the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) Big Read this spring! *Lab Girl* by Hope Jahren is the selected title this year for its focus on women in science. From March through May, 2021, program offerings will include Science Technology Engineering Arts Math (S.T.E.A.M.) activities, guest speakers, and other engaging offerings that keep library users connected with *Lab Girl*.

Some upcoming programs include:

- **Thursday, March 11<sup>th</sup> @ 5:00 pm Meet Jennifer Ackerman.** Jennifer Ackerman has been writing about nature and science for three decades. Her most recent book, *The Bird Way: A New Look at How Birds Talk, Work, Play, Parent, and Think* has been called “Splendid and spellbinding” and “an enthralling study of the avian world” by reviewers.
- **Thursday, April 15<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 pm Meet Robin Wall Kimmerer.** Robin Wall Kimmerer is a mother, scientist, decorated professor, and enrolled member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. She is the author of *Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge and the Teaching of Plants*.
- **Thursday, May 6<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 pm In Conversation with Lori Gottlieb,** Author of *Maybe You Should Talk to Someone*. Lori Gottlieb is a psychotherapist and New York Times bestselling author of *Maybe You Should Talk To Someone*, which is being adapted as a television series with Eva Longoria.
- **Thursday, May 20<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 pm Meet Dr. Lucy Jones.** Dr. Lucy Jones is the founder of the Dr. Lucy Jones Center for Science and Society. She is the author of *The Big Ones* and is also a research associate at the Seismological Laboratory of Caltech.

For more information about OC Public Libraries’ NEA Big Read, including book and author information, visit [ocpl.org/neabigread](http://ocpl.org/neabigread)

*Established by Congress in 1965, the **National Endowment for the Arts** is the independent federal agency whose funding and support gives Americans the opportunity to participate in the arts, exercise their imaginations, and develop their creative capacities. Through partnerships with state arts agencies, local leaders, other federal agencies, and the philanthropic sector, the Arts Endowment supports arts learning, affirms and celebrates America’s rich and diverse cultural heritage, and extends its work to promote equal access to the arts in every community across America. Visit [arts.gov](http://arts.gov) to learn more.*



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