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Franklin Pierce University is honored to have been awarded one of 77 Big Read grants for 2016. The Big Read is an initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with Arts Midwest that serves to broaden our understanding of our world, our communities, and ourselves through the joy of sharing a good book. Franklin Pierce has chosen as its title Willa Cather's *My Ántonia*, given Cather's historical connection to the Monadnock area of New Hampshire. The NEA Big Read aims to inspire conversation and discovery. Toward that end, Franklin Pierce is hosting more than a dozen literary events in the month of October and invites the public to participate.

**10:15-11:15 a.m.**  
**Book Group**  
 Marulli Welcome Center  
 Alumni, friends and family of Franklin Pierce discuss Willa Cather's *My Ántonia*.  
*Refreshments served.*

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**4:30-5:30 p.m. — Book Group**  
 Petrocelli 116 & 117  
 Faculty and Staff discuss Willa Cather's *My Ántonia*.  
*Refreshments served, courtesy of Smith's Country Cheese.*

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**6 p.m. — Lecture**  
 Spagnuolo Hall  
 Dr. Andrew Jewell, co-editor of *The Selected Letters of Willa Cather*.  
*Open to the public.*

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**12:30-1:30 p.m. — Exhibit**  
 DiPietro Library  
 Willa Cather Exhibit opens and will run until October 31.  
*Refreshments served. Open to the public.*

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**2-3:30 p.m. — Book Group**  
 Jaffrey Public Library  
 Discuss Willa Cather's *My Ántonia* with Professor Dr. Gerald Burns.  
*Open to the public.*

**1:30-3 p.m. — Book Group**  
 Rivermead Assisted Living Facility (The Village)  
 Discuss Willa Cather's *My Ántonia* with Professor Dr. Sarah Dangelantonio.  
*Refreshments served.*

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**6:30-8 p.m. — Book Group**  
 Ingalls Memorial Library, Rindge  
 Discuss Willa Cather's *My Ántonia* with Professor Dr. Gerald Burns.  
*Refreshments served.*

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**2-3:30 p.m. — Book Groups**  
 Mariposa International Museum  
 Three groups will meet to discuss Willa Cather's *My Ántonia*, led by Professors Molly Badrawy and Dr. Zan Goncalves and students.

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**1:30-3 p.m. — Film Screening**  
 Marulli Welcome Center  
 Enjoy the PBS film THE ROAD IS ALL with special guests from Rivermead Assisted Living.  
*Refreshments served. Open to the public.*

**4:-5:30 p.m. — Book Discussion**  
 Aesop's Table Café, Toadstool Bookstore, Peterborough  
 Conversation facilitated by Professor Dr. Donna Decker. Free copies of *My Ántonia* may be picked up at the store.  
*Refreshments served, courtesy of Aesop's Table. Open to the public.*

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**4:30-8:30 p.m. — Willa Tour**  
 Old Burying Ground, Jaffrey, NH  
 Tour Bride Farm and enjoy a candlelight graveside reading with guest host Marlin Fitzwater.  
 A reception and discussion will be hosted by the Shattuck Inn. Transportation provided by Franklin Pierce University.  
*Refreshments served. Open to the public.*

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**7-9 p.m. — Dramatic Reading**  
 Spagnuolo Hall  
 Project Shakespeare presents a dramatic reading of Jarrett Dapier's play *My Ántonia*.  
*Open to the public.*

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**6:30-8 p.m. — Grand Finale**  
 Manor Lawn, Franklin Pierce  
 National Endowment for the Arts Big Read 2016 Finale with excerpts from Jarrett Dapier's play *My Ántonia* as arranged by Project Shakespeare. Other entertainment to follow.  
*Refreshments served. Open to the public.*

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For more information,  
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