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Preparing for Citizenship (NEA Big Read Nacogdoches)

(Nacogdoches, TX) – One of the many themes of the NEA Big Read Nacogdoches book selection, *Into the Beautiful North*, is migration. To that end, the Nacogdoches Public Library is hosting a program called “Preparing for Citizenship.” Rosa Ramirez from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services will provide information about becoming a U.S. citizen. Ramirez will explain the forms, fees, the citizenship exam and interview process.

“Free copies of the book, *Into the Beautiful North*, are available in English and Spanish. This month is a celebration of the book and the historical and cultural contributions of Hispanics, in particular the author Luis Alberto Urrea. Ms. Ramirez will provide information about the naturalization process. We are very grateful to have her come all this way to help people realize their dreams and avoid some of the pitfalls sometimes encountered during the citizenship process” said Mercedes Franks, Library Director.

Books for NEA Big Read Nacogdoches have been furnished through a national NEA Big Read grant. NEA Big Read is a program of the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with Arts Midwest.

Information and handouts will be provided to participants in English and Spanish. The event is scheduled for Tuesday, October 22nd at 5:30 pm. The program is free and no registration is required. For more information about this or other library programs, please call 559-2970.