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NEA BIG READ

VIRTUAL EVENT: Big Read Keynote
HOPE JAHREN
SUNDAY, APRIL 17 | 12 P.M. | YOUTUBE LIVE

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NEA Big Read Keynote: A Talk with Hope Jahren this Saturday, April 17

ORLANDO, FL. – Award-winning scientist and author Hope Jahren joins us from Oslo, Norway for a special keynote presentation this Saturday, April 17, where she will discuss her book *Lab Girl* during a livestream.

Hope Jahren is an award-winning scientist who has been pursuing independent research in paleobiology since 1996, when she completed her PhD at University of California Berkeley and began teaching and researching first at the Georgia Institute of Technology and then at Johns Hopkins University. She is the recipient of three Fulbright Awards and is one of four scientists, and the only woman, to have been awarded both of the Young Investigator Medals given within the Earth Sciences. She was a tenured professor at the University of Hawaii in Honolulu from

2008 to 2016, where she built the Isotope Geobiology Laboratories, with support from National Science Foundation, the Department of Energy and the National Institutes of Health. She currently holds the J. Tuzo Wilson professorship at the University of Oslo, Norway.

The NEA Big Read is a program of the National Endowment for the Arts, designed to broaden our understanding of our world, our communities and ourselves through the joy of sharing a good book. Showcasing a diverse range of contemporary titles that reflect many different voices and perspectives, the NEA Big Read aims to inspire conversation and discovery. Orange County Library System, in partnership with Valencia College, is one of 84 not-for-profit organizations to receive a grant to host an NEA Big Read campaign for 2020–2021.

Registration for this event will take place through our partner, the Miami Book Fair at ocls.info/miamihopejahrenkeynote.

For more information about the National Endowment for the Arts, visit www.arts.gov.

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For FY2020-21 37.2% of the total cost for OCLS equipment, accessories, and services for virtual programs, events, and classes, as well as PPE and STEM Learning Kits (\$64,689), is supported by federal money; 62.8% of this project (\$109,311) is supported by local money. The total budget for this project is \$174,000.

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