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## **Morgan County Sponsors Announce the Kick-Off of The Big Read in Eminence**

**Free Dinner, Free Books Offered as Eminence  
Comes Together to Read and Celebrate  
“The Great Gatsby” on Wednesday, March 5**

February 29, 2008

Morgan County, Ind. – Four organizations will launch The Big Read program in celebration of “The Great Gatsby” with a kick-off dinner on Wed., March 5, 2008 starting at 5:30 p.m. in the Eminence High School multi-purpose room. The Big Read in Eminence is presented in partnership with the Eminence School Corporation, the Morgan County Public Library, the Eminence Lions Club, and the Community Foundation of Morgan County, Inc.

The kick-off event Wednesday evening will feature a catered family-style dinner for everyone, a school musical program, a speaker on the Roaring 20s, and distribution of free copies of “The Great Gatsby” for families to read. Everyone is invited, and everything is free to attendees.

The Big Read is an initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) designed to restore reading to the center of American culture. the NEA presents the Big Read in partnership with the Institute of Museum and Library Services and in cooperation with Arts Midwest.

Eminence is one of just 127 communities nationwide participating in the Big Read this spring, perhaps the smallest community ever to participate. Since the program’s national launch in 2006, the NEA has funded more than 300 Big Read programs. From March 5 through April 9 the Eminence community will celebrate “The Great Gatsby” with a full calendar of events such as reading discussion groups, a showing of the film made from the F. Scott Fitzgerald novel, a program on Gatsby Era dance and music, and in-school programs in the DEAR (Drop Everything and Read) project.

For more information on this event, please contact the Eminence School Corporation office at (765) 528-2101, or the Community Foundation of Morgan County at (317) 831-1232. You can also view a full calendar of events for the Big Read in Eminence at <http://tinyurl.com/2pvgbz> on the Web.

More information on the Community Foundation of Morgan County, Inc. is available online at [www.cfmconline.org](http://www.cfmconline.org) or by calling the foundation locally at (317) 831-1232 or toll-free at (877) 822-6958.