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Announcement

In 1894 a group of men, known as Kelly's Industrial Army, briefly stayed in Council Bluffs before heading to Washington, D.C., to protest to Congress and the president about the plight of unemployed and underemployed men. The State Historical Society of Iowa (SHSI) will hold a series of events at five towns along the Kelly's Army route and select other locations to highlight this historical event as part of The Big Read project: A Walk on the Wild Side. These events combine history and literature because of the literary giant who was part of that army: Jack London.

The Western Historic Trails Center in Council Bluffs will kick off the events April 19 with a mini-chautauqua, including Klondike demonstrations, a showing of the movie *The Call of the Wild*, history lectures, and a show by a dog sled team, The Montana Mountain Musers. Visits from local dignitaries, a photographic display of Jack London and Kelly's Industrial Army, plus a Call of the Wild/Jack London trivia contest will round out the day.

Other planned events are *Call of the Wild* book talks and Jack London discussions at selected towns along the route of Kelly's Army to Des Moines (Walnut, Adair, Earlham, West Des Moines, Des Moines) as well as Newton, Iowa City, and Clermont. Using the Iowa National Guard's telecommunication system, guard members in Iraq and Afghanistan will have an opportunity to participate, too. In Des Moines and Iowa City, a Jack London humanities scholar presentation is planned. Movie nights will also be held in Des Moines and Montauk.

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. For more information about A Walk on the Wild Side: Jack London and The Call of the Wild events, contact Susan Jellinger, (515)291-6897 <susan.jellinger@iowa.gov> or Jeff Morgan, (515) 281-3858 <jeff.morgan@iowa.gov>.

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