

SHAKESPEARE

The Nashville Shakespeare Festival
and Nashville Public Library Present

Allowed!

DOWNTOWN MAIN LIBRARY, 615 Church St.

A Midsummer Night's Dream | October 3 | 1-4p

The Merchant of Venice | November 14 | 1-4p

The Merry Wives of Windsor | December 12 | 1-4p

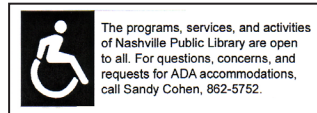
THE BEST WAY TO READ SHAKESPEARE'S PLAYS IS OUT LOUD AND WITH FRIENDS!

The Nashville Shakespeare Festival invites you to read every play Shakespeare wrote, out loud in a reading circle. Once a month, we will gather to read one of the works of William Shakespeare, beginning with the first play he wrote and ending with his last. No need to commit to the whole canon, but if you've ever wanted to say "Yeah, I've read all of Shakespeare's plays," this is the perfect opportunity to achieve that lofty goal!

HOW IT WORKS: We meet at 12:45pm. There will be 16 chairs in a circle and whoever wants to read out loud can choose one of the 16. There will be additional seating available for anyone who wants to read along silently. (Although we might ask you to pipe in for crowd scenes!) The reading starts at 1pm. Most of the plays take about 3 hours to read, and we will take a 15 minute break half way through. At that time, readers can give up their seats to anyone in the outside circle who would like a turn to read out loud. Please bring your own copy of the play if you have one. The library will supply a limited number of copies for those who don't have their own.

IT'S FREE & FUN! This is a partnership between the Nashville Shakespeare Festival and the Nashville Public Library, so these readings are free and open to the public. Hearing these plays read aloud will give you much more insight into the depth of Shakespeare's works, and reading them in order reveals the intricacies of a developing playwright.

EVERYONE'S WELCOME! We welcome all voices, all dialects! This is intended to be a fun time, so bring your sense of humor.



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