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Do you have a connection to China you want to tell us about?

Northeast Cultural Coop, of Amherst, is partnering with the Amherst Town Library and six other town libraries to present a regional program under a national program called The Big Read. The towns of Amherst, Bedford, Brookline, Milford, Mont Vernon, New Boston, and Wilton will work together to promote reading and community sharing beginning with the book *The Joy Luck Club* by Amy Tan. Programs will be held in cooperation with many town organizations and businesses and school systems beginning with a celebration of the Moon Festival in mid-September.

What we need now is your personal story about China. Were your parents or grandparents missionaries? Have you studied or worked in China? Have you traveled there and have some adventures to share? Any citizens of any age who have stories to share are welcome to be in touch with the program director for this project. Once we know what we've got to share, we will talk about how to organize it as part of The Big Read. You can get a head start now by reading the book. You will love it and you'll be all ready to join in once September rolls around! Activities will include book discussions, lectures on topics related to China, art exhibits, games, activities, films, and more. There will be something for everyone. So don't hold back. Tell us your story.

If you have info to share, please write to Blanche Milligan, ncc.blanche@comcast.net or call 603-673-8470. There is no obligation on your part to actually do something, just share your story and see what happens. We will also place a box in the Amherst library if you would rather jot things down and drop them off. Members of all participating communities are invited to send stories and information.