



NEA BIG READ

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Main Events - open to the public and free unless otherwise indicated			
Title	Date	Time	Location
<p>Creativity Revealed with Artist Tom Kiefer Come for an intimate conversation with artist Tom Kiefer. Gain insight into the practice and process of this fascinating photographer who has collected and systematically documented items confiscated by US Border Patrol agents. Often referring to these confiscated objects as "sacred objects," Kiefer's photographic works emphasize the human stories of migrants, as told through personal belongings.</p>	Oct 29	7pm	Saugatuck Center for the Arts 400 Culver St, Saugatuck, MI 49453
<p>Kick-Off Event with Three TED Styled Talks Start your Big Read month with a TED-talk styled evening designed to provide literary and scientific contexts for your reading of <i>Station Eleven</i> with lively, enriching presentations by Mark Hiskes, Dr. Benjamin Kopek, and Dr. Marla Lunderberg.</p>	Oct 30	7pm	Knickerbocker Theater 86 E 8th St, Holland, MI 49423
<p>Pigeon Creek Shakespeare Company Performance In <i>Station Eleven</i>, a touring Shakespeare company travels through the Great Lakes region and performs for groups of people. At this event, we welcome the Pigeon Creek Shakespeare Company and their performance of "Shakespeare and <i>Station Eleven</i>". The program will include readings of passages from Mandel's novel, as well as scenes from <i>A Midsummer Night's Dream</i>, <i>Henry V</i>, <i>The Merchant of Venice</i>, <i>King Lear</i>, <i>Macbeth</i>, <i>Romeo and Juliet</i>, and <i>The Tempest</i>. Narration by the actors will provide context for the scenes and shows the threads that connect Mandel's novel to Shakespeare's work. The program is appropriate for general audiences.</p>	Nov 01	7pm	Dewitt Theater, Hope College 86 E 8th St, Holland, MI 49423
<p>Museum on the Move: Fire Walk Like the characters of <i>Station Eleven</i>, Holland's early settlers were put in a dire situation when fire nearly destroyed the fledgling community. Walk the path of the Fire of 1871 and relive the devastation through the survivors' own words. You'll feel a community's heartbreak--and hear its rallying cry.</p>	Nov 02	10am	Cappon House Visitor Center 228 W. 9th. St., Holland
<p>Blackout Party for Families It's lights out at the library! Bring the family for fun games and activities that don't need electricity or wifi. Best for ages 4 to 11.</p>	Nov 02	6:30pm	Loutit District Library 407 Columbus Ave, Grand Haven, MI 49417
<p>Pioneer Skills Workshop - Family event Like the characters of <i>Station Eleven</i>, Holland's early settlers had to learn new skills to build a community far from their original home. Children ages</p>	Nov 03	10am	Settlers House, 190 W. 9th St., Holland

7-12 are invited to join us at the Settlers House to learn and practice some of these skills, including: transporting water, doing chores, making a lantern, playing games, finger knitting, and more. Space is limited, so advance registration is required for this workshop. Please call 616-796-3329 to register.			
Little Read Shadow Puppets At this family friendly event, come to learn about and create shadow puppets in celebration of The Little Read book <i>Blackout</i> by John Rocco.	Nov 03	11am	Herrick District Library 300 S. River, Holland, MI
Survival Skills 101 Learn basic skills with hands on fire-making and shelter building as well as the do's and don'ts of staying alive in survival situation. \$3/person. Please register by phone (616-355-1057) or email degraafnaturecenter@cityofholland.com .	Nov 03	1pm	Degraaf Nature Center 600 Graafschap Rd, Holland, MI 49423
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Nocturnal Nature - Family event What happens outside when you go to sleep? Some animals are just starting their day. Visit the Outdoor Discovery Center to go on a night time hike and talk about the special things animals need to stay awake all night. Please dress for the weather. Online registration required on the Outdoor Discovery website.	Nov 03	6:30pm	Outdoor Discovery Center 4214 56th St, Holland, MI 49423
Detroit Unseen: Photography Exhibit and Talk Bob Huston is a photographer who is passionate about the City of Detroit. He has been capturing the images of Detroit's historic and forgotten structures for nearly ten years. His passion has turned into <i>Detroit Unseen</i> , a collection of photographs that take us inside the walls of historic Detroit structures, giving us insight into what happens when people simply vacate buildings and other structures. Come to Herrick to see Bob's photographs and hear him talk about them.	Nov 05	7pm	Herrick District Library 300 S. River, Holland, MI
Food and Traveling Troubadour Event The popular Big Read cuisine event is back! Hope College chefs, Randy Taylor and Tom Hoover will orchestrate a cultural culinary event inspired by <i>Station Eleven</i> . Accompanying dinner will be a theatrical performance by Genot Picor (storyteller) and Veronica Cieri (fiddler). Please register	Nov 06	6pm	Maas Auditorium, Hope College 264 Columbia Ave, Holland, MI 49423

for this event on the Big Read website. Tickets are \$9/adults, \$4.50 for children under 12.			
Dungeons and Dragons Night For Teens Calling all teens! Bring your dice and enter a world of storytelling, magic, and heroes. All campaigns will be preset and characters already made for you!	Nov 06	7pm	Herrick District Library 300 S. River, Holland, MI
Lunch and Learn: The Ground Zero Moment The "Ground Zero Moment"--the moment you learn that a major, world-changing event has just taken place--is a deeply personal experience that everyone responds to differently, as illustrated in <i>Station Eleven</i> . Join the staff at the Holland Museum in conversation to reflect on what your own "Ground Zero Moments" have been over the course of your life, and how those events have shaped you in the following days, weeks, and years he event. Please feel free to bring a sack lunch to enjoy during this program. The Holland Museum will provide light beverages.	Nov 07	12pm	Holland Museum 31 W 10th St, Holland, MI 49423
The Giver Lecture: Dr. Christiana Salah Our middle grade Big Read book is <i>The Giver</i> by Lois Lowry. <i>The Giver</i> won the 1994 Newbery Medal, has sold more than 10 million copies worldwide, is on many middle school reading lists and is one of the most challenged and debated young adult books. Dr. Christiana Salah, Assistant Professor of English at Hope College, will share her insights and reflections on both the book and film adaption of <i>The Giver</i> .	Nov 07	7pm	Howard Miller Public Library 14 S Church St, Zeeland, MI 49464
Lecture: Dr. David Dark (author of <i>Life's Too Short To Pretend...</i>) Religious questions are political questions are post-apocalyptic questions. Dr. David Dark, assistant professor of Religion and the Arts in the College of Theology at Belmont University and author of <i>Life's Too Short to Pretend You're Not Religious</i> will explore how good post-apocalyptic novels break the ice of the status quo by inviting us to do battle with our own moral carelessness. He will discuss how Emily St. John Mandel's <i>Station Eleven</i> encourages us to take the temperature of our own strange behavior. What have we normalized and why? If we let it, <i>Station Eleven</i> makes us more alive to the arbitrariness of our own organizing fictions and leads us to proceed more wonderingly in our conception of ourselves and others.	Nov 08	7pm	Western Seminary Chapel 101 E 13th St, Holland, MI 49423
Why Shakespeare? Discussion Come to Loutit District Library for a discussion of why Shakespeare is so popular and the roles this playwright plays in associated works of literature like <i>Station Eleven</i> .	Nov 08	7pm	Loutit District Library 407 Columbus Ave, Grand Haven, MI 49417
CultureWorks' Teen Illustration Workshop with John Rocco Internationally acclaimed author and illustrator John Rocco will lead high school students through his creative process in this free workshop, sponsored by CultureWorks. Rocco's picture book <i>Blackout</i> , is the 2019 Big Read book for elementary schools. It received the prestigious Caldecott Honor, among other awards, and is a New York Times best seller. He has written and illustrated a host of other great books, including	Nov 09	3:45pm	Herrick District Library 300 S. River, Holland, MI

Rick Riordan's popular <i>Percy Jackson</i> series. Join us for an unforgettable afternoon with this creative genius!			
Family Fort Night Come to Herrick for a special Family Fort Night celebrating The Little Read book <i>Blackout</i> by John Rocco. Bring your flashlights, pillows, blankets and any other fort-making materials to the library for this special program after hours! We'll read a few stories together and off you'll go to create your reading fort! Please register on the Herrick District Library website or by calling 355-3736 starting October 25th.	Nov 09	6pm	Herrick District Library 300 S. River, Holland, MI https://herrickdl.org/
Little Read Author Event with John Rocco The Big Read Lakeshore and Herrick District Library are excited to welcome John Rocco, author of this year's children's selection, <i>Blackout</i> . This very special storytime will be followed by an author signing.	Nov 10	11am	Herrick District Library 300 S. River, Holland, MI
Graphic Novel Writing Workshop with Dr. Beth Trembley Dr. Beth Trembley, Hope English professor, comics artist, and award-winning novelist, will lead a workshop for anyone interested in comics, no experience (or drawing ability!) necessary. We will look at the role of comics in <i>Station Eleven</i> by Emily St. John Mandel as a way into talking about the unique ability of comics to convey our stories and create meaning among people. We'll spend some time scribbling our own ideas for comics pages, so bring along a copy of <i>Station Eleven</i> , a black pen (no pencils!) and lots of blank paper. We'll end the workshop with new understandings that we can use in the future to cast our thoughts outward--where we might meet others in the middle.	Nov 10	2pm	Holland Area Arts Council 150 E 8th St, Holland, MI 49423
Be Prepared: Survival and Outdoor Skills Come and learn basic first aid, safety, and outdoor survival skills at Loutit District Library. This event is best for those in grades 7-12.	Nov 10	2pm	Loutit District Library 407 Columbus Ave, Grand Haven, MI 49417
Illustration Workshop with John Rocco Internationally acclaimed author and illustrator John Rocco will lead participants through his creative process in this free workshop, sponsored by CultureWorks. Rocco's picture book <i>Blackout</i> , is the 2019 Big Read book for elementary schools. It received the prestigious Caldecott Honor, among other awards, and is a New York Times best seller. He has written and illustrated a host of other great books, including Rick Riordan's popular <i>Percy Jackson</i> series. Join us for an unforgettable afternoon with this creative genius! This event is open to people of all ages. Registration required on the cultureworks website.	Nov 10	2pm	Herrick District Library 300 S. River, Holland, MI
Documentary Film Screening: <i>Shakespeare Behind Bars</i> First presented at the 2005 Sundance Film Festival, <i>Shakespeare Behind Bars</i> follows the year long process of bringing Shakespeare's <i>The Tempest</i> alive as inmates cast themselves into roles filled with misdeeds and redemption. Special guest Curt Toffeland, the <i>Shakespeare Behind Bars</i> theater director, will join us for Q&A following the documentary screening.	Nov 12	6:30pm	Herrick District Library 300 S. River, Holland, MI

Author Q & A Event with Emily St. John Mandel for Students This unique event is geared toward the high school and college students participating in our Big Read. Ms Mandel will be interviewed by a local teacher and will respond to student submitted questions.	Nov 13	11am	Jack Miller Concert Hall 221 Columbia Ave, Holland, MI 49423
Author Keynote Event with Emily St. John Mandel Our keynote event will feature an engaging conversation between Hope College's Dr Stephen Hemingway ("Doc" to his students) and Emily St. John Mandel, author of Station Eleven.	Nov 13	7pm	Jack Miller Concert Hall 221 Columbia Ave, Holland, MI 49423
Documentary Film Screening: 306 Hollywood 306 Hollywood is a magical realist documentary of two siblings who undertake an archaeological excavation of their late grandmother's house. They embark on a journey from her home in New Jersey to ancient Rome, from fashion to physics, in search of what life remains in the objects we leave behind.	Nov 14	7pm	Saugatuck Center for the Arts 400 Culver St, Saugatuck, MI 49453
Student Exhibition of Learning This open house style event will showcase hundreds of students' artwork created in response to Station Eleven, The Giver, and Blackout. This exhibition will be open to the public from November 16-21 from 11am-4pm.	Nov 15	6:30pm	Holland Armory 16 W 9th St, Holland, MI 49423

Public Book Discussions - all are free and open to the public

Topic	Date	Time	Location
Woman's Literary Club <i>Station Eleven</i> Book Discussion In honor of their 120th anniversary, The Woman's Literary Club is excited to hold its first ever public book discussion! Everyone is welcome for this special evening book discussion.	Oct 16	7pm	Herrick District Library 300 S. River, Holland, MI
The Lure of Ruins Gallery Talk and <i>Station Eleven</i> Book Discussion Connections between art and literature abound in our Big Read program. Come to the KAM for a gallery talk of the exhibit, Architecture Ruins led by curator Charles Mason and a book discussion led by Dr. Tatavik Gyulamiryan, assistant professor of Spanish. Snacks will be provided.	Nov 01	11am	Kruizenga Art Museum Hope College 271 Columbia Ave, Holland, MI 4942
Barnes and Nobles <i>Station Eleven</i> Book Discussion Spend your Saturday afternoon at Barnes and Noble's book discussion of <i>Station Eleven</i>	Nov 03	1pm	Barnes and Nobles, 3050 Beeline Rd, Holland, MI 49424
Van Wylen Library <i>Station Eleven</i> Book Discussion Join the Hope College community in a Station Eleven book discussion in the Rare Books Room in Van Wylen Library. Dr. Jesus Montano will lead the discussion. Snacks will be provided.	Nov 05	11am	Van Wylen Library Hope College 53 Graves Pl, Holland, MI 49423
Fennville District Library <i>Station Eleven</i> Book Discussion Come on out to Fennville District Library for an engaging discussion of <i>Station Eleven</i> .	Nov 07	1:30pm	Fennville District Library 400 W Main St, Fennville, MI 49408

<p>Ready for School's <i>Blackout</i> Book Discussion</p> <p>Do you ever read a book to your kids and they love it but you are left wondering if there's more you could do or say about the book to them? Come talk with other parents with children ages 0-5 to talk about the book <i>Blackout</i> and creative ways to read, interact with, and respond to the book. Children are welcome.</p>	Nov 07	1:30pm	Herrick District Library 300 S. River, Holland, MI
<p>Hope College Alumni and Friends <i>Station Eleven</i> Book Discussion</p> <p>Grab a brew and gather with Hope alumni and others in the community to discuss <i>Station Eleven</i> in a fantastic laid back atmosphere. Hope alum Sara Sanchez will guide the group through questions. Light snacks will be provided.</p>	Nov 07	7pm	Brew Merchant 442 Washington Ave, Holland, MI 49423
<p>Alliance for Cultural and Ethnic Harmony <i>Station Eleven</i> Book Discussion</p> <p>Members of ACEH, knowing for its multicultural participants and perspectives, warmly welcome you to join them in discussing <i>Station Eleven</i> at the Holland Museum. Professor Bill Moreau and some of his English Education students will be leading the discussion. The museum will be open after the book discussion for viewing.</p>	Nov 09	7pm	Holland Museum 31 W 10th St, Holland, MI 49423
<p>Herrick District Library North Branch <i>Station Eleven</i> Book Discussion</p> <p>Come to Holland's northside to discuss <i>Station Eleven</i>.</p>	Nov 10	10am	Herrick District Library, North Branch 155 Riley St. Holland, MI 49424
<p>Saugatuck/Douglas District Library <i>Station Eleven</i> Book Discussion</p> <p>Join Ingrid Steen Boyer, director of the Saugatuck-Douglas District Library and others in a discussion of <i>Station Eleven</i>.</p>	Nov 12	4pm	Saugatuck/Douglas Library 137 E Center St, Douglas, MI 49406
<p>Holland Hospital <i>Station Eleven</i> Book Discussion</p> <p>No Facebook, no Internet, no smartphones! The world as we know it is gone, thanks to a global flu pandemic. What entertainment remains is a traveling Shakespearean theater company. Join Dr. James Dumerauf and Holland Hospital Behavioral Health Service therapists in a book discussion of Emily St. John Mandel's <i>Station Eleven</i>. Explore the novel's key themes of faith, art, civilization, and ultimately, what makes life meaningful. Registration is required at hollandhospital.org.</p>	Nov 14	7pm	Holland Hospital 602 Michigan Avenue Holland, Michigan 49423
<p>Fellowship Reformed Church <i>Station Eleven</i> Book Discussion</p> <p>Members of Fellowship Reformed Church will be discussing <i>Station Eleven</i>. Come join them!</p>	Nov 14	6:30pm	Fellowship Reformed Church 2165 W Lakewood Blvd, Holland, MI 49424
<p>Saugatuck/Douglas District Library <i>The Giver</i> Book Discussion</p> <p>Join Ingrid Steen Boyer, director of the Saugatuck-Douglas District Library and others in a discussion of <i>Station Eleven</i>.</p>	Nov 19	7pm	Saugatuck/Douglas Library 137 E Center St, Douglas, MI 49406

<p>Howard Miller Public Library Book Club <i>Station Eleven</i> Book Discussion</p> <p>Send off our Big Read 2018 program by joining the Howard Miller Public Library book club in discussing <i>Station Eleven</i> by Emily St. John Mandel.</p>	Dec 04	6:30pm	Howard Miller Public Library 14 S Church St, Zeeland, MI 49464
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Ongoing Exhibitions		
Title	Dates	Location
<p>The Lure of Ruins: Exhibition</p> <p>Architectural ruins have been a recognized subject in European and American art for more than four centuries. In many cases, the ruins portrayed in art serve to remind us about the power of nature and time and the parallel fragility of human life and civilization. They capture the pathos of destruction and feed our fascination with dystopian disasters. Organized as part of the 2018 Big Read project, The Lure of Ruins includes ten works of art ranging in date from the early 18th century to the early 21st century that illustrate different historical approaches to the depiction of ruins in art. The Kruizenga Art Museum is open to the public Tuesdays through Saturdays, 10am to 4pm. Admission is always free.</p>	Oct 30-Nov 16	Kruizenga Art Museum 271 Columbia Ave, Holland, MI 4942
<p>“El Sueno Americano: The American Dream” by Tom Kiefer</p> <p>This series of photographic works by artist Tom Kiefer documents objects confiscated at the US/Mexico border. Kiefer, once a West Coast-based artist, left Los Angeles over 15 years to photograph the desert landscapes of Arizona, near the US/Mexico border. While there, he took a job as a janitor at the Customs and Border Protection Center in Why, Arizona. Over the course of a decade, he collected tens of thousands of items confiscated by Border Patrol agents and thrown in the trash. Items deemed unsafe or non-essential. Items like soaps, water bottles, Bibles, contraceptives, and children's toys. He began archiving and documenting these items, which he refers to as "sacred objects" in 2007. Isolated from context, the photos raise basic questions like, Whose things are these? Why so many? Where are their owners now? Why were they collected?</p>	Oct 25-Dec 22	Saugatuck Center for the Arts 400 Culver St, Saugatuck, MI 49453
<p>Corridor Exhibit: “City of Lost Things” Works by Tori Pelz</p> <p>Inspired by working with Tom Kiefer on El Sueno, Tori has created a series of works that responds to his exhibition. The City of Lost Things is a series of fantastical mixed-media drawings that imagine a city populated by objects that have been separated from their owners. The series is an exploration of borderlands as liminal spaces in which intrinsic connections between objects, place and personhood are in flux and reimagined. Tori Pelz is an artist and educator whose multi-disciplinary practice often involves social engagement by promoting collaboration and creating visual platforms for personal, place-based narratives. Exploring themes such as hospitality, displacement and belonging, her work strives to take empowering forms and amplify the voices of those silenced.</p>	Oct 25-Dec 22	Saugatuck Center for the Arts 400 Culver St, Saugatuck, MI 49453
<p>NEA Big Read Lakeshore Student Exhibition of Learning</p> <p>If you didn't get a chance to attend the Student Exhibition of Learning event, you can still view the hundreds of insightful, artistic student responses to the</p>	Nov 16-21	Holland Armory

<p>themes presented in "Station Eleven" and professionally displayed throughout the Armory from November 16-23 from 11am-4pm.</p>		<p>16 W 9th St, Holland, MI 49423</p>
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NEA BIG READ LAKESHORE is a Hope College program in collaboration with many partnering institutions and organizations including Herrick District Library, Howard Miller Public Library, Western Theological Seminary, Holland Museum, Ottawa Area Intermediate School District, City of Holland, Saugatuck Center for the Arts, Saugatuck-Douglas District Library, Loutit District Library, Fennville Library, Alliance for Cultural and Ethnic Harmony, CultureWorks, Holland Area Arts Council, Ready for School. Partial funding for our program comes from the NEA Big Read, an initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) designed to revitalize the role of literary reading in American popular culture.

OUR PURPOSE: NEA Big Read Lakeshore seeks to create and foster a culture where reading matters. We strive to bring our community together around one book and use this shared experience of reading, discussing, and exploring the themes of the book as a springboard to learn from and listen to each other. A great book combines enrichment with enchantment. It awakens our imagination and enlarges our humanity. It can offer harrowing insights that somehow console and comfort us.

OUR PRACTICE: We actively work to offer a wide variety of programming that will appeal to a diverse population. Events take place in a variety of spaces and locations. In addition, we actively collaborate with area middle/high schools, and the Ottawa Area Intermediate School District, engaging students in the larger conversations of our community. We also provide participating schools with a unique opportunity to interact with a world-renowned author. Our main events are planned to engage each book and its topics from a variety of perspectives, experiences, and angles, including not only lectures by engaging speakers, but also featuring film, food, music and art to explore and celebrate the topics under discussion. Through conversation, food, film, music, and art, our community will come together to explore the history and significance behind this story of identity, family, and the idea of home.

OUR PAST: Our first year, we read *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee. Over 3,000 people participated in the 7 main events and the 38 public and private book discussions. In that first year 6 schools, and 8 teachers participated. In 2015, we focused on Tim O'Brien's *The Things They Carried*. Over 7000 people attended 10 main events and took part in 49 public and private book discussions. The project culminated in a visit from author Tim O'Brien, who delivered the keynote address to a standing-room-only community event. In 2016, we read *Brother, I'm Dying*, by Edwidge Danticat and had 10,000 participants in our programming and together explored issues of identity, immigration, and family. 2017 brought us Julie Otsuka's *When the Emperor Was Divine* and discussions about allegiance, American identity and traditions. 1,000 people attended our student exhibition of learning event.

