



For descriptions of each event, directions to locations, and a list of our sponsors and community partners, please go to our website: hope.edu/bigread

Main Events - open to the public and free unless otherwise indicated			
Title	Date	Time	Location
Creativity Revealed with Artist Tom Kiefer	Oct 29	7pm	Saugatuck Center for the Arts
Kick-Off Event: Dr. Ben Kopek, Dr. Marla Lunderberg, Mark Hiskes	Oct 30	7pm	Knickerbocker Theater
Shakespeare and <i>Station Eleven</i> Performance	Nov 01	7pm	Dewitt Theater, Hope College
Museum on the Move: Fire Walk	Nov 02	10am	Cappon House Visitor Center
<i>Blackout Party</i>	Nov 02	6:30pm	Loutit District Library
Pioneer Skills Workshop	Nov 03	10am	Settlers House, Holland
Little Read Shadow Puppets	Nov 03	11am	Herrick District Library
Survival Skills 101 (registration required, \$3/person)	Nov 03	1pm	Degraaf Nature Center
Shakespeare and <i>Station Eleven</i> Performance (registration)	Nov 03	2pm	Saugatuck Woman's Club
Nocturnal Nature - Family event (registration required)	Nov 03	6:30pm	Outdoor Discovery Center
Detroit Unseen: Photography Exhibit and Talk	Nov 05	7pm	Herrick District Library
Food and Theatrical Performance Event (registration required, \$6))	Nov 06	6pm	Maas Auditorium, Hope College
Dungeons and Dragons Night For Teens	Nov 06	7pm	Herrick District Library
Lunch and Learn: The Ground Zero Moment	Nov 07	12pm	Holland Museum
<i>The Giver</i> Lecture: Dr Christiana Salah	Nov 07	7pm	Howard Miller Public Library
Lecture: Dr. David Dark	Nov 08	7pm	Western Seminary Chapel
Why Shakespeare? Discussion	Nov 08	7pm	Loutit District Library
CultureWorks' Teen Illustration Workshop with John Rocco	Nov 09	3:45pm	Herrick District Library
Family Fort Night	Nov 09	6pm	Herrick District Library
Little Read Author Event with John Rocco	Nov 10	11am	Herrick District Library
Graphic Novel Writing Workshop with Dr. Beth Trembley	Nov 10	2pm	Holland Area Arts Council
Be Prepared: Survival and Outdoor Skills	Nov 10	2pm	Loutit District Library
CultureWorks' Illustration Workshop with John Rocco	Nov 10	2pm	Herrick District Library
Documentary Film Screening: <i>Shakespeare Behind Bars</i>	Nov 12	6:30pm	Herrick District Library
Author Q & A Event for Students with Emily St. John Mandel	Nov 13	11am	Jack Miller Concert Hall
Author Keynote Event with Emily St. John Mandel	Nov 13	7pm	Jack Miller Concert Hall
Documentary Film Screening: <i>306 Hollywood</i>	Nov 14	7pm	Saugatuck Center for the Arts
Student Exhibition of Learning	Nov 15	6:30pm	Holland Armory

Public Book Discussions - all are free and open to the public			
Topic	Date	Time	Location
Woman's Literary Club Book Discussion	Oct 16	7pm	Herrick District Library
Gallery Talk and Book Discussion	Nov 01	11am	Kruizenga Art Museum
Barnes and Nobles Book Discussion	Nov 03	1pm	Barnes and Nobles, Holland
Van Wylen Library Book Discussion	Nov 05	11am	Hope College

Fennville District Library Book Discussion	Nov 07	1:30pm	Fennville District Library
Ready for School's <i>Blackout</i> Book Discussion	Nov 07	1:30pm	Herrick District Library
Hope College Alumni and Friends Book Discussion	Nov 07	7pm	Brew Merchant
Alliance for Cultural and Ethnic Harmony Book Discussion	Nov 09	7pm	Holland Museum
Herrick District Library North Branch Book Discussion	Nov 10	10am	Herrick Library - North Branch
Saugatuck/Douglas District Library Book Discussion	Nov 12	4pm	Saugatuck/Douglas Library
Fellowship Reformed Church	Nov 14	6:30pm	Fellowship Reformed Church
Holland Hospital Book Discussion (online registration required)	Nov 14	7pm	Holland Hospital
Saugatuck/Douglas District Library <i>The Giver</i> Book Discussion	Nov 19	7pm	Saugatuck/Douglas Library
Howard Miller Library Book Club Book Discussion	Dec 04	6:30pm	Howard Miller Public Library

Ongoing Exhibitions		
Title	Dates/Times	Location
Architectural Ruins: Mini Exhibition	Oct 30-Nov 16	Kruizenga Art Museum
"El Sueno Americano: The American Dream" by Tom Kiefer	Oct 25-Dec 22	Saugatuck Center for the Arts
Corridor Exhibit: "City of Lost Things" Works by Tori Pelz	Oct 25-Dec 22	Saugatuck Center for the Arts
NEA Big Read Lakeshore Student Exhibition of Learning	Nov 16-21	Holland Armory

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 District Library, Alliance for Cultural and Ethnic Harmony, CultureWorks, Holland Area Arts Council, and 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: NEA Big Read Lakeshore actively works 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 the student exhibition of learning event.