



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

<b>Main Events - all are free and open to the public (except food event)</b>			
<b>Title</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>
<b>The Big Read Kick-Off Event</b>	Nov. 1	7pm	Knickerbocker Theater
<b>Japanese Raion Taiko Drumming Performance</b>	Nov. 3	7pm	Dimnent Chapel
<b>Writing Workshop with Jack Ridl: "You Can Make the Poetic Prose of Julie Otsuka Your Own"</b>	Nov. 4	10am	Holland Area Arts Council
<b>Creativity Revealed: Photographer Kevin J. Miyazaki</b>	Nov. 6	7pm	Saugatuck Center of the Arts
<b>Who is My Neighbor? Faith, Justice, and Community</b>	Nov. 7	3pm	Martha Miller Center
<b>Japanese and Japanese-American Cultural Dinner</b> *online registration required (adults/\$9,kids under 12/\$4.50, Hope students can use meal plan/Dining\$)	Nov. 7	6pm	Haworth Inn & Conference Center
<b>Documentary Film Screening: <i>Girl Unbound</i></b>	Nov. 8	7pm	Saugatuck Center for the Arts
<b>Q &amp; A with Julie Otsuka, author of <i>When the Emperor Was Divine</i></b>	Nov. 9	11am	Jack Miller Concert Hall
<b>Keynote Address: Julie Otsuka</b>	Nov. 9	7pm	Dimnent Chapel
<b>Children's Author Event with Amy Lee-Tai, <i>A Place Where Sunflowers Grow</i></b>	Nov. 11	11am	Herrick District Library
<b>An Evening with Makoto Fujimura, world-renowned artist, theologian and cultural influencer</b>	Nov. 12	7pm	Third Reformed Church
<b>Lecture: Makoto Fujimura</b>	Nov. 13	7pm	Jack Miller Concert Hall
<b>Lunch at the Museum: Memories of World War II</b>	Nov 15	12pm	Holland Museum
<b>Claiming America: Questions of Belonging: Lecture by Dr. Kim McKee</b>	Nov. 15	7pm	Howard Miller Public Library
<b>Student Exhibition of Learning</b>	Nov. 16	7pm	Holland Armory

<b>Public Book Discussions - all are free and open to the public</b>			
<b>Topic</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>
Saugatuck/Douglas District Library and Friends Book Discussions	Oct 17	7pm	Saugatuck/Douglas
Kruizenga Art Museum Gallery Talk and Book Discussion *online registration required (limited to 25 people)	Nov 2	7pm	Kruizenga Art Museum
Van Wylen Book Discussion with Photographer Kevin J. Miyazaki	Nov. 6	1pm	Van Wylen Library
Book Review and Brews Book Discussion (Hope Alumni and Friends) *online registration required	Nov. 8	7pm	Our Brewing Company
Alliance for Cultural and Ethnic Harmony Book Discussion	Nov. 10	7pm	Holland Museum
Saugatuck-Douglas History Center and Friends Book Discussion	Nov. 14	4pm	Saugatuck-Douglas History Center
Out on the Lakeshore Book Discussion	Nov 14	7pm	Out on the Lakeshore Community Center
Fellowship Reformed Church and Friends Book Discussion	Nov. 15	7pm	Fellowship Reformed Church
Barnes and Nobles Book Discussion	Nov 18	1pm	Barnes and Nobles
Saugatuck Center for the Arts and Friends Book Discussion	Nov. 20	7pm	Saugatuck Center for the Arts
Howard Miller Library Book Club and Friend Book Discussion	Dec. 5	6:30pm	Howard Miller Public Library

<b>Ongoing Exhibitions</b>		
<b>Title</b>	<b>Dates/Times</b>	<b>Location</b>
<b>"From Beyond the Stars: Innovation and Inspiration in Meiji Japanese Art"</b>	Aug 29 to Dec 16, 2017	Kruizenga Art Museum
<b>"For the Future Peace: World War II and Holland on the Homefront"</b>	Permanent collection	Holland Museum
<b>"Corridor Series: Camp Home"</b>	Sept 14 to Nov 24, 2017	Saugatuck Center for the Arts

"Big Read Holland Area Student Exhibition of Learning" Extended Hours	Nov 17-22, 2017, 11am-4pm	Holland Armory
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**The Big Read** is an initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) designed to revitalize the role of literary reading in American popular culture. Reading at Risk: A Survey of Literary Reading in America (a 2004 NEA report) identified a critical decline in reading for pleasure among American adults. The Big Read addresses this issue by bringing communities together to read, discuss, and celebrate books and writers from American and world literature. 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. Whether you're a regular reader already or making up for lost time, thank you for joining The Big Read.



**OUR PURPOSE:** The Big Read Holland Area 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.

**OUR PARTNERS:** The Big Read Holland Area is a Hope College program in collaboration with many partnering institutions and organizations including Herrick District Library, Ottawa Area Intermediate School District, Howard Miller Library, Ready for School, Holland Area Arts Council, Saugatuck Center for the Arts, Western Theological Seminary, Holland Museum, and cultureWorks.

**OUR PRACTICE:** The Big Read Holland Area 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. **This November, The Big Read Holland Area will focus on Julie Otsuka's novel, *When the Emperor was Divine*.** 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.