



For descriptions of each event, directions to locations, and a list of our sponsors and community partners, please go to our website: <https://bigreadlakeshore>

Main Events - open to the public and free unless otherwise indicated			
Title	Date	Time	Location
North Branch Art Project: Series #1: for ages 9-13	Oct 03	6:00 PM	Herrick North Branch Library
North Branch Art Project: Series #2: for ages 9-13	Oct 10	6:00 PM	Herrick North Branch Library
North Branch Art Project: Series #3: for ages 9-13	Oct 17	6:00 PM	Herrick North Branch Library
North Branch Art Project: Series #4: for ages 9-13	Oct 24	6:00 PM	Herrick North Branch Library
Storytime: Mini Read <i>The More We Get Together</i>	Nov 02	10:00 AM	Howard Miller Library
Dancing Through the Pages: <i>Change Sings</i> (Allegan County)	Nov 03	8:00 AM	Allegan District Library
Dancing Through the Pages: <i>Change Sings</i>	Nov 04	10:00 AM	Hope College, Dow Center
Animal Sounds: Little Read Lakeshore	Nov 04	11:00 AM	Outdoor Discovery Center
Dancing Through the Pages: <i>Change Sings</i>	Nov 04	1:30 PM	Saugatuck Center for the Arts
Baby Storytime: <i>The More We Get Together</i>	Nov 07	9:30 AM	Herrick North Branch Library
<i>The More We Get Together</i> : A Musical Adventure	Nov 07	10:30 AM	Dorr Township Library
North Branch Art Project Celebration (open to everyone)	Nov 07	6:00 PM	Herrick North Branch Library
Motherland Culture Connections: African Music, Dance, Spoken Word	Nov 07	4:00 PM	Hope College, Maas Auditorium
Preschool Storytime: <i>Change Sings</i>	Nov 08	9:30 AM	Herrick District Library
Little Lakeshore Read & Play for Preschool	Nov 09	10:30 AM	Allegan District Library
Toddler Storytime: <i>The More We Get Together</i>	Nov 09	9:30 AM	Herrick District Library
Lapsit Lakeshore Read-Aloud and Crafts	Nov 14	10:30 AM	Allegan District Library
<i>The More We Get Together</i> : A Musical Adventure with HSO	Nov 16	2:30 PM	Hope College, Jack Miller Hall
"Let's Talk About What Makes You Unique" Play-and-Learn Groups	various	various	Various OAISD PLN locations

Selected Ongoing Exhibitions/Events		
Title	Dates/Times	Location
StoryWalk® - <i>Change Sings</i> by Amanda Gorman	Oct 30-Nov 26	Paw Paw Park East
Mini Read StoryWalk® - <i>The More We Get Together</i>	Oct 30-Nov 26	West Olive Nature Center
StoryWalk® - <i>The More We Get Together</i>	Oct 30-Nov 26	Hemlock Crossing
Mini Read StoryWalk® - <i>The More We Get Together</i>	Oct 30-Nov 26	West Olive Nature Center
Holland Story Project: Record Your Family Stories	Oct 30-Nov 30	Herrick District Library
Little/Mini Read: Take and Make Activities	Nov 01-30	Allendale Township Library
Mini Read Lakeshore Storywalk: <i>The More We Get Together</i>	Nov 06-12	Grand Haven Central Park
Parallels: African and African American Art	Nov 08-Dec 16	Kruizenga Art Museum

LITTLE/MINI READ LAKESHORE are Hope College programs in collaboration with many partnering institutions and organizations. They are connected with the Big and Middle Read programs.

OUR PURPOSE: Big/Middle/Mini 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: Our Big/Middle/Little/Mini Read Lakeshore programs offer a wide variety of programming that takes place in a variety of spaces and locations. In addition, we actively collaborate with area middle/high schools, engaging students in the larger conversations of our community. 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.



2023 Big Read: *Homegoing* by Yaa Gyasi

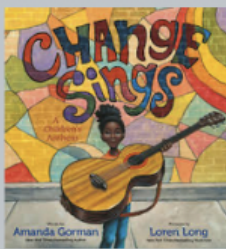
Homegoing follows the journeys of two sisters and their descendants through eight generations from the Gold Coast in Ghana to contemporary American. A touching novel of family and identity, Yaa Gyasi's novel illustrates colonization's and slavery's troubled legacy for both those who were taken and those who remained.

2023 Middle Read: *New Kid* by Jerry Craft and *The Door of No Return* by Kwame Alexander



Perfect for fans of Raina Telgemeier and Gene Luen Yang, *New Kid* is a timely, honest graphic novel about starting over at a new school where diversity is low and the struggle to fit in is real, from award-winning author-illustrator Jerry Craft (jerrycraft.com).

The Door of No Return is the first book in a searing, breathtaking trilogy that tells the story of a boy, a village, and the epic odyssey of an African family. This spellbinding novel by the author of *The Crossover* and *Booked* will take you on an unforgettable adventure that will open your eyes and break your heart.



2023 Little Read: *Change Sings* by Amanda Gorman

Change Sings is brought to life by #1 New York Times bestselling illustrator Loren Long, the artist behind Barack Obama's children's book *Of Thee I Sing: A Letter to My Daughters*. Written as a children's anthem, Gorman's book reminds the newest generation that they have the power to shape the word with their actions and voices.



2023 Mini Read: *The More We Get Together* by Celeste Cortright

Set to the familiar tune of "The More We Get Together," this book features a diverse group of children who work together to make their urban neighborhood cleaner, friendlier, and safer for everyone. Sing along as the community bicycles and recycles together, volunteers at an assisted living home, participates in a letter-writing campaign and finally gathers around a potluck meal.