Hope College’s NEA Big Read Lakeshore is centered around a month-long, community-wide reading program that takes place annually in November. We use this shared experience of reading, discussing and exploring the themes and topics of the book as a springboard to learn from and listen to each other.

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2022 Big Read Selection: *Circe* by Madeline Miller
Madeline Miller’s bestselling, critically acclaimed second novel about the goddess Circe has been called “spellbinding,” “vivid, transporting,” and “an epic page turner.” She takes on the world of gods, monsters, mortals, and nymphs in this “bold and subversive retelling of the goddess’s story that manages to be both epic and intimate in its scope, recasting the most infamous female figure from the Odyssey as a hero in her own right” (New York Times). We’re excited to explore themes around Greek mythology, the hero's journey and what it means to be a hero in our world today.

2022 Middle Read Selection: *Homer’s Odyssey & MORE!*
Since we believe the hero's journey can be found everywhere, we’re trying something new with our Middle Read selection this year! While we are recommending Homer’s *Odyssey*, we are also recommending and including books that explore the hero's journey in a variety of ways including *Miles Morales* by Jason Reynolds, *Zita the Spacegirl* by Ben Hatke, and *Superman* by Matt de la Peña.

2022 Little Read Selection: *The Last Stop on Market Street* by Matt de la Peña
This award-winning classic is an inclusive ode to kindness, empathy, gratitude, and finding joy in unexpected places, and celebrates the special bond between a curious young boy and his loving grandmother. We’re excited to use this beautiful book to celebrate being a hero in every day life.
FEATURED EVENTS FOR HOPE COLLEGE

**NOV 01** 7:00pm Maas Aud.  
2022 KICKOFF: WHY READ GREEK MYTHOLOGY WITH DR. STEPHEN MAIULLIO

**NOV 03** 7:00pm Maas Aud.  
GEORGE O’CONNOR GRAPHIC NOVEL AUTHOR EVENT

**NOV 05** 10:00am Herrick Library  
STRIKETIME DANCE THEATER: LAST STOP ON MARKET STREET

**NOV 07** 7:00pm Graves Hall  
THE ODYSSEY IN ORIGINAL SONG: A FOLK OPERA PERFORMANCE BY JOE GOODKIN

**NOV 08** 11:00am Kruizenga Art Museum  
CIRCE BOOK DISCUSSION AND GALLERY TALK WITH DR. GYULAMIRYAN AND CHARLES MASON

**NOV 08** 6:30pm Herrick Library  
BECOME AN HERBALIST WITH BEVIN COHEN

**NOV 09** 7:00pm Jack Miller Aud.  
LITTLE READ AUTHOR EVENT WITH MATT DE LA PENA

**NOV 10** 11:00am Maas Aud.  
RESCUING SOCRATES: DR. ROOSEVELT MONTÁS LECTURE

**NOV 11** 7:00pm Holland Museum  
CIRCE BOOK DISCUSSION HOSTED BY THE ALLIANCE OF CULTURAL AND ETHNIC HARMONY

**NOV 11** 7:00pm Herrick Library  
MURDER AT MOUNT OLYMPUS: A MURDER MYSTERY PARTY

**NOV 11** 4:00pm Holland Museum  
HOLLAND’S HEROES

**NOV 14** All Day Herrick Library  
ADULT TAKE & MAKE: "ANCESTOR GREEK" HERB GARDEN

**NOV 14** 12:00pm Van Wylen: Rare Books Room  
CIRCE BOOK DISCUSSION

**NOV 14** 6:30pm Herrick Library  
ANCIENT GREEK 101

**NOV 14** 7:00pm Jack Miller Aud.  
AUTHOR EVENT WITH MADELINE MILLER: THE GODDESS, THE WITCH AND THE MONSTER

For more information about each event listed here and our entire list of events, head to our website: bigreadlakeshore.com