Little Read Lakeshore is an annual community-wide reading program that creates and fosters a culture in which reading matters to children, families, and those who support, advocate for and work with children. The Little Read Lakeshore is connected to but separate from the Big Read Lakeshore program. Learn more about the Big Read Lakeshore program at hope.edu/offices/big-read/

Little Actors
For children 4 – 6 years old with a caregiver
We’ll be playing theater games and acting out the Little Read Lakeshore selection The Rooster Who Would Not Be Quiet! by Carmen Agra Deedy to help us develop narrative skills and practice following directions in this introduction to the stage! Caregivers will be participating with their children. Registration is required starting Sept 7 at herrickdl.org/events.

Saturday, September 21
11:00 a.m. - 11:45 p.m.
Hazel B. Hayes Auditorium

Animal Sounds Around the World
For children 0 - 5 with a caregiver
Join us as we explore how animals “talk” around the world. Inspired by the Little Read selection The Rooster Who Would Not Be Quiet! by Carmen Agra Deedy, we’ll be reading stories and singing songs that introduce us to new cultures.

Saturday, October 12
11:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.
Children’s Area

Roosters, and Chickens, and Books, Oh My
For families
Join us for a bilingual reading of The Rooster Who Would Not Be Quiet! by Carmen Agra Deedy. Afterwards, we’ll learn about different kinds of roosters and chickens with our friends from Critter Barn.

Tuesday, October 22
6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Children’s Area

Let’s Explore: The Rooster Who Would Not Be Quiet!
Follow your child’s lead as we learn from each other during an interactive book exploration of this year’s Little Read selection. Each family who registers will receive a free copy of the book and a caregiver guide of activities to be completed in advance of this event as registration implies a commitment to attend. Books must be picked up between October 15 and October 22. This program is in collaboration with Ready For School. Registration is required starting October 1 at herrickdl.org/events.

Tuesday, October 29
6:00 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.
Children’s Activity Room

StrikeTime Dance Theatre
For Families
Join Hope College’s StrikeTime Dance Theatre for an exciting, interactive interpretation of this year’s Little Read Lakeshore book The Rooster Who Would Not Be Quiet! by Carmen Agra Deedy.

Saturday, November 2
11:00am
Hazel B. Hayes Auditorium.

Your Voice Matters
For children ages 8 - 11
Picture books are for older kids too! Come participate in an in-depth reading of The Rooster Who Would Not Be Quiet! by Carmen Agra Deedy and join in conversation and activities inspired by the themes of the book.

Tuesday, November 5
6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Meet in the Children’s Activity Room

Special Little Read Lakeshore Storytime
For ages 3 – 5 with a caregiver
Kee-kee-ree-kee! Explore early literacy skills with this special storytime featuring The Rooster Who Would Not Be Quiet! We’ll sing songs (loudly!) and the book will come alive with special appearances by Don Pepe and everyone’s favorite saucy gallito.

Wednesday, November 6
11:00 a.m.
North Branch

Author Visit with Carmen Agra Deedy
For ages 5 and up
The Little Read Lakeshore and Herrick District Library are thrilled to welcome Carmen Agra Deedy, author of this year’s Little Read Lakeshore book The Rooster Who Would Not Be Quiet!. A book signing will take place immediately following the presentation.

Saturday, November 9
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Hazel B. Hayes Auditorium

Latinx Children’s Books: What to know and how to read them?
For adults
Has our bilingual Little Read book caught your interest? Learn more about Latinx children’s books from Hope College literature professors Dr. Regan Postma-Montano and Dr. Jesus Montano. Come away with more ideas of books to share with the children in your life whether you’re a caregiver, educator or a book lover.

Monday, November 11
7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Hazel B. Hayes Auditorium

Big Read & Little Read Beanstack Challenge
Join the community for a mini reading challenge inspired by the books of The Big Read and The Little Read! Complete the challenge for a chance to win an autographed copy of one of this year’s selected books. Create or log in to your Beanstack account to join in at herrickdl.beanstack.org

Monday, October 1st - Friday, November 30