HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH AT HDL

**Tweens Frida Kahlo Surrealist Art**
For ages 8 – 12
Join Erin Drews for an evening full of Frida Kahlo fun! You will have the chance to play a creatively absurd surrealist parlor game before creating your very own multimedia Frida-inspired self-portrait that incorporates elements of Mexican culture, nature, symbols, and artifacts. Registration required at herrickdl.org/events starting September 9

**Monday, September 23**
7:30 – 8:30 p.m.
North Branch

**Adopt-a-Shelf**
For families
We invite you to “adopt” a shelf or section of books in the Children’s Department! Just schedule a brief training, then whenever your family visits the library over your 3-month adoption period, take a few extra minutes to tidy up your designated space. Call 616.355.3700 to schedule a time for training.

**1,000 Books Before Kindergarten**
For ages 0–4 years old with caregiver
We challenge you and your child to read 1,000 books before he or she enters kindergarten. Sign up at herrickdl.org/events. We invite you to “adopt” a shelf or section of books in the Children’s Department! Just schedule a brief training, then whenever your family visits the library over your 3-month adoption period, take a few extra minutes to tidy up your designated space. Call 616.355.3700 to schedule a time for training.

**ONGOING STORYTIMES**

**Toddler Storytime – Main Library**
For ages 18 months-3 with a caregiver
Explore early literacy skills with fingerplays, songs, and stories.
Tuesdays, September 10 - November 19
9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
Children’s Area

**Baby Storytime – North Branch**
For ages 0–18 months with a caregiver
Explore early literacy skills with stories, bounces, and rhymes.
Tuesdays, September 10 - November 19
10:00 a.m. (will not meet October 15)
North Branch

**Baby Storytime – Main Library**
For ages 0–18 months with a caregiver
Explore early literacy skills with stories, bounces, and rhymes.
Wednesdays, September 11 - November 20
9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
Children’s Activity Room

**Preschool Storytime – North Branch**
For ages 3–5 with a caregiver
Explore early literacy skills with fingerplays, songs, and stories.
Wednesdays, September 11 - November 20
10:00 a.m.
North Branch

**Preschool Storytime – Main Library**
For ages 3–5 with a caregiver
Explore early literacy skills with fingerplays, songs, and stories.
Wednesdays, September 11 - November 20
10:00 a.m.
Main Library

**North Branch**

**Special Homes Storytime**
For ages 18 months-3 with a caregiver
Explore early literacy skills with fingerplays, songs, and rhymes.
Wednesdays, September 11 - November 20
10:00 a.m.
Children’s Area

**Toddler Storytime**

**November 6:**
10:00 a.m.
North Branch

**November 20:**
10:00 a.m.
Main Library

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Explore early literacy skills with fingerplays, songs, and rhymes.
Wednesdays, September 11 - November 20
10:00 a.m.
Children’s Area

**For Families**

**Herrick District Library Readers’ Choice Awards**
Readers’ Choice is back! Make your voice heard by voting for which books you think should win our annual award! Candidates will be announced at the beginning of October. Stop in to check out some of the nominated books before the vote! Voting will take place at both Herrick District Library locations and at herrickdl.org.

**October 28 - November 5**

**For Infants and Toddlers 0–24 months**

**A less structured playgroup that offers activities appropriate and safe for infants and toddlers. In order to provide this special time for you and your little one(s), we ask that no older siblings attend.**
September 16, October 14, November 18
9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
Hazel B. Hayes Auditorium

**For ages 0–5 with a caregiver**
Join the OAISD for a special play group where there will be stories, fingerplays, creative art experiences, educational play, and a free book for each family! Caregivers stay with their children to learn and play.
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10:45 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.
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**Characters**

**Jammies for 30 minutes of stories and songs.**
For families
Bring your favorite stuffed animals, and come in your jammies for 30 minutes of stories and songs.
Mondays, September 23 - November 11*
6:30 p.m. (will not meet October 14)
* October 14 - OAISD Play & Learn Bilingual 6:00 p.m.
Children’s Area

**Ongoing Play Groups**

**OAISD Play ‘n’ Learn Infant/Toddlers**
For infants and toddlers 0–24 months
A less structured playgroup that offers activities appropriate and safe for infants and toddlers. In order to provide this special time for you and your little one(s), we ask that no older siblings attend.
September 16, October 14, November 18
9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
Hazel B. Hayes Auditorium

**OAISD Play ‘n’ Learn for birth - 5 year olds**
For ages 0–5 with a caregiver
Join the OAISD for a special play group where there will be stories, fingerplays, creative art experiences, educational play, and a free book for each family! Caregivers stay with their children to learn and play.
September 16, October 14, November 18
10:45 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.
Hazel B. Hayes Auditorium

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ONE TIME EVENTS

Challenging Toddler Behaviors
For caregivers of toddlers
Toddlers are lovable, exciting, and a lot of work! Hope College professors Sophia D’Agostino and Dr. Libby Horton will share tips and information with caregivers regarding this challenging age.
Monday, September 9 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Main Floor Meeting Room

Feathers, Fur, Scales, and Slime
For families
With so many animals scattered across the Earth, scientists have a great challenge in organizing them. Join Binder Park Zoological staff as they start children off with the basics of animal taxonomy by sharing what makes animals different from one another.
Saturday, September 28 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Fire Station Next to the North Branch

Awesome DIY!
For tweens ages 9 - 12
Come and make some creative and unique pieces of jewelry with us! This is a drop-in program, so you may arrive anytime between the hours listed to participate.
Project 1: choose from one of two dates
- Wednesday, October 16 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
- Saturday, October 19 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Project 2: choose from one of two dates
- Wednesday, November 13 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, November 20 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
North Branch

Find more Homelessness Awareness Month events for all ages at herrickdl.org/events

LITTLE READ LAKESHORE EVENTS

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 a.m.
Hazel B. Hayes Auditorium

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

Animal Sounds Around the World
For children 0 - 3 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

Roofters, and Chickens, and Books, Oh My!
For families
Join us for a bilingual reading of The Roofter 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 this 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 11:00 a.m.
Hazel B. Hayes Auditorium

Your Voice Matters
For children ages 8 - 11
Picture books and 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

Homelessness Awareness Month at Herrick District Library

Housing Insecurity - How can we Help?
For tweens ages 9 - 12 and teens ages 13 - 18
We’ll be talking with United Way and other housing representatives to find ways to support those in our community who are dealing with housing insecurity and brainstorming ways we can help.
Tuesday, November 19 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Teen Activity Room

Special Homes Storytime
For ages 3 - 5 with a caregiver
November is homelessness awareness month. Join us for a special storytime in which we explore the concept of having a home through stories and songs.
Wednesday, November 20 10:00 a.m.
North Branch