



# Hope College Big Read: Literature Connecting Campus and Community

LILLY NETWORK EXCHANGE | MARCH 6-8, 2022

**Invitation  
to  
Apply!**

Hope College's Big Read Lakeshore program will host a Lilly Network Exchange in Spring 2022 for twelve faculty members and administrators at Lilly Network Schools interested in learning more about literature-based programs.

The NEA Big Read Lakeshore is an annual month-long community-wide reading program that brings people together around a common book and uses this shared experience of reading, discussing, and exploring the topics of the book as a springboard to listen to and learn from each other. In collaboration with area schools, libraries, non-profit organizations, and businesses, the Big Read offers over 50 events and book discussions during the month of programming and regularly involves 12,000 participants of all ages.

The purpose of this LFP Network Exchange is to use the Big Read Lakeshore as an entry point in exploring the intersections between literature, campus and community engagement and faith commitment. During the course of their visit to Hope College, participants will be invited to attend seminars and plenary sessions, campus events, interact with program teachers, librarians, and students, and contribute to breakout conversations on topics related to literature-based programming such as

- articulating faith-based approaches to studying and discussing literature
- aligning institutional missions and program goals
- sharing best practices around program implementation and partnerships (churches, librarians, educational institutions, non-profits)
- conducting research and scholarship around program involvements.

Participants will be encouraged to share perspectives and ideas from their home institutions and then to disseminate what they learn once they return. The goal of the workshop is to engage, empower, and equip faculty members in this work.

This LFP Network Exchange opportunity will provide participants with all meals, hotel accommodations, ground transportation, and up to \$600 in airfare reimbursement to Grand Rapids International Airport. It is open to any faculty member or administrator from the Lilly Network who lead or are involved with literature-based campus and/or community programs as well as those who are considering starting or getting involved in new or existing programs.

**The deadline to apply is October 01, 2021.**

IF INTERESTED, PLEASE FILL OUT THIS APPLICATION FORM:  
<https://forms.gle/zkHXEkX2hDc67X4Z6>

