Exploring the Hope/Holland community

As fall quickly approaches, Holland likes to pull out the best of the best. If you're new to Hope College or looking to experience all that this season, check out a few activities happening this month. Delve into your community of Hope and Holland. Almost all of these events are free or require very little cash to have a good time.

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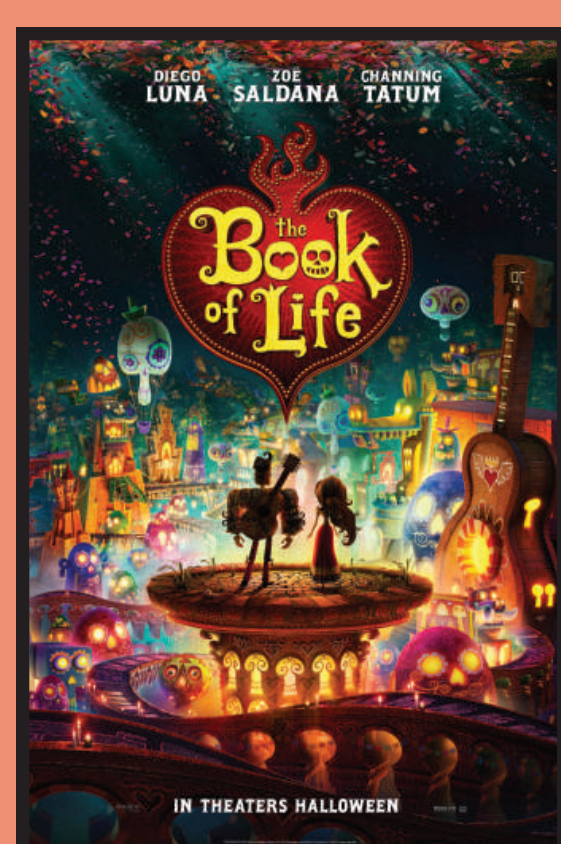
The Holland Farmer's Market
Wednesday and Saturday mornings, you can crawl out of bed to find yourself at the end of 8th street, where dozens of local farmers gather to sell fresh crops and hand-made items. The Farmer's Market is a good place to go for fresh food and even flowers. As the season changes, so do the vendors. The market begins at 8 a.m. and lasts until 3 p.m. if business is good.

Holland Area Visitors Bureau

Live Mannequin Night–Friday
Every year, volunteers from downtown stores dress and act as mannequins. They follow a theme each year, posing in their storefronts from 7-8:30 p.m.
Previous years, Holland stores have done themes ranging from Disney movies (as seen above; The City Delicatessen spotlights the movie "Up") to allowing each store the freedom to show their individuality.

Hope College

Jack Ridl Visiting Writers Series–Begins Tuesday
Throughout the fall, authors visit Hope and read aloud from their recently published pieces. Meet the authors through a Q&A session held at Fried-Hemmingway Auditorium or listen to a live reading in the Recital Hall inside Jack H. Miller Center.
The first authors to arrive are Chris Dombrowski (above left), a writer of nonfiction and poetry, along with Shann Ray (above right), a writer of fiction and poetry.



The Book of Life

Tulipanes Film Fest–Sept. 21st-24th
This year, LAUP (Latin Americans United for Progress) is hosting an art & film festival to celebrate Latino art, film and music. This is the 17th year that the event has been held. It will be free to the public and held at several local venues. Visit laup.org for more information on where to go and what to see. "The Book of Life" is one of the events and will be shown at Kollen Park at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 23.

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Open Mic Night–Every Tuesday
Park Theatre, located just across the street from Centennial Park, welcomes Hollanders and Hope Students alike to perform or watch others on stage.
Performers should arrive at 7:30 PM, but viewers may arrive at 8:00 p.m. Admission is $2.

COMING SOON:
Stay tuned as The Pull, a Hope College tradition that began in 1898, takes place Sept. 30. After that, more fall activities begin including Holland's Fall Fest 2017.