

Completed application must be submitted to New Hampshire Humanities **at least four (4) weeks** before the date of your program.

Eligible Applicants: New Hampshire libraries; established book groups; private nonprofit organizations; institutions of higher education; state, local, and federally recognized Indian tribal governments; institutions of the federal government; groups of persons that form an association to carry out a project; and public schools with a community partner are welcome to apply to host a book group. Organizations or groups that apply to the councils for funding must be constituted for nonprofit purposes. It is not necessary that such organizations or groups be incorporated or have tax-exempt status. This program must serve residents of New Hampshire. The event must be free and open to the public.

Book Group Awards: New Hampshire Humanities (NHH) gives the program host \$300 to cover the facilitator's honorarium and provides a **loaned copy** of the book to participants from the Book Bag Program from the Center for the Book at the NH State Library. A check made out to your organization will arrive two weeks before the program. Deposit that check. Cut a check from your organization made payable to the facilitator. Your check to the facilitator should be for \$300 plus full roundtrip mileage at \$0.65/mile if an in-person event. A \$300 check from your organization should be mailed to the facilitator for a virtual program.

Application Process

- Choose the program:** Use our [online book list](#) to select a book and find the facilitator's contact information.
- Contact the facilitator:** When you contact the facilitator, we recommend discussing the following details: date, time, the book you want the facilitator to discuss (if they have multiple), program format (in-person, online, hybrid), the facilitator's technology or presentation needs/ the venue's capacity to accommodate those needs, travel costs, and whether the presenter agrees to record the program or allows photos.
- Reserve your books-** Working in collaboration with the **Book Bag program** with the Center for the Book at the NH State Library, interested host sites should reserve the *Perspectives* title from the Book Bag program for their book group **BEFORE** completing an application for programming with NHH. To reserve titles, please contact the Circulation section of the NH State Library at 603-271-2616 or email nhslill@dncr.nh.gov. Books will be sent via Interlibrary Loan Van (ILL) to your local library for pick up. For more information on how the ILL van works, please visit [HERE](#). **Hosts are responsible for book pick up, book distribution, and book returns.**
- Fill out a [Perspectives application online](#).** The form must be submitted **at least 4 weeks** before the event.
 - **A reminder that the application is a binding contract.** *Perspectives* programs must serve NH residents. All participants should receive a loaned copy of the book that will be returned at the end of the program. This program must be free and open to the public; NHHs' support must be formally acknowledged on ALL printed or online materials and at the program; no audio or video recording is allowed without the facilitator's prior permission. Program hosts agree to pay the facilitator \$300 plus total mileage, with a check from their organization, at the in-person program. The \$300 check from your organization should be mailed to the facilitator if a virtual program.
- New Hampshire Humanities will email you to confirm your *Perspectives* application was approved,** typically within one week.
- Reconfirm with the facilitator & Book Bag Program:** When you receive NHH's confirmation email, contact your facilitator to reconfirm the date, time, format, directions, parking, and technology needs. Also reconfirm with the Book Bag program that your title has been reserved and when you can expect it via interlibrary loan van for pick up at your local library.
- Check your program listing on the online calendar on our website, www.nhhumanities.org, and inform us** immediately of any changes.

Promoting and Preparing for Your Book Group Program

- As soon as NHH confirms your program, start promoting your event!** Send press releases and calendar announcements to local media, invite high school teachers and their students, contact other local organizations - get the word out! Include a copy of the [NHH logo, downloaded from our website](#) in your press releases. A sample press release and other publicity tips can be found in our [Publicity Tip Sheet](#).
- Distribute the books to program participants.** All participants should receive a loaned copy of the book from the Book Bag program at the NH Center for the Book. **These books will need to be returned after the program's conclusion to the NH State Library via the interlibrary loan van.**
- Look for a check from NHH** made out to your organization to arrive two weeks before the program. Deposit that check. Cut a check from your organization made payable to the facilitator for their honorarium and round-trip mileage if an in person.
- Prepare the audience evaluation for your program.** Download the audience evaluation form from the [Book Group forms page](#) on our website and photocopy forms. If an online program, have this link ready to share with participants: <https://srvy.pro/2WLY9GP>
- Prepare a short introduction of the facilitator** using the bio from the [Book Group List](#) from our website.
- Acknowledgement of support:** In exchange for our sponsorship and promotional assistance, we expect you to credit NHH in promotional materials, display our logo and tell your audience NHH sponsored the program. For example, at the start of the program please say **"This program is made possible by New Hampshire Humanities. Learn more at www.nhhumanities.org."** Please spell out "New Hampshire Humanities" in all written announcements and say the full name when announced verbally. This statement of support should be included in your introductory remarks.
- Arrange the proper technology for your program.**
 - If your program is in-person, arrange for use of a microphone, if your venue or audience needs sound amplification, and any other technology required by the facilitator, such as a projector.
 - If your program is virtual or hybrid, be sure to create a virtual meeting in advance of the event and supply instructions on how to join with your audience. **We suggest meeting with the facilitator via the online platform in advance of the program to test the technology, practice screen sharing, and negotiate host privileges if this function will be used during the program.**
- Contact NHH immediately if there is ANY change in your program.** If you must change the place, date, or time, call us at 603-224-4071 and email bookgroups@nhhumanities.org. **Alert your facilitator and participants.**

At Your Program

- Greet your facilitator.** Make sure that the space and technology are set up as discussed. The facilitator should bring a banner with the NHH logo. This should be prominently displayed during the program.
- Welcome the audience, introduce the facilitator, and explain the importance of completing the evaluation at the end of the program.**

SAMPLE- "Hello! Welcome to _____ (event), sponsored/hosted by New Hampshire Humanities. It is my pleasure to introduce _____ (facilitator and name of program). At the end of (today/tonight)'s program we ask that you take a few moments to complete a survey. There will be time at the end of the program to (fill out the paper survey/ distribute a virtual survey link) to complete at the end of the program. These evaluations help to ensure New Hampshire Humanities has as much feedback as possible to continue to provide and support programming like this, and more. Thank you so much for joining us tonight, and please enjoy the program!"

- During the program, count the attendees** to include in your host evaluation.

- After the program, distribute the audience evaluation**, either online or on paper, and remind the audience to fill out the evaluation forms. If distributing a paper evaluation, have pencils and/or pens available. If you are distributing the online evaluation, send participants to this link: <https://srvy.pro/2WLY9GP>
 - Audience evaluations can be collected as the audience leaves the program, returned to the mailing address at the bottom of this form, or sent via email to bookgroups@nhhumanities.org
- Thank and pay the facilitator.**

The Last Steps

- Complete and return the Host & Audience Evaluations** to NHH **within two weeks**. Comments welcome!
All Evaluations can be returned to the mailing address at the bottom of this form or via email to bookgroups@nhhumanities.org
- Please remember to add the Program # to Program Host Evaluation Form.** The Program # can be found in your confirmation email.
- Return book copies to your local library for return to the NH State Library** via ILL van.
 - Place all loaned books back into their Book Bag kit. Then, simply fold over the routing slip that was provided with the Book Bag kit so **only the “NH State Library” name is showing**. Place routing slip back into the clear card pouch on the outside of the bag.
 - Return the Book Bag kit **to your local library** for return via the ILL van.
- Please “Like” the NHH Facebook page. Go to www.facebook.com/newhampshirehumanities and tell others about your *Perspectives* book group experience.

Photography and Recording

- No photography or video - or audiotaping of programs is allowed without permission of facilitator, which must be obtained in advance. The host is responsible for ensuring that audience members do not take photos or record without permission and do not distract or interrupt the presenter or audience.
- If the facilitator does allow recording, credit must be given to NHH. Include in the recording the NHH logo from our website and/or the words “This program is made possible by a grant from New Hampshire Humanities. Learn more at www.nhhumanities.org.” **Please spell out “New Hampshire Humanities” in all written and verbal announcements.** Email digital photos and/or recordings to our Communications Director at rkinhan@nhhumanities.org



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