

# Humanities on the Hill • March 2023

*New Hampshire Humanities connects people and ideas by delivering and supporting statewide programs that inspire curiosity, foster civil dialogue, and explore big questions.* 



New Hampshire Humanities thanks our Congressional delegation for its unwavering support and for sharing our belief that the humanities are vital to a thriving democracy.

Communities across the nation are turning to state and jurisdictional humanities councils now more than ever for support of their cultural infrastructure, especially during the past few tumultuous years. Through funding from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), councils like New Hampshire Humanities invigorate local economies by investing in communities' cultural and educational infrastructure. Supporting museums, libraries, festivals, and public programming enables councils to enrich communities' quality of life, making them more attractive to businesses and advancing a skilled, educated workforce. This support has been a lifeline for cultural organizations throughout the pandemic and beyond.

These funds help provide resources to bring communities together throughout the pandemic, strengthen civic education about our democracy, connect tens of thousands of new program participants each year, assist in our recovery as a nation, and unify us as a nation as we prepare to mark the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Indepence.

With your support, our advocacy efforts last year resulted in an historic increase in the federal appropriation for NEH and the humanities councils: \$207 million for NEH and \$65 million for the state and jurisdictional humanities councils. During the current FY24 appropriations process, we are working to realize another meaningful increase for the humanities community.

Thank you for your steadfast support of the NEH and the humanities!





## **Diverse programs & opportunities for all Granite Staters**

#### **Community Project Grants**

Community Project Grants disseminate federal awards to New Hampshire non-profits to lead public humanities programs. We offer two types of grants: Mini grants provide up to \$2,000 in funds; Major grants provide up to \$10,000. nhhumanities.org/grants

#### **Connections**

Our adult literacy program brings quality books and stimulating discussions to 500+ adult learners to promote English language skills, cultivate conversations about ideas, reinforce family literacy, reading, and encourage civic engagement. <u>nhhumanities.org/connections</u>

#### **Focus Grants**

Through our Focus Grant line, which provides funding for public humanities programs that align with an identified theme, NHH awards grants to support public programs... nhhumanities.org/focus

#### Humanities to Go

Through our statewide speakers bureau, *Humanities to Go*, nonprofit organizations and community groups can offer high quality cultural programming to the public at minimal cost to the host. In response to the pandemic, we are offering new and traditional programming in more accessible online formats. <u>nhhumanities.org/</u> <u>humanitiestogo</u>

#### Humanities@Home

Reaching people in their livingrooms and offices, we deliver a series of off-beat and intriguing humanities programs on one Friday evening each month. humanities.org/humanities@home



#### Humanities@Work

Through Humanities@Work, employers can bring high quality, humanities programs into the workplace. *Humanities@Work* is the recipient of a *NH Business Review* 2020 Best of Business Award for"Best Way to Bring Culture Into the Workplace." <u>nhhumanities.org/HAW</u>

#### Ideas on Tap

Pint-sized conversations about big ideas: Lively community conversations in casual pub settings, on a variety of contemporary topics, such as artificial intelligence, fake news, income inequality, higher education, and more. <u>nhhumanities.org/ideas</u>

#### **Perspectives**

Through our statewide book discussions, participants engage with diverse perspectives in the humanities through literature, in virtual or in-person facilitated group book discussions hosted by libraries, established book groups, or community organizations. <u>nhhumanities.org/perspectives</u>

#### Welcoming Library

Hosting this special "library on wheels" gives teachers and students a glimpse into the journeys of those who have immigrated to the U.S. from different parts of the world. The collection includes thirty books about immigrants' home countries and the struggles and wonders of moving to a new land. **nhhumanities.org/welcoming** 

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