

Florida  
Humanities  
programming  
annually



touches Floridians in every region of the state. From our award-winning FORUM magazine and walking tour app, to our exhibition partnership with the Smithsonian Institution and family literacy programs in public libraries, we are dedicated to convening Floridians in community-based experiences that bring us together and deepen our understanding of Florida.

Our Impact Statewide 2018–2019\*:

**\$1,005,000**

**total federal and state dollars invested**  
in local projects statewide

**\$2,140,000**

**total local funds leveraged**  
to match Florida Humanities' support



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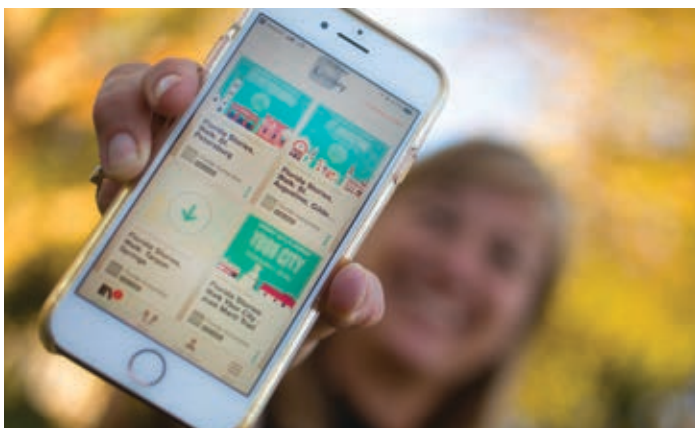
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## Grant Funding for Local Humanities Projects

Since 1971, Florida Humanities has awarded more than **\$8-million in federal funding statewide** in support of the development and presentation of humanities-rich cultural resources and public programs. These projects help preserve Florida's rich history and heritage, promote civic engagement and community dialogue, and provide opportunities for reflecting on the future of our state.



## Florida Stories Walking Tour app

Our downloadable walking tour app allows users to delve behind the scenes of Florida towns with an emphasis on local history, culture and architecture. Connected via a statewide platform, the tours create sustainable cultural tourism products that increase knowledge and appreciation of local history. The app includes **35 tours** of unique Florida communities from Pensacola to Key West.

## Museum on Main Street

Museum on Main Street is a partnership program that brings Smithsonian Institution exhibitions, resources, and programming to small towns across the state. These high-quality exhibitions are designed to bring revitalized attention to underserved and rural communities and serve as a launching point for storytelling and local pride. Exhibition host sites report an average attendance increase of **more than 60%** over the previous year.



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## FORUM Magazine

Through its insightful perspectives on Florida, FORUM magazine provides readers with engaging and colorful stories about the people and places that define our state. Each issue of this award-winning magazine is distributed to over **15,000 people** statewide. To highlight the wonderful literary accomplishments in the state, an annual issue of FORUM recognizes and honors the annual winners of the **Florida Book Awards** and the **Lifetime Achievement Award for Writing**.



## Poetry Out Loud

Poetry Out Loud is a national poetry recitation contest for high school students hosted annually in partnership with the National Endowment for the Arts and the Poetry Foundation. Participating students not only learn about great poetry through memorization, they also master public speaking skills, build self-confidence, and learn about our literary history. More than **9,000 students** statewide participate in local competitions each year.



## “100 Faces of War”

Florida Humanities has partnered with the Smithsonian Institution to bring the acclaimed “100 Faces of War” traveling exhibit to Florida. Through the eyes of soldiers who participated in the Iraq and Afghanistan theaters, “100 Faces of War” gives voice to the warriors among us by featuring 100 personal essays and oil portraits of veterans from every state. The exhibit highlights the importance of the humanities both in helping Americans to understand the experiences of service members and in assisting veterans as they return to civilian life. Host sites include the Museum of Arts & Sciences in Daytona Beach (Sept–Nov 2018), Pensacola Museum of Art (Oct 2019–Jan 2020) and Coral Springs Museum of Art (Sept–Nov 2020).



## Family Literacy Programs in Public Libraries

Florida Humanities supports a variety of reading and discussion programs for families held in public libraries. These include PrimeTime Family Reading Time and English for Families, a new series of ESOL classes that provide parents and their children with opportunities to improve their speaking and writing skills together. All programming utilizes award-winning children's books to inspire thought and conversation, improve basic literacy skills, promote critical thinking, and provide valuable information for families about library resources.

## Speaker Programs

Florida Humanities' Speakers Directory includes more than fifty expert historians, storytellers, researchers and authors who deliver thought-provoking programs on a wide variety of subjects related to Florida. Programs are free for the public to attend and are presented in partnership with civic organizations, museums, historical societies, public libraries and other non-profit groups statewide. More than **10,000** people attend speaker programs statewide each year.

## Seminars for Educators and High School Students

In summer 2018 and 2019, K-12 educators and high school students from across the state participated in challenging and interdisciplinary studies of the humanities at one of our enriching seminars. Led by distinguished scholars, the seminars combine classroom sessions with relevant field experiences that highlight our state's history and culture.

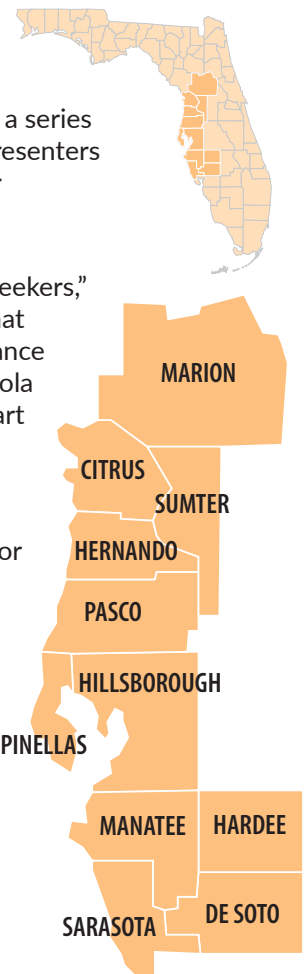




## Grant Funding for Local Humanities Projects—\$105,520

- **\$10,000—Your Real Stories (Pinellas)**—“Hurricane Stories,” programs that share the stories of Tampa Bay community members who were affected by Hurricane Irma and those who relocated from Puerto Rico following Hurricane Maria; “Marriage Stories,” conversations with four couples about the unique challenges and successes they have faced as they work toward acceptance and equality within marriage.
- **\$7,500—St. Petersburg Preservation (Pinellas)**—“Unseen St. Pete,” a lecture series that explores some overlooked aspects of the city’s development history; “Walkable City,” reprinting of a historic downtown St. Petersburg walking tour booklet.
- **\$5,000—Arts Conservatory for Teens (Pinellas)**—“Florida’s Evolution of Social Justice,” a multi-media production and community workshop that explore the stories of St. Petersburg residents who participated in the civil rights movement.
- **\$5,000—Citrus County Historical Society (Citrus)**—“Man and Manatees,” an exhibit and speaker series that highlight the history and identity of one of Florida’s most iconic creatures, the manatee.
- **\$5,000—City of Tarpon Springs (Pinellas)**—“The Greek Community of Tarpon Springs Documentary,” a documentary and public programs about the vibrant culture of the city’s Greek community.
- **\$5,000—Easter Seals Southwest Florida (Manatee)**—“Coming out of History’s Dark Corners,” an oral history program that pairs 10th graders from the Out of Door college prep school with students at VIP Academy, a high school program for students with a range of disabilities.
- **\$5,000—Florida Museum of Photographic Arts (Hillsborough)**—“Speaker Series,” an annual speaker series on a variety of contemporary topics that complements rotating exhibitions in the museum’s community gallery.
- **\$5,000—Friends of Sarasota County Parks (Sarasota)**—“Shaping Sarasota: Four Memorable Women,” public lectures and an exhibition that highlight the stories of four noted women who were instrumental to Sarasota’s development.
- **\$5,000—Henry Plant Museum (Hillsborough)**—“Upstairs/Downstairs,” a series of living history portrayals of noted visitors to the Tampa Bay Hotel in the 19th and 20th centuries.
- **\$5,000—Oaktree Community Outreach (Manatee)**—“Back to Angola Festival,” scholar-led panel discussions that explore and celebrate the Black Seminole settlement of Angola and its connections to the Bahamas.

- **\$5,000—Pasco County Parks, Recreation & Natural Resources (Pasco)**—“Lectures on the Lawn,” a series of community events featuring presenters from Florida Humanities’ Speaker Directory.
- **\$5,000—Reflections of Manatee (Manatee)**—“Angola’s Freedom Seekers,” public programs and an exhibit that portray and interpret the significance of the maroon community of Angola and the role the area played as part of the Underground Railroad.
- **\$5,000—Silver River Museum (Marion)**—“2019 Ocali Country Days,” an annual museum event for the general public and school groups celebrating Florida folkways and pioneer life during the 1800s.
- **\$5,000—Sulphur Springs Museum and Heritage Center (Hillsborough)**—“Florida Holiday Traditions,” public programs and a traveling exhibition from the Florida Museum of History that examine the history of Florida’s holiday traditions.
- **\$5,000—Tampa Bay Times Newspaper in Education (Pinellas)**—“American Democracy in Florida,” an educational publication to complement the Smithsonian Institution’s “Voices and Votes” traveling exhibition touring Florida in 2020.
- **\$5,000—The Florida Holocaust Museum (Pinellas)**—“Genocide and Human Rights Awareness Movement,” two free public lectures by Dr. Susannah Heschel, daughter of Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel, a friend and confidant of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr..
- **\$5,000—Univ. of South Florida Humanities Institute (Hillsborough)**—“Frankenstein Turns 200,” a series of public events to mark the bicentennial of the publication of Mary Shelley’s “Frankenstein”.
- **\$4,950—Friends of Weeki Wachee Springs (Hernando)**—“History Harvest,” collection of oral histories and artifacts related to the history of Weeki Wachee Park and the people who worked there.



- **\$3,300—Vickie O Heritage Productions (Manatee)**—“Newtown Alive,” conversion of oral histories of the community’s African American residents into podcasts that will be accessible online and through a mobile app.
- **\$3,270—Westcoast Black Theatre Troupe of Florida (Sarasota)**—“WBTT Voices: Perspectives on James Baldwin and ‘The Amen Corner,’” panel discussions with scholarly experts exploring Baldwin’s influence on American literature and society.
- **\$1,500—Marie Selby Botanical Gardens (Sarasota)**—“Gauguin: Voyage to Paradise,” a program at the Selby Library with scholar Dr. Elizabeth Childs who will speak about how Gauguin’s work was influenced by his travels to Tahiti.



## Museum on Main Street

A partnership program with the Smithsonian Institution that brings high-quality, nationally touring exhibitions to small towns and underserved communities across Florida. More than **9,200 people** toured the exhibit, attended complementary public programs, or participated in school field trips in the following communities:

- City of New Port Richey (Pasco)
- Dunedin History Museum (Pinellas)
- Historic Hernando Preservation Society (Hernando)
- Pioneer Florida Museum and Village (Pasco)
- Sulphur Springs Museum (Hillsborough)
- Tarpon Springs Center for Gulf Coast Folklife (Pinellas)



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- City of Tarpon Springs (Pinellas)
- Friends of Sarasota County Parks (Sarasota)
- Manatee County Public Library System (Manatee)
- Safety Harbor Public Library (Pinellas)
- St. Petersburg Preservation (Pinellas)
- Ybor City Museum (Hillsborough)



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## Student participation:

- **More than 2,700 students** from Hillsborough, Marion, Pasco, and Sarasota counties competed in local competitions with winners sent to the statewide competition.
- **2018 statewide winner** was Natalie Schimek, a senior from Pine View School (Sarasota).
- **2019 statewide winner** was Zhaedyn Hodge Sigars, a junior from Blake High School (Hillsborough).



## Seminars for Educators and High School Students

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- Over 170 students and teachers attended summer seminars hosted by **Eckerd College** since 2014.



## Speaker Programs

Florida Humanities annually partners with community organizations statewide to present informative and lively lectures and community conversations about Florida’s rich history and culture.

More than **1,700 people** attended programs hosted by:

- Citrus County Historical Society (Citrus)
- City of New Port Richey (Pasco)
- Dunedin Public Library (Pinellas)
- Florida Museum of Photographic Arts (Hillsborough)
- Historic Hernando Preservation Society (Hernando)
- Manatee Village Historical Park (Manatee)
- Sarasota County History Center (Sarasota)



## Florida Humanities Lifetime Achievement Award for Writing

FHC’s annual award honors a living Florida author for a distinguished body of work that has had a major influence on Floridians.

- **2018 award winner: Jeff Klinkenberg**, *Tampa Bay Times* “Real Florida” columnist and author of seven books on Florida culture and heritage.
- **2019 co-award winner: Ray Arsenault**, John Hope Franklin Professor of Southern History at the University of South Florida, St. Petersburg.



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