

Florida Humanities Council 2017–2018

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The programs of the Florida Humanities Council annually touch Floridians in every region of the state. From our reading and discussion programs and engaging Speakers Series, to our exhibition partnership with the Smithsonian Institution, and summer seminars for teachers and high school students, we are dedicated to convening Floridians in community-based programming that brings us together and deepens our understanding of Florida.

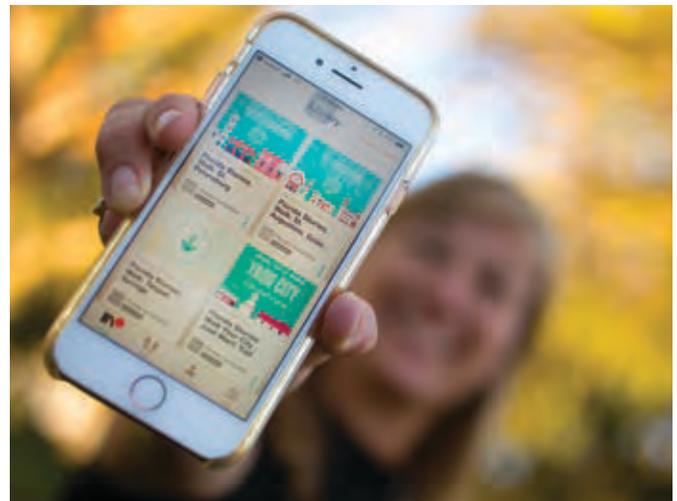
Museum on Main Street

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.



Grant Funding for Local Humanities Projects

Since 1971, the Florida Humanities Council 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. In 2019, 36 tours statewide will be available for download in the app.

2017–2018 Our Impact Statewide

\$386,305 awarded in grant funding for local humanities projects

109,400 people attended public programs statewide

70,000 FORUM magazines reached more than **175,000** readers

60,800 visitors to Smithsonian Institution "Museum on Main Street" exhibits in **15** small towns

20,897 students participated in the "Poetry Out Loud" competition statewide

4,344 people attended reading and discussion programs in public libraries



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 20,000 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.



“100 Faces of War”

The Florida Humanities Council 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).



Seminars for Educators and High School Students

Each summer, K-12 educators and high school students from across the state participate 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.



Speakers Series

As part of FHC’s Speakers Series, expert historians, storytellers, researchers and authors travel the state to talk about 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, libraries and other groups interested in bringing thought-provoking programs to their community.

PrimeTime Family Reading Time

A six-week reading and discussion program for underserved families with young children. Held in public libraries, this program demonstrates how literature can enrich one’s life, models strategies for continued family bonding through children’s books, and provides information for families about library resources.



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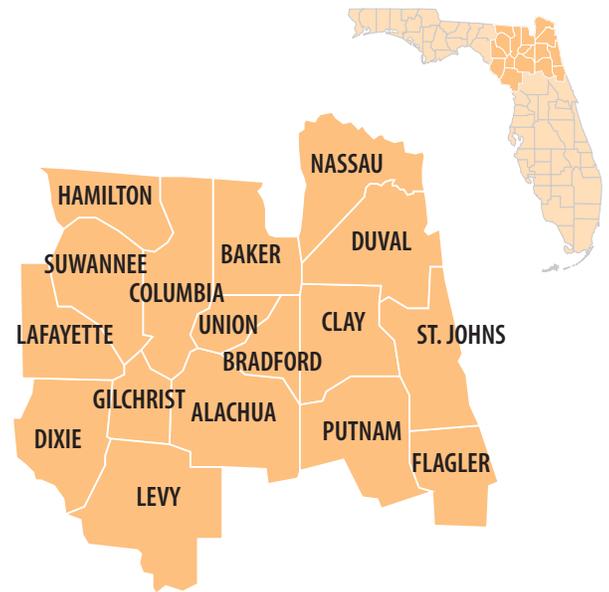


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Grant Funding for Local Humanities Projects—\$72,000

More than \$72,000 in funding was awarded to North Central Florida projects in 2017–2018.

- **\$5,000—City of Gainesville**— “Synchronica: Framing Time,” organized by the City of Gainesville Dept. of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs, an exhibit of 150 photographic self-portraits created by high school students to mark the 150th anniversary of the city.
- **\$5,000—Flagler College**— “Cultural Resilience and Contemporary America,” Flagler College’s 2018-2019 “Ideas and Images” annual lecture series featuring noted scholars speaking on topics reflecting the past 50 years of U.S. culture and history as well as a celebration of the College’s founding in 1968.
- **\$5,000—Florida Living History**— “Colonial Transition – Spanish to British Florida,” historical interpretations and re-enactments depicting Florida’s colonial Spanish and British periods. (awards made in 2017 and 2018)
- **\$5,000—Friends of Lincolnvile**— “Quest for Freedom: Emancipation to Civil Rights, A St. Augustine Saga,” public programs including reenactment readings of The Emancipation Proclamation to complement the launch of the FHC Florida Stories walking tour app in the community.
- **\$5,000—Friends of the Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings Farm**— “Here is Home: Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings and Cross Creek,” a series of short videos about the author’s life and home that will be shared online, used in educational outreach programs, and used on the property to enhance ADA accessibility.
- **\$5,000—St. Johns County Public Library System**— “St. Johns Reads 2019,” an annual countywide, month-long celebration of reading with public programming designed around author Lisa Wingate’s book “Before We Were Yours”, a fictional historical novel set in the 1920s-1950s South.
- **\$5,000—The Actors’ Warehouse**— “The American Black Experience: Then and Now,” a series of community conversations about race and racism in America following performances of the plays “The Colored Door at the Train Depot” and “Pipeline”.
- **\$5,000—University of Florida Center for Arts in Medicine**— “From Colored to Black: The Stories of North Central Florida,” a stage play based on oral histories of North Central Florida African Americans that recounts the black experience from segregation through integration and the Civil Rights movement.
- **\$5,000—WJCT**— “The Vietnam War Preview and Discussion,” a screening at Flagler College of a segment from the Ken Burns “The Vietnam War” documentary series followed by a moderated panel discussion.
- **\$4,900—St. Augustine Lighthouse Archaeological Maritime Program**— “500 Years of Maritime Florida,” a lecture series dedicated to Florida’s 500-year maritime history and how Florida’s proximity to the sea continues to influence its future.
- **\$4,800—Welcoming Gainesville**— “Remembering Refugees in Jacksonville: Oral Histories of Resettled Refugees,” a series of public programs offered with assistance from the Samuel Proctor Oral History Program at the University of Florida that share the stories of refugees from various countries that have settled in Jacksonville over the past decade.
- **\$4,000—Flagler College**— “A Gilded Age, Great War and Global Influence,” 2017-2018 annual lecture series focusing on the centennial anniversary of the Great War, the Russian Revolution, the waning of the Gilded Age, and the changing international role of the United States over the past 100 years.
- **\$3,825—Cedar Key Arts Center**— “Florida’s Wild Landscapes through the Lens of Clyde Butcher,” an exhibition of works by acclaimed photographer Clyde Butcher as well as a public presentation by the artist.



- **\$3,000—Alachua County Library District—**
“The Alachua County Great American Read,” public programming to complement the national broadcast of PBS’s “Great American Read” series in fall 2018.
- **\$1,675 —PAL Public Library Cooperative—**
“Celebrating Authors in Putnam County,” a series of public programs that celebrate local authors in Putnam County.



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 **10,600 people** toured the exhibit, attended complementary public programs, or participated in school field trips in the following communities.

Program partners:

- Amelia Island Museum of History
- Cedar Key Historical Society
- Suwannee River Regional Library System
- West Nassau Historical Society



Florida Stories Walking Tour App

Downloadable walking tours featuring the history and culture of unique Florida communities. Connected via a statewide platform, the tours provide sustainable cultural tourism products for community partners.

Program partners:

- Amelia Island Museum of History (Fernandina Beach)
- Flagler College
- St. Johns County Tourist Development Council (St. Augustine's Colonial Era, St. Augustine's Gilded Age, South of the Plaza, Lincolville)



Poetry Out Loud

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Student participation:

- **Over 2,600 students** from Alachua, Clay, Columbia, Duval and St. Johns counties competed in local competitions with winners sent to the statewide competition.



Seminars for Educators and High School Students

Each summer, educators and high school students from across the state participate in challenging and interdisciplinary study of the humanities at our enriching weeklong residential seminars.

Program partners:

- More than 200 students and teachers have attended summer seminars hosted by **Flagler College** and the **University of Florida Center for the Humanities and the Public Sphere** since 2015.



Speakers Series

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

Program partners:

- Nearly **800 people** attended programs hosted by the Amelia Island Museum of History, Cedar Key Historical Society, Lincolville Museum and Cultural Center, Lightner Museum, Matheson History Museum, The Actors' Warehouse, and the University of Florida Center for Arts in Medicine.



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- Jacksonville Public Library System
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