

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.

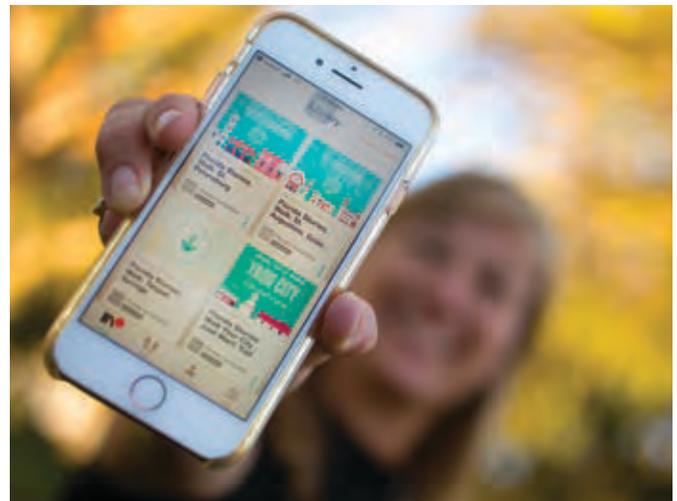
Museum on Main Street

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

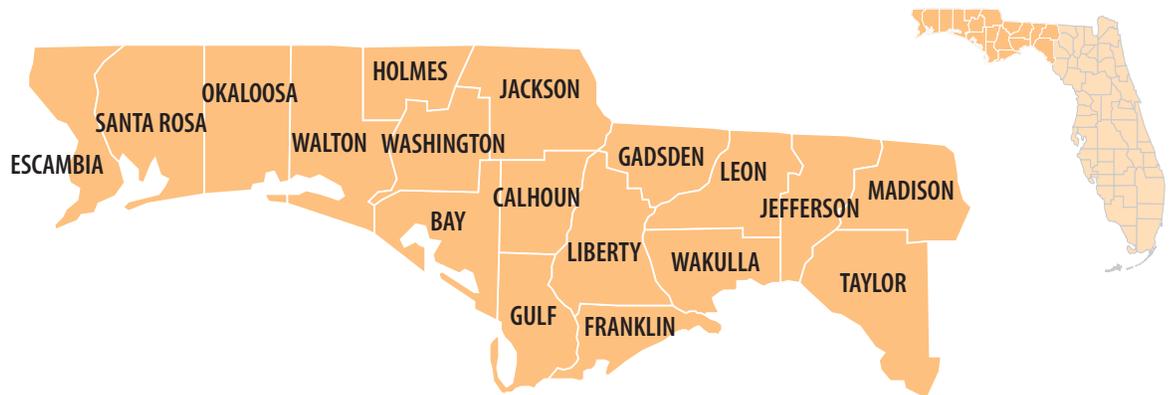
A six-week reading and discussion program for underserved families with young children. Held in public libraries, this program demonstrates how literature can enrich one’s life, models strategies for continued family bonding through children’s books, and provides information for families about library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



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Grant Funding for Local Humanities Projects—\$70,000

More than \$70,000 in funding was awarded to Panhandle projects in 2017–2018.

- **\$20,000—West Florida Historic Preservation**—“100 Faces of War.” The Pensacola Museum of Art will host this compelling traveling exhibit from the Smithsonian Institution from October 2019 to January 2020. The exhibit features 100 personal essays and life-sized oil portraits of veterans who have served in the Iraq and Afghanistan conflicts. The exhibit will be complemented by a series of programs for the public as well as for veterans and their family members.
- **\$5,000—Apalachicola Riverkeeper**—“Stories from the Apalachicola: An Endangered River,” a short documentary that explores the forces threatening the river system and the myriad impacts on the people, culture and economy of Florida.
- **\$5,000—Florida Historic Capitol Foundation**—“Inaugurations Exhibit Programming,” a series of public programs to complement an exhibition that explores political inauguration ceremonies in Florida since 1845.
- **\$5,000—Gadsden Arts**—“Mark Messersmith: When No One is Watching,” an exhibition and complementary public programming featuring artwork by nationally acclaimed artist and FSU faculty member Mark Messersmith.
- **\$5,000—Havana History and Heritage Society**—“Voices of Havana’s History,” a series of video and audio interviews of members of the predominantly African American community in Gadsden County that will be incorporated into the new museum’s exhibition space.
- **\$5,000—Open Books Bookstore**—“Prison Book Project,” purchase and distribution of select books and educational resources to inmates in Florida prisons.
- **\$5,000—The Village Square**—“From Victim to Victor: The Cultural Impact of Jackie Robinson’s Groundbreaking Baseball Career,” a large public forum to mark the 100th anniversary of Jackie Robinson’s birth just 20 miles north of Tallahassee.
- **\$5,000—WFSU Public Media**—“Vietnam - No Single Story, No Single Song,” a multi-media public event to complement the premiere of the Ken Burns “The Vietnam War” documentary series.
- **\$4,600—Northwest Regional Library System**—“Segregation Stories from Northwest Florida,” an oral history project to record and archive interviews with local residents who lived through the eras of segregation and integration in Northwest Florida.
- **\$4,500—Friends of the Museums of Florida History**—“Living the Dream: Twentieth-Century Florida,” a five-part lecture series featuring noted Florida historians and authors exploring various events from 20th century Florida.
- **\$3,475—The Village Square**—“Local Color,” facilitated community conversations about current race-related issues in Tallahassee.
- **\$2,975—LeRoy Collins Leon County Public Library**—“100 Great Books: Revered, Renewed and Reimagined,” public library programming to complement the national broadcast of PBS’s “Great American Read” series in Fall 2018.



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 **5,000 people** toured the exhibit, attended complementary public programs, or participated in school field trips in the following communities.

Program partner:

- Washington County Public Library



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:

- Florida Historic Capitol Foundation (Tallahassee)
- Historic St. Andrews Waterfront Partnership
- Main Street DeFuniak Springs
- Save Our Shotguns (Apalachicola)
- The National Association for the Preservation of African American History and Culture (Frenchtown, Tallahassee)
- UWF Historic Trust (Pensacola)



Poetry Out Loud

A national poetry recitation contest for high school students offered in partnership with the National Endowment for the Arts and the Poetry Foundation. More than **11,000 students** statewide participate in local competitions each year.

Student participation:

- Nearly **2,000 students** from Franklin, Leon, Madison and Okaloosa counties competed in local competitions, with winners sent to the statewide competition.



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:

- More than **400 people** attended programs hosted by the Black Archives, the Florida Historic Capitol Foundation, James Madison Institute, National Association for the Preservation of African American History and Culture, and Pensacola State College.



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.

Program partners:

- Madison County Library
- Parker Public Library



Democracy and the Informed Citizen Initiative

As part of a 2018 national initiative funded by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, FHC partnered with the **Village Square** and the **Poynter Institute** to host public programs that examined the connections between democracy, the humanities, journalism, and an informed citizenry.

Program partners:

- Over **300 people** attended a May 2018 program in Tallahassee that examined media accountability, fact checking and rebuilding trust in journalism.

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