

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.

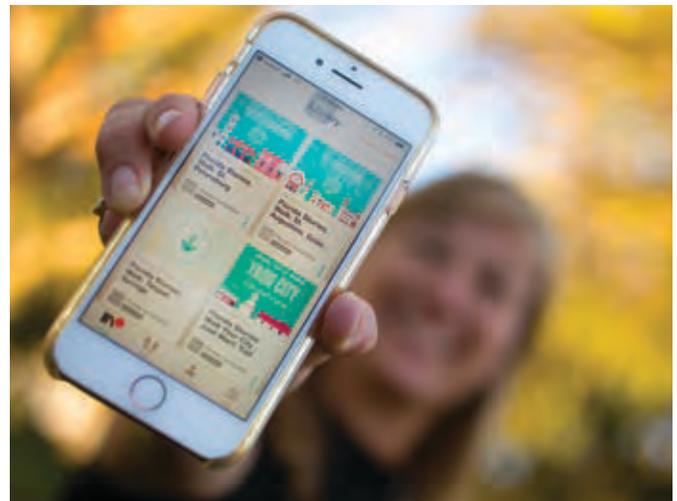
Museum on Main Street

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.

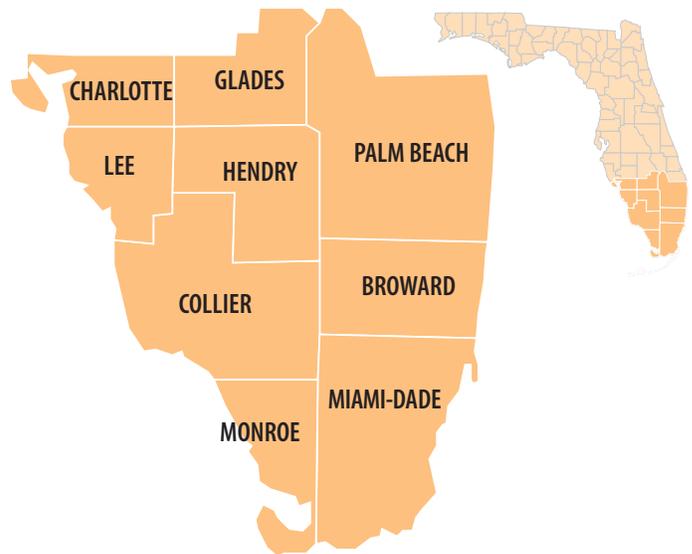


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Grant Funding for Local Humanities Projects—\$89,000

More than \$89,000 in funding was awarded to South Florida projects in 2017-2018.

- **\$5,000—Alliance for the Arts**— “CHANGE Program,” workshops and performances that direct community conversations about issues including race and cultural connections.
- **\$5,000—Barry University**— Cuba, So close yet so far,” a series of public programs that explore Cuba, particularly the Pedro Pan experience.
- **\$5,000—Boca Raton Museum of Art**— “Imagining Florida: History and Myth in the Sunshine State,” an exhibition of over 200 artworks from public and private collections nationwide that illustrate the history and diversity of Florida from the mid-18th to the mid-20th centuries.
- **\$5,000—Circle of Community Leadership**— “Civil Rights in the Sunshine State” a series of public programs to complement a traveling exhibit that commemorates the 50th anniversary of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.
- **\$5,000—Friends of the Lake Worth Library**— “Table Talk,” a family reading and discussion program that includes family meals and access to community resources.
- **\$5,000—Key West Art & Historical Society**— “Investigating Hemingway,” public programs focused on the life and works of Hemingway and his legacy in Key West.
- **\$5,000—Key West Tropical Forest & Botanical Garden**— “Cuban Chug Outdoor Exhibit,” a new outdoor exhibit with interpretive signage and audio tours featuring nine Cuban “chugs” and the personal artifacts found on them.
- **\$5,000—Miami Dade College North Campus**— “Activating the Legacy of Reverend Theodore Gibson,” the annual Theodore Gibson Oratorical Competition and workshops for K-12 students from Miami-Dade County Public Schools.
- **\$5,000—Miami Shores People of Color**— “Unity360 Race in Retrospect,” a reading and discussion series designed to engage a diverse audience on the topic of institutional racism.
- **\$5,000—North Miami Public Library**— “North Miami Memory Project,” a photo exhibit and scholar presentations about the history of North Miami and its people from 1926 to 1980.
- **\$5,000—Norton Herrick Center for Motion Picture Studies**— “Florida in Focus,” a film and discussion series that explores various aspects of the LGBTQ landscape in Florida.
- **\$5,000—Opa-locka Community Development Corporation**— “Black Miami In Photographs,” a photography exhibit based on Dr. Marvin Dunn’s book “Black Miami in the 20th Century” which highlights the lives of Black Miamians during the first 100 years of the city’s history.
- **\$5,000—Pompano Beach Historic Preservation Committee**— “Pompano Beach Historical Timeline Display,” a multimedia exhibit that depicts the 100-year history of the community and its residents.
- **\$5,000—Stonewall National Museum & Archives**— “Nazi Persecution of Homosexuals Exhibition,” a traveling exhibition with complementary programming from the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum.
- **\$4,670—Miami Dade College Homestead Campus**— “Puerto Rican Migration to Florida in the Wake of Hurricane Maria,” an oral history project and video documentary that tell the stories of Puerto Rican college students who moved to Florida after Hurricane Maria.
- **\$4,200—South Florida PBS**— “Community Screening Events,” public screenings of the Ken Burns “The Vietnam War” documentary followed by moderated panel discussions.
- **\$3,350—Broward Public Library**— “Vet Fest 2018,” two presentations by retired Army General Nolen Bivens to celebrate and honor veterans and their families.
- **\$2,500—Broward Public Library**— “The Great American Read,” library programming to complement the broadcast of PBS’s “Great American Read” series in fall 2018.



- **\$2,500—G.W. Carver Middle School PTSA—**

“Author-in-Residence Event” a public lecture featuring New York Times best-selling author Peter Lerangis and a series of student writing workshops.

- **\$1,300—Mandel Public Library of West Palm Beach—**

“Get Lit! The Great American Read,” library programming to complement the national broadcast of PBS’s “Great American Read” series in fall 2018.

- **\$1,000—Florida Atlantic University—** “Decolonization Across Disciplines in the Americas Symposium,” a public symposium that brings together scholars to discuss decolonization in the Americas with an emphasis on Florida.



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 **3,200 people** toured the exhibit, attended complementary public programs, or participated in school field trips in the following communities.

Program partners:

- Art Gallery 21 at Wilton Manors
- Southwest Florida Historical Society



Florida Stories Walking Tour App

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Program partners:

- Boca Grande Historical Society
- City of Miami (Virginia Key)
- Dade Heritage Trust
- Florida Keys History and Discovery Foundation (Indian Key, Upper Matecumbe)
- Fort Lauderdale Historical Society
- Fort Myers Community Redevelopment Agency (Dunbar)
- Haitian Heritage Museum
- Historic Markers (Key West)



Poetry Out Loud

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Student participation:

- Over **6,400 students** from Broward, Collier, Hendry, Lee, Miami-Dade, Monroe, and Palm Beach 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:

- Over **2,500 people** attended programs hosted by the following organizations: African American Research Library & Cultural Center, Boca Raton Museum of Art, Books & Books, City of Riviera Beach, Clewiston Museum, Deerfield Beach Library, Edison & Ford Winter Estates, Fort Myers Beach Public Library, Friends of Rookery Bay, Grace Arts Center, LaBelle Heritage Museum, Marco Island Historical Society, Nova Southeastern University - Alvin Sherman Library, Southwest Florida Historical Society



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Program partners:

- Broward County Library System
- Clewiston Public Library



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.

- **2017 Winner: Edna Buchanan**, a legendary crime reporter for the *Miami Herald* and the author of 16 mystery novels in the Florida noir genre.

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