

# Getting to the Heart *of the* Matter

The humanities took center stage in the national conversation during 2013 when a special report commissioned by Congress, “The Heart of the Matter,” examined the vital role that the humanities play in our nation. The commission, which included New York Times columnist David Brooks, singer-songwriter Emmylou Harris, and filmmaker George Lucas, concluded:

*As we strive to create a more civil public discourse, a more secure nation, the humanities and social sciences are the heart of the matter, the keeper of the republic—a source of national memory and civic vigor, cultural understanding and communication, individual fulfillment and the ideals we hold in common.*



The report confirms much of what I have experienced and observed over the last several years as a board member of the Florida Humanities Council—that the humanities are not only enlightening and educational, they are essential to understanding who we are as Americans and Floridians.

During the past year, I had the opportunity to facilitate several of our “Dreamers & Schemers” programs. Created for our state’s Viva Florida 500 commemoration, these programs combine history and theatre to bring to life such influential Floridians as Henry Flagler, Mary MacLeod Bethune, Pedro Menendez, and Marjory Stoneman Douglas. These portrayals not only provide us with insights into Florida’s history, they also spark provocative discussions about issues facing Floridians today. As someone who has spent most of his life in elected office and public service it is inspiring to see history inform the way we see our future and engage us in civic discussions that are both spirited and respectful.

Here in Florida, arguably the most dynamic and diverse state in the country, the programs of the Florida Humanities Council convene community conversations that bring us together to build on each other’s ideas and deepen our understanding of Florida and each other.

I hope that you will be among the thousands of Floridians who participate in one of our Florida Humanities Council programs in the coming year. Log on to our website at [FloridaHumanities.org](http://FloridaHumanities.org) to sign up for a complimentary issue of our FORUM Magazine, to friend us on Facebook, and to find a program near you.

A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. M. Seibert".

Steven M. Seibert, *Chair*  
Florida Humanities Council

## Our Year in Numbers: Serving People around the State

<b>300</b>	<b>Parents and children</b> served in literacy programs
<b>575</b>	<b>Florida teachers</b> attended seminars on Florida topics
<b>3,500</b>	People participated in <b>public programs</b>
<b>9,100</b>	People viewed <b>Museum on Main Street</b> programs in six towns
<b>45,000</b>	<b>FORUM</b> magazines reached more than 100,000 readers
<b>\$234,000</b>	Awarded in Grants for 46 local <b>cultural projects</b>



### PRIMETIME

These six-week programs bring low-literacy families together in libraries and community centers across the state to read and discuss award-winning children's books. Ten Florida communities hosted PrimeTime programs last year serving 300 parents and children. After attending a PrimeTime program, families reported spending more time reading together, increased their use of the public library, and improved their reading skills.

### THE GATHERING

Participants in these cultural tours explored two of Florida's most historic and picturesque communities—Cedar Key and St. Augustine. These scholar-led tours provided participants with a deeper look into the local culture, while giving communities the opportunity to showcase their historic assets and community heritage.



### PUBLIC PROGRAMS

Libraries, museums, and community groups in 30 communities received funding for these public programs, which reached 3,500 people. They explored an array of topics such as Seminole culture, the Florida environment, and Spanish Florida. "Dreamers & Schemers," a program featuring famous historical Floridians, was part of the Viva Florida 500 commemorations in 11 communities.





## TEACHING FLORIDA

With topics ranging from Florida agriculture to Seminole Indians to Zora Neale Hurston, our Teaching Florida workshops bring scholars, experts, and great teachers together to explore compelling topics and develop fresh ideas that will energize classrooms. Last year, 575 teachers participated in 17 workshops that Teaching Florida conducted across the state.



## MUSEUM ON MAIN STREET

The Florida Humanities Council and the Smithsonian Institution teamed up to bring the traveling exhibit "Journey Stories" to six small-town Florida museums. Each site conducted programs in conjunction with the exhibit, attracting a combined audience of 9,100.

## COMMUNITY GRANTS

Florida Humanities Council grants totaling \$234,000 funded 46 projects in communities across the states. These grants funded a variety of projects including community lecture series, Florida history podcasts, and literary events.



## FORUM

About 45,000 copies of our award-winning FORUM magazine reached an estimated readership of more than 100,000 around the state. Our three issues of FORUM featured the best of Florida writers, an environmental journey into the heart of Florida, and a retrospective heralding our new online archives of more than 60 issues published since 1989—as well as our dynamic new online edition of FORUM featuring a lively array of multimedia links.



## Celebrating our Growing Support

The Florida Humanities Council would like to acknowledge the generous support of the National Endowment for the Humanities; the Florida Department of State, Division of Cultural Affairs; and the many individuals, corporations, and foundations that made contributions during our 2013 Fiscal Year (11/1/12 – 10/31/13). Thank you!



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## BALANCE SHEET

### ASSETS

Cash and Investments	\$1,133,719
Grants Receivable	\$22,126
Accounts Receivable	\$30,900
Prepaid Expenses	\$18,626
Gifted Facilities	\$189,800
Fixed Assets	\$13,285
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,408,456</b>

### LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS

Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$125,303
Grants Payable	\$125,018
Capital Lease Obligation	\$7,980

### NET ASSETS

Unrestricted	\$946,270
Temporarily Restricted	\$189,800
Permanently Restricted	\$14,085
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,408,456</b>

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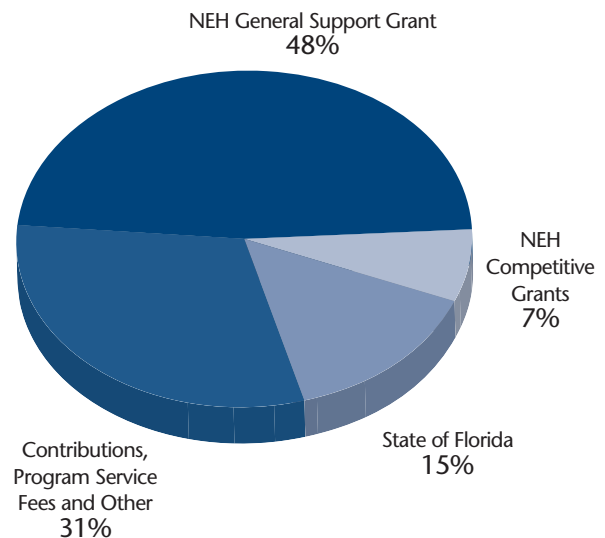
### OPERATING SUPPORT AND REVENUE

NEH General Support	\$1,109,292
NEH Competitive Grants	\$161,033
State of Florida	\$338,842
Contributions, Program Services Fees and Other	\$710,881
<b>TOTAL OPERATING SUPPORT AND REVENUE</b>	<b>\$2,320,048</b>

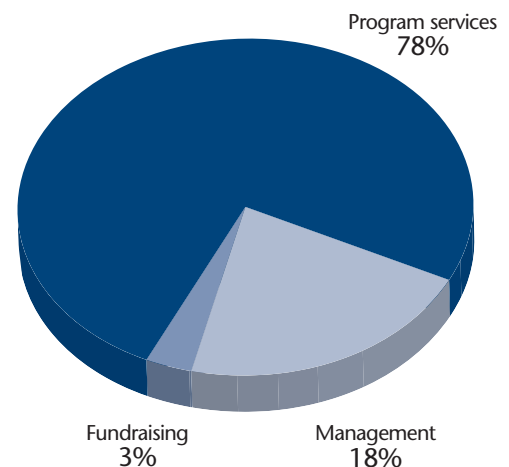
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Program Services	\$1,804,822
Management	\$424,395
Fundraising	\$73,786
<b>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$2,303,003</b>

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