

# The Florida Humanities Council 2016 Annual Report

Dear Friends and Supporters of Florida Humanities,

For 45 years, the programs of the Florida Humanities Council have touched Floridians in every region of the state. From our family reading programs and popular Speakers Series, to our museum partnership with the Smithsonian Institution and summer seminars for teachers and high school students, we are dedicated to convening Floridians in community conversations that deepen our understanding of the people, places and ideas that shape this magnificent state.

In 2016, we awarded over \$470,000 in funding for 68 local cultural and heritage projects, and over 100,000 people attended our public programs. Our award-winning FORUM magazine reached 75,000 readers, and over 70,000 Floridians visited our Museum on Main Street exhibits in eight small towns.

These numbers are impressive but several specific programs stand out:

- In partnership with the National Endowment for the Arts, the Florida Department of State and the Poetry Foundation, we initiated Poetry Out Loud, a national poetry recitation contest for high school students. Over 11,000 young people participated across Florida.
- We brought acclaimed historian Jon Meacham to standing-room-only audiences in Miami and Tallahassee as part of the national celebration of the centennial of the Pulitzer Prize.
- We sponsored “Telling Project” programs in Orlando and Gainesville, enabling veterans and their family members to publicly share their personal stories of service and often-difficult transition back to civilian life.
- We honored poet/essayist/children’s author David Kirby with the 2016 Florida Humanities Lifetime Achievement Award for Writing. Judges cited Kirby, longtime creative writing professor at Florida State University, for his wit, craft, and insight in creating “enduring works of art.”

We hope you will visit our website, [www.floridahumanities.org](http://www.floridahumanities.org), to learn more about the hundreds of programs we support across the state. As the state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Florida Humanities Council is dedicated to building strong communities and informed citizens by providing Floridians with the opportunity to explore the heritage, traditions and stories of our state and its place in the world.

Sincerely,  
Nancy Poulson  
Chair of the Board  
Florida Humanities Council



Florida's 2016 Poetry Out Loud champion, Jarod Atchley of West Port High School in Ocala, competes at the state finals.



Author Jon Meacham speaks to a Miami audience about U.S. presidential leadership through history.



Four Orlando-area veterans and a Gold Star mother share riveting stories of life and the military on stage in “Telling: Orlando.”



David Kirby, recipient of the 2016 Florida Humanities Lifetime Achievement Award for Writing, is congratulated by Florida First Lady Ann Scott at the Governor’s Mansion awards luncheon.



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## 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. Exhibitions are designed to engage communities and be catalysts for conversation about life in small-town America.



## PrimeTime Family Reading Time

PrimeTime is a six-week reading and discussion program for families with young children. Held in public libraries and community centers, this program demonstrates how literature can enrich one's life, models strategies for continued family bonding through award-winning children's books, and provides families with critical information on library resources.

## Florida Stories Walking Tour app

Our downloadable walking tour app allows users to delve behind the scenes of Florida towns with an emphasis on their respective history, culture and architecture. Connected via a statewide platform, the tours create sustainable cultural tourism products that increase knowledge about and appreciation of local history.



## 2016 Our Year in Numbers Statewide:

**\$470,500** awarded in funding for **68** local cultural and heritage projects

**105,750** people attended public programs

**350,000** people viewed our documentary film about Tampa Bay area veterans

**71,750** visitors to Smithsonian Institution Museum on Main Street exhibits in **8** small towns

**30,000** FORUM magazines reached more than **75,000** readers

**11,640** students statewide participated in Poetry Out Loud competition

**446** underserved children and families participated in PrimeTime Family Reading Time

**263** teachers attended multi-day seminars on topics ranging from Florida agriculture to colonial St. Augustine



## Programs for High School Students

We annually offer immersive, **pre-college humanities seminars** for rising high school juniors and seniors. Students from across the state spend a week each summer engaged in challenging and interdisciplinary study of the humanities. Seminars combine classroom sessions and relevant field experiences to highlight how a thorough knowledge of the humanities results in a more engaged and informed citizenry.

We also administer **Poetry Out Loud**, a national poetry contest for high school students in partnership with the National Endowment for the Arts and the Poetry Foundation. Poetry Out Loud encourages students to learn about great poetry through memorization and recitation, helping students master public speaking and learn about literary history.



## FORUM Magazine

Through its insightful perspectives on Florida, from early history to current events, **FORUM** magazine provides readers with engaging and colorful stories about the people and places that define our state. This award-winning magazine is published twice annually and mailed to over 15,000 people statewide. To highlight the wonderful literary accomplishments in the state, the fall issue of **FORUM** recognizes and honors the annual winners of the **Florida Book Awards** and the **Lifetime Achievement Award for Writing**.



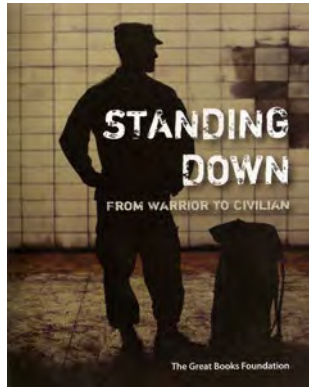
## Speakers Series

As part of our Speakers' Series, expert historians, storytellers, researchers and authors travel the state to talk about a wide variety of subjects related to Florida and beyond. Programs are free for the public to attend and are presented in partnership with civic organizations, museums, historical societies, libraries and other groups.



## Programs for Veterans

To help deepen our understanding of the military experience and assist veterans as they return to civilian life, we currently organize two veterans-focused programs. Through scripted stage performances, **"The Telling Project"** puts veterans and military family members in front of their communities to share their own personal stories of service and the often difficult transition back to civilian life. In **"Talking Service"**, small groups of veterans come together under the guidance of skilled facilitators to reflect on short, powerful writings about military service by some of the world's greatest authors.



## Programs for Educators

Our **"Teaching Florida"** program provides educators with enriching seminars on state history and culture. Led by distinguished scholars, our seminars provide strong academic content for Florida teachers from all grade levels and disciplines. Participants leave with strategies and tools for taking new content and ideas back to their classrooms and school districts.

## 2016 Community Project Grants

### Artists in Residence in Everglades, Inc., (Miami-Dade)

*Getting the Water Right*, \$15,000

A photographic and ethnographic exhibition in the Everglades National Park's gallery and trails that tells human stories of water in the Everglades.

### Bok Tower Gardens, (Polk)

*Building an Icon: The Way We Worked on the Bok Tower*, \$5,000

A traveling historical exhibit that chronicles the lives of those who worked to build the architectural masterpiece that would become the iconic Bok Singing Tower.

### City of Sanibel, (Lee)

*City of Sanibel Heritage Trail*, \$5,000

A heritage trail that documents the history of Sanibel Island and Florida's Gulf Coast.

### Clewiston Museum, (Hendry)

*Bizarre Florida*, \$5,000

A speakers' series focusing on Florida's unique past as well as unusual and strange aspects of Florida culture.

### Cummer Museum of Art & Gardens, (Duval)

*LIFT: Contemporary Expressions of the African American Experience Lecture Series*, \$5,000

A lecture series designed to create community dialogue around topics related to equity, tolerance, inclusion and the role of the humanities as a catalyst for learning and understanding.

### Flagler College, (Saint Johns)

*Next 50 Years: Dialogue for a Global Future - Business, Education, Heritage, Science, Technology*, \$5,000

A series of discussions related to Florida's future in the business, education and science sectors.

### Florida Heritage Book Festival, (Saint Johns)

*Stetson Kennedy Legacy: The Man in the Mirror*, \$1,700

A theater performance marking the centennial of Stetson Kennedy's birth that reflects on his life, his published works, and his human rights crusade.

### Florida Historic Capitol Foundation Corporation, (Leon)

*Irreplaceable Heritage: Preservation at 50 Programming Series*, \$5,000

A program series that examines the impact of the National Historic Preservation Act in Florida over the past 50 years.

### Florida Living History Inc., (Saint Johns)

*Outpost of Empire - Discovering Spanish Colonial Florida*, \$5,000

Three living history events marking Florida's Colonial Spanish history and culture.

### Fort Mose Historical Society, (Saint Johns)

*Fort Mose - Where the African American Struggle for Freedom, Justice and Equality Began*, \$5,000

An exhibition that brings to life the story of Fort Mose, the first legally sanctioned town for free Africans established by the Spanish in 1738.

### Friends of Mission San Luis, (Leon)

*Florida Histories: Past to Present*, \$2,800

A lecture series featuring topics in Florida history that span from its indigenous and Colonial past to the present day.

### Friends of Sarasota County Parks, (Sarasota)

*Phillippi Estate Park Heritage Signage*, \$5,000

Interpretive archaeological and historical signage designed to connect people to Phillippi Estate Park's heritage.

### Gadsden Arts Center, (Gadsden)

*Florida Vernacular Artists at the Gadsden Arts Center*, \$10,000

A major exhibition of Southern Vernacular Art complemented by public lectures, an audio tour, and classroom resources for teachers.

### Institute for Nonprofit Innovation and Excellence, (Leon)

*Picture Tallahassee: Alvan Harper's Photographs of the Capital City 1885-1910*, \$3,739

An photographic exhibit of the history of Tallahassee documenting the years from 1885 to 1910.

### Lee Trust for Historic Preservation, (Lee)

*Laboring in the Fields of the Lord: Southeastern Indians and Spanish Missions*, \$5,000

A public symposium featuring presentations on the Spanish mission period and its impact on American Indian populations in La Florida.

### Leesburg Public Library, (Lake)

*Florida: A Relationship with Water*, \$1,000

A lecture series about the environmental and historical importance of water in the area.

### Locust Projects, (Miami-Dade)

*Locust Talks Lecture Series 2016*, \$5,000

A lecture series featuring noted art historians and curators.

### Matanzas Riverkeeper, (Saint Johns)

*Matanzas River Oral History Project*, \$5,000

An oral history of the people who have lived and worked on the Matanzas River and shaped the cultural landscape of the region.

### Mel Fisher Maritime Museum, (Monroe)

*Voyage to Freedom: Cuban Rafters*, \$15,000

An exhibition, public lectures, and related educational materials that focus on the stories of Cuban rafters.

### New College of Florida, (Sarasota)

*Cubano-Americans Community Project*, \$5,000

A public lecture series offered during National Hispanic Heritage Month that explores the presence of Cubans in West Central Florida.

### Old Davie School Historical Museum, (Broward)

*Old Davie School Oral History Project*, \$13,450

An oral history of people in the Davie community who experienced the town's transformation from agricultural roots to a suburban community after WWII.

### St. Petersburg Historical Society, (Pinellas)

*The Cuba Experience!*, \$5,000

An exhibition of works by noted photographer Clyde Butcher entitled "Cuba—The Natural Beauty".

### Save Our Shotguns Apalachicola, Inc., (Franklin)

*Preserving and Embracing Apalachicola's Rich Legacy of Shotguns*, \$5,000

A panel discussion, walking tours and an interactive map that document the culture and history of the African American neighborhood and its homes built in the early 20th century.

### Southeast Volusia Historical Society, (Volusia)

*Winter and Spring 2017 Speakers Series*, \$5,000

A speakers series celebrating African American History Month and Florida Archaeology Month.



**St. Augustine Film Society, (Saint Johns)**

*The Golden Way: Films That Make A Difference*, \$5,000  
A public screening and discussion of the film "Human" which uses interviews of people from sixty countries to document challenging life experiences.

**Studio@620, (Pinellas)**

*Yglesias 16*, \$5,000  
A performance of a play adapted from the Jose Yglesias novel, "A Wake in Ybor City".

**Sulphur Springs Museum and Heritage Center, (Hillsborough)**

*Our Florida, Our History*, \$4,085  
A lecture series with noted historians discussing key aspects of Florida history and heritage.

**Tampa Bay History Center, (Hillsborough)**

*Supplemental Education for Florida Stories—Ybor City*, \$5,000  
Development of educational materials to complement a downloadable walking tour of Ybor City.

**Tempus Projects, (Hillsborough)**

*Tempus Projects Tampa/Havana Artist Exchange Program*, \$5,000  
An artist exchange program in partnership with the San Alejandro Academy of Fine Arts in Havana.

**The Historic Society, (Miami-Dade)**

*The Richmond Heights 49ers*, \$5,000  
A documentary film on the history of the community developed for Black World War II veterans in 1949.

**Theater with a Mission, Inc, (Leon)**

*Interpreting Cultural Connections between Cervantes and Shakespeare*, \$5,000  
A series of scholarly talks at Mission San Luis examining cultural connections between Spanish and English culture in the 17<sup>th</sup> century.

**University of Florida Center for Arts in Medicine, (Alachua)**

*Telling: Gainesville*, \$5,000  
Seven stage performances featuring area veterans telling their personal stories of life in the military and the challenges of transitioning back to civilian life.

**University of Florida Randell Research Center, (Alachua)**

*Interpreting Smith Mound, a Calusa Burial Site*, \$11,560  
Development and installation of interpretive signage along the Calusa Heritage Trail in Pineland.

**University of South Florida Humanities Institute, (Hillsborough)**

*Frenemies: The Curious Relationship between the Sciences and the Humanities*, \$5,000  
Lecture series opening presentation featuring Pulitzer Prize winner Dr. Rebecca Newberger Goldstein.

**University of West Florida, (Escambia)**

*STEAM2017*, \$1,000  
Workshops and a colloquium exploring the intersections of art and science in critical dialogues about our relationship with water and the environment.

**Urban Think Foundation, (Orange)**

*Functionally Literate*, \$5,000  
A quarterly reading series that pairs national award-winning writers with noted writers from Central Florida.

**University of South Florida, (Hillsborough)**

*Enhancing the Visitor Experience at Crystal River State Archaeological Park*, \$5,000  
Development and installation of new interpretive signage at Crystal River Archaeological State Park.

**WGCU Public Media, (Lee)**

*Preserving Our Waters Documentary/Screening*, \$15,000  
A half-hour documentary film celebrating the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Estero Bay Aquatic Preserve.

**Ybor City Museum Society, (Hillsborough)**

*Cuba's Role in Shaping Tampa's Cultural Heritage*, \$15,000  
A program series, exhibition, and architectural walking tour exploring the historic relationship between Tampa and Cuba.

## 2016 Special Initiative Partnerships

**Florida Humanities Speakers Series, \$5,000 each**

Amelia Island Museum of History  
Florida Historic Capitol Museum  
Highlands Hammock State Park  
Sarasota County History Center  
Lady Lake Historical Society  
Marco Island Historical Society  
Nova Southeastern University  
Ormond Beach Historical Society  
St. Petersburg Museum of History  
The Emerson Center

**Florida Stories Walking Tours, \$5,000 each**

Amelia Island Museum of History  
City of Tarpon Springs  
Historic Markers, Incorporated  
Lake Wales Museum and Cultural Center  
Main Street Fort Pierce  
Polk County Historical Association  
UWF Historic Trust  
West Volusia Historical Society

**Museum on Main Street, \$5,000 each**

Art Gallery 21, Inc.  
City of Tarpon Springs  
Enterprise Preservation Society  
Lake Wales Library Association  
Pioneer Florida Museum Association  
Polk County History Center

**Summer Seminars for High School Students, \$20,000 each**

Eckerd College  
Flagler College  
University of Florida Center for the Humanities & the Public Sphere

**Summer Seminars for Teachers, \$20,000 each**

Eckerd College  
University of Florida Center for the Humanities & the Public Sphere

**PrimeTime Family Reading Time, \$2,000–\$10,000 each**

Broward Public Library Foundation  
Jacksonville Public Library Foundation  
Northwest Regional Library System  
Orange County Library System  
Sarasota County Public Library System  
St Petersburg Public Library System

**Talking Service Book Discussion Program for Veterans, \$1,000 each**

Open Books Prison Book Project  
University of South Florida

## Extracted Audited Financial Statements for Fiscal Year Ended October 31, 2016

### BALANCE SHEET

#### ASSETS

Cash and Investments	\$1,139,763
Grant Receivables	\$222,496
Prepaid Expenses	\$42,467
Gifted Facilities	\$115,187
Fixed Assets	\$49,339
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$1,569,252</b>

#### LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS

Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$177,483
Grants Payable	\$153,662
Deferred Revenue	\$55,865
Net Assets	
Unrestricted	\$1,052,970
Temporarily Restricted	\$115,187
Permanently Restricted	\$14,085
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Net Assets</b>	<b>\$1,569,252</b>

### STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

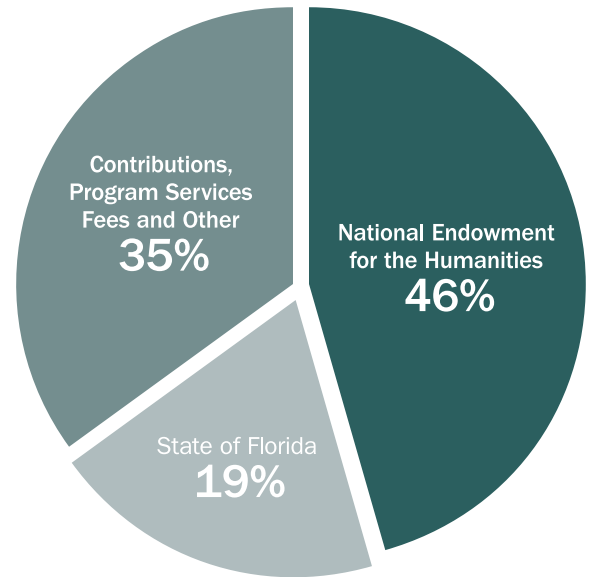
#### OPERATING SUPPORT AND REVENUE

National Endowment for the Humanities	\$1,396,250
State of Florida	\$591,255
Contributions, Program Services Fees and Other	\$1,063,748
<b>Total operating support and revenue</b>	<b>\$3,051,253</b>

#### OPERATING EXPENSES

Program Services	\$2,416,391
Management	\$453,915
Fundraising	\$151,989
<b>Total operating expenses</b>	<b>\$3,022,295</b>

### REVENUES



### EXPENDITURES

