Florida Humanities programming annually touches Floridians in every region of the state. From our award-winning FORUM magazine and walking tour app, to our exhibition partnership with the Smithsonian Institution and family literacy programs in public libraries, we are dedicated to convening Floridians in community-based experiences that bring us together and deepen our understanding of Florida.

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Our Impact Statewide 2018–2019*:
$1,005,000 total federal and state dollars invested in local projects statewide
$2,140,000 total local funds leveraged to match Florida Humanities' support

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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. 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. Exhibition host sites report an average attendance increase of more than 60% over the previous year.

**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. The app includes 35 tours of unique Florida communities from Pensacola to Key West.

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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 15,000 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. More than 9,000 students statewide participate in local competitions each year.

“100 Faces of War”
Florida Humanities 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).

Family Literacy Programs in Public Libraries
Florida Humanities supports a variety of reading and discussion programs for families held in public libraries. These include PrimeTime Family Reading Time and English for Families, a new series of ESOL classes that provide parents and their children with opportunities to improve their speaking and writing skills together. All programming utilizes award-winning children’s books to inspire thought and conversation, improve basic literacy skills, promote critical thinking, and provide valuable information for families about library resources.

Speaker Programs
Florida Humanities’ Speakers Directory includes more than fifty expert historians, storytellers, researchers and authors who deliver thought-provoking programs on 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, public libraries and other non-profit groups statewide. More than 10,000 people attend speaker programs statewide each year.

Seminars for Educators and High School Students
In summer 2018 and 2019, K-12 educators and high school students from across the state participated 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.
Grant Funding for Local Humanities Projects—$81,075

- **$20,000—Pensacola Museum of Art (Escambia)—**“100 Faces of War.” The museum hosts this compelling traveling exhibit from the Smithsonian Institution from October 2019 to January 2020. The exhibit features 100 personal essays and life-sized portraits of veterans who served in the Iraq and Afghanistan conflicts. The exhibit is complemented by a series of programs for the public as well as for veterans and family members.

- **$10,000—Gadsden Arts (Gadsden)—**“Mark Messersmith: When No One is Looking” and “The Southern Quilting Project,” exhibitions and public programming featuring artwork by nationally acclaimed artist and FSU faculty member Mark Messersmith and regional quilts from the 1830s to today.

- **$8,000—Florida Historic Capitol Foundation (Leon)—**“Florida's Inaugurations” and “The Moon, Stars and Sunshine State,” exhibitions and public programming that explore political inauguration ceremonies in Florida since 1845 and mark the 50th anniversary of the moon landing.

- **$5,000—Aucilla Research Institute (Jefferson)—**“First Floridian Series,” a free, two-day conference featuring 17 prominent scholars discussing the history and archaeology of the Florida Panhandle and adjacent lower southeast.

- **$5,000—Goodwood Museum and Gardens (Leon)—**“One Place, Two Worlds,” outdoor interpretative signage that explores the lives of those who labored at the former plantation over its 185 year history.

- **$5,000—Havana History and Heritage Society (Gadsden)—**“Voices of Havana’s History,” video and audio interviews of members of the predominantly African American community in Gadsden County that will be incorporated into the museum’s exhibitions.

- **$5,000—John G. Riley Center & Museum (Leon)—**“Uncrowned Queens,” an exhibition highlighting the burdens of inequality and oppression that African-American women experienced from slavery through the civil rights movement.

- **$5,000—Open Books Bookstore (Escambia)—**“Prison Book Project,” purchase and distribution of select books and educational resources to inmates in Florida prisons.

- **$5,000—The Village Square (Leon)—**“From Victim to Victor: The Cultural Impact of Jackie Robinson’s Groundbreaking Baseball Career,” a public forum to mark the 100th anniversary of Jackie Robinson’s birth just 20 miles north of Tallahassee.

- **$4,600—Northwest Regional Library System (Bay)—**“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.

- **$3,000—Historic St. Andrews Waterfront Partnership (Bay)—**“Hurricane Michael,” an exhibition featuring the stories of St. Andrews community members impacted by Hurricane Michael.

- **$2,975—LeRoy Collins Leon County Public Library (Leon)—**“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.

- **$2,500—Heritage Museum of Northwest Florida (Okaloosa)—**“Museum Tours for Everyone,” a digital tour of permanent exhibits that highlight the history of Northwest Florida from the prehistoric age to the modern era.
**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 24,000 people toured the exhibit, attended complementary public programs, or participated in school field trips in the following communities:

- Havana History and Heritage Society (Gadsden)
- Main Street DeFuniak Springs (Walton)
- Washington County Public Library (Washington)

**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 (Leon)
- Historic St. Andrews Waterfront Partnership (Bay)
- Main Street DeFuniak Springs (Walton)
- Save Our Shotguns, Apalachicola (Franklin)
- UWF Historic Trust, Pensacola (Escambia)

**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 9,000 students statewide participate in local competitions each year.

**Student participation:**

- Over 1,200 students from Bay, Leon and Madison counties competed in local competitions, with winners sent to the statewide competition.

**Speaker Programs**

Florida Humanities annually partners with community organizations statewide to present informative and lively lectures and community conversations about Florida’s rich history and culture. More than 950 people attended programs hosted by:

- Bay Arts Alliance (Bay)
- Florida Historic Capitol Museum (Leon)
- National Association for the Preservation of African American History and Culture (Leon)
- Pensacola State College (Escambia)
- Shops and Studios of Railroad Square Art Park (Leon)

**Democracy and the Informed Citizen Initiative**

As part of a 2018 national initiative funded by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, Florida Humanities 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.

- 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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