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.

Grant Funding for Local Humanities Projects
Since 1971, Florida Humanities 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. The app includes 35 tours of unique Florida communities from Pensacola to Key West.

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

Funding for Florida Humanities comes from the National Endowment for the Humanities; the Florida Department of State, Division of Cultural Affairs and the Florida Council on Arts and Culture; and private donations.

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.

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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—$147,870

- **$20,000**—Coral Springs Museum of Art (Broward)—“100 Faces of War.” The museum hosts this compelling traveling exhibit from the Smithsonian Institution from September to November 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**—Stonewall National Museum & Archives (Broward)—“Nazi Persecution of Homosexuals,” a traveling exhibition with complementary programming from the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum; “Stonewall: 50 Years in the Fight for Equality,” an exhibition and public programs marking the 50th anniversary of the Stonewall riots.

- **$5,850**—Broward Public Library (Broward)—“Vet Fest 2018,” two presentations by retired Army General Nolen Bivens to celebrate and honor veterans and their families; “The Great American Read,” programming to complement the broadcast of PBS’s “Great American Read” series in fall 2018.

- **$5,000**—Alliance for the Arts (Lee)—“CHANGE Program,” workshops and performances that direct community conversations about issues including race and cultural connections.

- **$5,000**—Barry University (Miami-Dade)—“Cuba, So close yet so far,” a series of public programs that explore Cuba, particularly the Pedo Pan experience.

- **$5,000**—Blue Planet Writers’ Room (Palm Beach)—“Florida: Where I’m From,” a series of film and writing workshops for teens to tell their own stories about growing up in Florida.

- **$5,000**—Boca Raton Museum of Art (Palm Beach)—“Imagining Florida,” an exhibition of artworks that illustrate the history and diversity of Florida from the mid-18th to mid-20th centuries.

- **$5,000**—Circle of Community Leadership (Lee)—“Civil Rights in the Sunshine State” a series of public programs that complement a traveling exhibit commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

- **$5,000**—Digital Library of the Caribbean (Miami-Dade)—“Documenting Caribbean Diasporic Communities,” a community workshop to raise awareness of archival practices, the digital humanities, and the importance of preserving Caribbean histories.

- **$5,000**—Florida Keys Community College (Monroe)—“Poetics,” a series of community events to mark National Poetry Month.

- **$5,000**—Friends of WLRN (Miami-Dade)—“Space Week,” a weekend broadcast of space exploration programming to mark the 50th anniversary of the Apollo 11 moon landing.

- **$5,000**—Key West Art & Historical Society (Monroe)—“Investigating Hemingway,” public programs focused on the life and work of Hemingway and his legacy in Key West.

- **$5,000**—Key West Tropical Forest & Botanical Garden (Monroe)—“Cuban Chug Outdoor Exhibit,” an outdoor exhibit featuring nine Cuban “chugs” and some of the personal artifacts found on them.

- **$5,000**—Miami Dade College North Campus (Miami Dade)—“Activating the Legacy of Reverend Theodore Gibson,” an annual oratorical competition and workshops for K-12 students from Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

- **$5,000**—Miami Shores People of Color (Miami-Dade)—“Unity360 Race in Retrospect,” a reading and discussion series on the topic of institutional racism.

- **$5,000**—North Miami Public Library (Miami-Dade)—“North Miami Memory Project,” a photo exhibit and presentations about the history of North Miami and its people from its founding in 1926 to 1980.

- **$5,000**—Opa-locka Community Development Corp. (Miami-Dade)—“Black Miami in Photographs,” an exhibit highlighting the lives of Black Miamians during the first 100 years of the city’s history.
Florida Humanities is a statewide non-profit organization with a mission to advance the humanities in Florida through funding of projects that enrich our communities and challenge our thinking. 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 4,800 people attended programs hosted by:
- Boca Raton Museum of Art (Palm Beach)
- Clewiston Museum (Hendry)
- Coral Springs Museum of Art (Broward)
- Edison & Ford Winter Estates (Lee)
- Florida Keys History and Discovery Foundation (Monroe)
- Fort Myers Beach Public Library (Lee)
- Friends of Rookery Bay (Collier)
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**Student participation:**
- Over 5,300 students from Broward, Charlotte, Collier, Hendry, Lee, Miami-Dade, Monroe, and Palm Beach counties competed in local competitions with winners sent to the statewide competition.

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### 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:
- Miami Dade College North Campus (Miami-Dade)
- Southwest Florida Historical Society (Lee)