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.

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.

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.

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.