Our Mission

To preserve, promote and share the history, literature, cultures and personal stories that offer Floridians a better understanding of themselves, their communities and their state.

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Left to right: JWJ’s Hip Hop Festival: Lifting Duval’s Legendary Voices (Friends of the James Weldon Johnson Park)/Photo by Toni Smailagic; Panama and its Indigenous Peoples (Flagler College); and Sunshine State Book Festival
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On cover, from top to bottom: Water/Ways exhibition; Operación Pedro Pan: The Voices and Stories of Cuba’s Child Exodus (University of Central Florida); Word of South Festival of Literature and Music (Florida LitFest)/Photo by Elijah Moran/Tallahassee Democrat; JWJ’s Hip Hop Festival: Lifting Duval’s Legendary Voices (Friends of James Weldon Johnson Park)/Photo by Toni Smailagic; Clear Waters: Stories from the Gulf Coast Commercial Fishing Industry in Cortez (Friends of the Florida Maritime Museum)/Photo by Shaun Greenspan, TriForce Pictures
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Florida Humanities Experiences a Landmark Year

We are proud to share with you our annual report for the fiscal year ending October 31, 2022. This year has been a remarkable one for Florida Humanities, as we continue to fulfill our mission to preserve, promote, and share the rich history, literature, cultures, and personal stories that offer Floridians a better understanding of themselves, their communities, and their state.

This year saw our largest grant funding distribution in the 50-year history of our organization! Thanks to $1.88 million in American Rescue Plan funding, we assisted 129 organizations in every region of the state to maintain operations during and after the COVID-19 pandemic. This general operating cost funding helped pay utility bills, insurance costs, technology needs and, importantly, to retain staff — resulting in saving nearly 450 jobs in the state.

Our recurring annual funding from the National Endowment for Humanities and the State of Florida supported a wide range of initiatives, from local history exhibits to film screenings, lecture series, oral history projects, documentaries, podcasts and virtual exhibits. We launched a landmark funding increase in 2022, raising the cap for Community Project Grants from $5,000 to $10,000 and revamped our storied Florida Talks speakers program to offer more than 30 exceptional scholars, journalists, authors, and humanities experts delivering 60 brand new and returning presentations. And, Florida Humanities was designated by the Library of Congress as the Florida Center for the Book affiliate this fiscal year. Created in 1977, the Center for the Book promotes reading, libraries and literacy throughout the United States. To support the initiative, Florida Humanities established Book Festival Grants, adding yet another avenue for us to celebrate the joy of reading and help bring Florida’s rich cultural heritage to life.

In July 2022, we chartered a new journey for Florida Humanities when we launched a reimagined Membership Program. With this new endeavor, we offer a range of giving levels with a variety of benefits, such as a year’s worth of FORUM magazine, book discounts and first access to special events. We also saw a 17% increase in contributions, program fees and in-kind donations, demonstrating that the value of our work is apparent to individuals and cultural institutions alike.

As always, our work is made possible by the dedication and support of our partners and donors. We are grateful to all of you for your generosity and your commitment to preserving the cultural heritage of Florida for generations to come. I invite you to peruse the pages of this annual report for a closer look at the breadth of our work.

We look forward to the year ahead, as we begin to celebrate the 50th anniversary of our founding, build on the successes of the past year and continue to highlight the vibrant cultural landscape in our state.
2022 HIGHLIGHTS

PROVIDING COVID-19 RELIEF

129 cultural organizations statewide received $1,878,000 in emergency general operating support to help recover from the pandemic.

SUPPORTING LOCAL PROGRAMS

$767,550 was awarded to cultural organizations statewide in support of local humanities programs and resources.

PROMOTING FAMILY LITERACY

Seven public libraries hosted 122 family literacy programs attended by over 1,500 adults and children.

ENGAGING SPEAKER PROGRAMS

Nearly 100 Florida Talks programs, both virtual and in-person, were attended by over 3,200 people statewide.

HIGHLIGHTING MAIN STREET COMMUNITIES

“Water/Ways,” a traveling exhibition from the Smithsonian Institution, wrapped up its Florida tour in 2022. In total, it was hosted by seven small Florida towns and viewed by more than 10,000 people.

TELLING FLORIDA’S STORIES

FORUM magazine won 16 awards at the 2022 Florida Magazine Association Awards, including “Best Overall: Writing.”

From top to bottom: Photo by Damali Shakur Phipps; Photo by UCF College of Arts and Humanities; Photo by Orange County Library System; Photo by Andrew Quintana; Photo by Chris Zuppa; and Photo illustration by Lisa Lennox.
FUNDING IMPACT

$2,645,550 total distributed in federal & state funds for local projects statewide

1. PANHANDLE REGION
   - American Rescue Plan: $304,500 to 22 organizations
   - Local public humanities programs: $153,250

2. NORTH REGION
   - American Rescue Plan: $262,000 to 19 organizations
   - Local public humanities programs: $106,800

3. WEST CENTRAL REGION
   - American Rescue Plan: $334,500 to 27 organizations
   - Local public humanities programs: $119,850

4. EAST CENTRAL
   - American Rescue Plan: $436,000 to 30 organizations
   - Local public humanities programs: $168,850

5. SOUTH FLORIDA
   - American Rescue Plan: $541,000 to 31 organizations
   - Local public humanities programs: $218,800

As Executive Director of Monticello Opera House, I am inspired by and truly enjoy presenting important humanities programs. The excellent support, financial and otherwise, provided by Florida Humanities makes this programming possible, and everyone in our organization is truly grateful.

MONTICELLO OPERA HOUSE
(Jefferson County)
When the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act was passed on March 11, 2021, the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) received $135 million to assist humanities organizations across the country affected by the coronavirus pandemic. The state humanities councils, including Florida Humanities, each received a portion of the NEH award to provide short-term general operating support in their respective states to museums, archives, historic sites, and other humanities-focused nonprofits.

In Fall 2021, Florida Humanities awarded 129 organizations with a total of $1,878,000 — the largest single grants initiative Florida Humanities has ever managed as well as the most funding ever distributed at one time. From retaining jobs to supporting utility costs, the ARP funds helped organizations recover from the pandemic’s economic impact as well as maintain delivery of public humanities programming and resources in their communities.

"Florida Humanities was the backbone supporting the arts and culture organizations during the first two years of the pandemic... The grant funding provided salary for our employees, allowing our lights to stay on to continue serving the public."

EAST HILLSBOROUGH HISTORICAL SOCIETY
(Plant City)

Photo above: The Global Pandemic of 2020-2022: Historical Contexts and Current Perspectives" (University of Central Florida)
American Rescue Plan Grants

**Alachua**
- Cotton Club Museum & Cultural Center (Gainesville) $6,000
- Historic Haile Homestead Inc. (Gainesville) $6,000
- Matheson History Museum, Inc. (Gainesville) $22,500
- Neighborhoods United for a Better Alachua, Inc. (Alachua) $1,000
- The Actors’ Warehouse, Inc. (Gainesville) $7,000

**Bay**
- Friends of the Governor Stone, Inc. (Panama City) $5,000
- Historic St. Andrews Waterfront Partnership, Inc. (Panama City) $10,500

**Brevard**
- US Space Walk of Fame Foundation (Titusville) $18,500

**Broward**
- Coral Springs Museum of Art (Coral Springs) $25,000
- Davie School Foundation (Davie) $23,500
- Deerfield Beach Historical Society, Inc. (Deerfield Beach) $10,500
- Fort Lauderdale Historical Society, Inc. (Fort Lauderdale) $25,000
- Island Society for the Promotion of Artistic and Cultural Education (Plantation) $2,500
- Old Dillard Foundation (Fort Lauderdale) $10,000
- Pompano Beach Historical Society (Pompano Beach) $6,000
- Sample-McDougald Preservation Society, Inc. (Pompano Beach) $21,000
- Stranahan House, Inc. (Fort Lauderdale) $25,000
- The Empowerment Network Global, Inc. (Davie) $3,000
- Yiddishkayt Initiative, Inc. (Coral Springs) $11,500

**Charlotte**
- Military Heritage Museum, Inc. (Punta Gorda) $25,000

**Citrus**
- Citrus County Historical Society, Inc. (Inverness) $25,000

**Collier**
- Holocaust Museum and Education Center of SWFL (Naples) $25,000
- Marco Island Historical Society (Marco Island) $25,000

**DeSoto**
- DeSoto County Historical Society, Inc. (Arcadia) $3,500

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$1.88 million in general operating support awarded to 129 organizations, which included:

- **Staffing** $1,381,000
- **Utilities** $207,000
- **Technology** $90,000
- **Insurance** $100,000
- **Rent and Mortgage** $83,000
- **Jobs**
  - 419 new or retained positions with Florida Humanities funding
  - 6,721,00 people annually served by statewide grant recipients

40 Florida counties received funding, including 13 organizations in seven Rural Areas of Opportunity (DeSoto, Franklin, Gadsden, Highlands, Jefferson, Levy, Putman)

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<td>Beaches Area Historical Society (Jacksonville Beach) $25,000 • Friends of James Weldon Johnson Park (Jacksonville) $22,000 • Mandarin Museum &amp; Historical Society (Jacksonville) $4,000</td>
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<td><strong>Escambia</strong> • Pensacola Historic Preservation Society Inc. (Pensacola) $2,000 • Pensacola Lighthouse Association, Inc. (Pensacola) $25,000 • West Florida Historic Preservation, Inc. (Pensacola) $25,000</td>
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<td><strong>Flagler</strong> • African American Cultural Society, Inc. (Palm Coast) $9,000 • Florida Agricultural Museum, Inc. (Palm Coast) $24,000</td>
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<td><strong>Franklin</strong> • Apalachicola Main Street, Inc. (Apalachicola) $8,500 • City of Apalachicola - Apalachicola Center for History, Culture and Art (Apalachicola) $7,000 • Dixie Theatre Foundation, Inc. (Apalachicola) $6,000</td>
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<td><strong>Gadsden</strong> • Gadsden Arts Inc. (Quincy) $25,000 • Havana History &amp; Heritage Society, Inc. (Havana) $6,000 • Quincy Main Street, Inc. (Quincy) $6,000</td>
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<td><strong>Hernando</strong> • Brooksville Vision Foundation (Brooksville) $19,500 • Friends of Weeki Wachee Springs State Park Inc. (Weeki Wachee) $14,500 • GFWC Historic Brooksville Woman’s Club (Brooksville) $2,500</td>
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<td><strong>Highlands</strong> • Highway Park Neighborhood Preservation &amp; Enhancement District Council (Lake Placid) $6,000 • Sebring Historical Society, Inc. (Sebring) $5,500</td>
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<td><strong>Hillsborough</strong> • East Hillsborough Historical Society, Inc. (Plant City) $7,500 • Florida Museum of Photographic Arts (Tampa) $25,000 • Plant City Photo Archives (Plant City) $12,000 • Sulphur Springs Museum and Heritage Center (Tampa) $6,500 • Ybor City Museum Society, Inc. (Tampa) $24,500</td>
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<td><strong>Indian River</strong> • Laura (Riding) Jackson Foundation (Vero Beach) $16,000 • Vero Heritage, Inc. (Vero Beach) $18,000</td>
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<td><strong>Jefferson</strong> • Jefferson County Historical Association (Monticello) $2,500 • Monticello Opera House (Monticello) $25,000</td>
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<td><strong>Lake</strong> • Trout Lake Nature Center, Inc. (Eustis) $14,000</td>
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<td><strong>Lee</strong> • Barrier Island Parks Society, Inc. (Boca Grande) $25,000 • Boca Grande Historical Society, Inc. (Boca Grande) $14,000 • Cape Coral Historical Society Inc. (Cape Coral) $11,500 • Sanibel Historical Museum &amp; Village (Sanibel) $23,000</td>
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<td><strong>Leon</strong> • Council on Culture &amp; Arts (Tallahassee) $25,000 • Florida Association of Museums Foundation (Tallahassee) $13,000 • Goodwood Museum and Gardens, Inc. (Tallahassee) $25,000 • John G. Riley Center &amp; Museum Inc. (Tallahassee) $22,500 • Southern Shakespeare Company (Tallahassee) $23,500 • Theater with a Mission, Inc. (Tallahassee) $5,500 • The Village Square, Inc. (Tallahassee) $24,000</td>
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<td><strong>Levy</strong> • Cedar Key Historical Society, Inc. (Cedar Key) $6,500</td>
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<td><strong>Manatee</strong> • Reflections of Manatee (Bradenton) $12,500</td>
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“Without these funds, we would not have been able to retain staff and would have been forced to cancel humanities programs and close our facility.”

HIGHWAY PARK NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL (Lake Placid)
The pressures of being a new executive director were magnified by the pandemic. I was overwhelmed with figuring out how to find funding in order to build stability and continue our work at the same time. I applied to all sorts of grants and I knocked on many, many donor doors. The most efficient use of my time in finding help was my interactions with Florida Humanities... Communication was exceptional, and I was SO relieved to receive the support.

THE LAURA (RIDING) JACKSON FOUNDATION
(Vero Beach)

These funds were a godsend... we were able to pay every member of the staff who directly interfaced with our visiting public. It helped lift their spirits during a long and difficult period. Thank you for undertaking this effort.

MEL FISHER MARITIME MUSEUM
(Key West)

Miami-Dade • Bakehouse Art Complex, Inc. (Miami) $25,000 • Fire Haus Projects, Inc. (Miami) $7,000 • Gold Coast Railroad Museum (Miami) $25,000 • Haitian Heritage Museum (Miami) $5,500 • Historic Hampton House Community Trust (Miami) $25,000 • Sephardi Voices USA, Inc. (Miami) $6,000 • Virginia Key Beach Park Trust (Key Biscayne) $25,000

Monroe • Florida Keys History and Discovery Foundation (Islamorada) $8,500 • Historic Markers, Inc. (Key West) $3,000 • Mel Fisher Maritime Heritage Society, Inc. (Key West) $25,000

Nassau • Amelia Island Museum of History (Fernandina Beach) $25,000

Okaloosa • Heritage Museum of Northwest Florida (Valparaiso) $8,000 • North Okaloosa Historical Association (Baker) $4,500

Orange • Albin Polasek Museum and Sculpture Gardens (Winter Park) $25,000 • Association to Preserve African American Society, History and Tradition, Inc. (Orlando) $9,500 • Association to Preserve the Eatonville Community, Inc. (Eatonville) $25,000 • Friends of Casa Feliz, Inc. (Winter Park) $24,500 • Historical Society of Central Florida (Orlando) $25,000 • Winter Garden Heritage Foundation, Inc. (Winter Garden) $25,000

Osceola • Museum of Military History, Inc. (Kissimmee) $25,000 • Osceola County Historical Society, Inc. (Kissimmee) $25,000

Palm Beach • Boca Raton Historical Society Inc. (Boca Raton) $24,500 • Loxahatchee River Historical Society (Jupiter) $25,000 • Spady Cultural Heritage Museum, Inc. (Delray Beach) $25,000

Pasco • Pioneer Florida Museum Association, Inc. (Dade City) $15,000
Pinellas • Dr. Carter G. Woodson African American Museum (St. Petersburg) $24,000
• Dunedin Historical Museum, Inc. (Dunedin) $25,000
• Friends of the Gulf Beaches Historical Museum (St. Pete Beach) $3,000
• Gulfport Historical Society (Gulfport) $2,500
• Keep St. Pete Lit (St. Petersburg) $8,500
• Palm Harbor Historical Society (Palm Harbor) $5,000
• Pinellas County African American History Museum (Clearwater) $3,500
• St. Petersburg Preservation (St. Petersburg) $21,000
• St. Petersburg Museum of History (St. Petersburg) $25,000
• Studio@620, Inc. (St. Petersburg) $25,000
• Your Real Stories, Inc. (St. Petersburg) $11,000

Polk • Kathleen Area Historical Society (Kathleen) $5,000
• Lake Wales History Museum (Lake Wales) $23,500

Putnam • Bartram Trail Society of Florida (Palatka) $3,000

Saint Johns • Fort Mose Historical Society (St. Augustine) $3,000
• Friends of Lincolnville, Inc. (St. Augustine) $22,000
• St. Augustine Film Society (St. Augustine) $1,000
• St. Augustine Historical Society (St. Augustine) $25,000
• St. Johns County Cultural Council Inc. (St. Augustine) $25,000
• The Ximenez-Fatio House Museum (St Augustine) $25,000

Saint Lucie • A.E. Backus Museum & Gallery (Fort Pierce) $25,000
• Lincoln Park Main Street (Fort Pierce) $8,000
• St. Lucie County Oxbow Eco-Center (Port St. Lucie) $25,000

Sarasota • Englewood Museum (Englewood) $1,000
• Lemon Bay Historical Society Inc. (Englewood) $2,500
• Vickie O! Heritage Productions, Inc. (Sarasota) $6,000

Seminole • Goldsboro West Side Community Historical Association, Inc. (Sanford) $6,000

Sumter • Young Performing Artists Inc. (Wildwood) $3,500

Volusia • African American Museum of the Arts, Inc. (Deland) $3,500
• Community Healing Project Inc. (Daytona Beach) $1,000
• DeLand Naval Air Station Museum, Inc. (DeLand) $3,000
• Enterprise Preservation Society, Inc. (Enterprise) $4,500
• Halifax Historical Society & Museum (Daytona Beach) $10,000
• Holly Hill Historic Preservation Society (Holly Hill) $1,000
• Ormond Beach Historical Society (Ormond Beach) $18,500
• Pioneer Settlement for the Creative Arts, Inc. (Barberville) $23,500
• Southeast Volusia Historical Society (New Smyrna Beach) $11,500

The support and financial backing of our nonprofits during this unprecedented time has been invaluable to the very existence of many of our organizations. We cannot thank you enough for believing in the importance of humanities and supporting our lean times. Thank you for all that you do.

FLORIDA KEYS HISTORY AND DISCOVERY FOUNDATION (Islamorada)
COMMUNITY PROJECT GRANTS

Community Project Grants provide **up to $10,000** to support an array of programs and resources that encourage community engagement in and with the humanities.

**Panhandle Region**
- 621 Gallery (Leon) “621 Gallery, ART + TECH Fest” — $3,000
- Florida Historic Capitol Foundation (Leon) “Rendezvous with Destiny: Florida and World War II Exhibit Programming” — $5,000
- Florida Press Educational Services (Leon) “Genocide in the 20th and 21st Centuries: Historical and Cultural Perspectives” — $8,500
- Goodwood Museum & Gardens (Leon) “The Goodwood Residential Community: Race, Class and Economic Disparity 1900-1925” — $10,000
- Southside Redevelopment Advisory Council (Leon) “Soul of Southside Arts and Humanities Festival” — $10,000

**North Region**
- African American Cultural Society (Flagler) “2022 Leadoff Exhibition: A Place for All People” — $5,000
- Anniversary to Commemorate the Civil Rights Demonstrations (Saint Johns) “Telling the Story of Civil Rights Demonstrations in St. Augustine” — $10,000
- Flagler College, Crisp-Ellert Art Museum (Saint Johns) “Magic, Mirth and Mortality: Musings on Black Motherhood” — $5,000
- Friends of James Weldon Johnson Park (Duval) “Hip Hop Festival: Lifting Duval’s Legendary Voices” — $5,000
- Norman Studios Silent Film Museum (Duval) “Finding Their Voices: The Representation of African American Women in Silent Film” — $5,000

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West Central Region
- Dunedin Public Library (Pinellas) “Kellogg Mansion Virtual Experience” — $10,000
- Friends of the Florida Maritime Museum (Manatee) “Stories from the Gulf Coast Commercial Fishing Industry in Cortez” — $10,000
- Gulfport Public Library (Pinellas) “Gulfport Library LGBTQ Resource Center Speaker Series” — $10,000
- Oaktree Community Outreach (Manatee) “Back To Angola Festival 2022” — $7,500
- Sulphur Springs Museum and Heritage Center (Hillsborough) “Living While Black in Jim Crow Florida” — $8,800
- The Hermitage Artist Retreat (Sarasota) “Artists and Thinkers: A Creative Conversation Series” — $4,850
- Ybor City Museum Society (Hillsborough) “Fernando’s Footsteps: A Tale of Tampa’s Invisible Immigrants” — $10,000

East Central Region
- Escuela de Bomba y Plena Tata Cepeda (Osceola) “African Influences in the Caribbean” — $5,000
- Historical Society of Central Florida (Orange) “Figurehead: Music & Mayhem in Orlando’s Underground” — $10,000
- Kashi Church Foundation (Indian River) “Visibility & Voices: The Histories of Indian River County” — $5,000
- Okeechobee Historical Society (Okeechobee) “Gimme That Old Time Religion” — $1,250
- Open Scene (Orange) “Voices – Raquel” — $5,000
- Ormond Beach Historical Society (Volusia) “Speaker Series 2022-2023” — $8,000
- St. Johns River-to-Sea Loop Alliance (Volusia) “DeLand Black Heritage Trail: Pedaling Toward Equity” — $10,000

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South Florida Region

- Aluna Art Foundation (Miami-Dade) “Miami Textile Biannual Public Programming” — $6,700
- Island SPACE Caribbean Museum (Broward) “Untold Stories: A Discussion Series on Caribbean Socio-Cultural Issues” — $7,000
- Miami Foundation (Miami-Dade) “10 Days of Connection 2022” — $10,000
- Military Heritage Museum (Charlotte) “Why We Still Serve. Veteran Storytellers of the Military Heritage Museum” — $7,000
- Strength in Numbers/Power in Connection (Miami-Dade) “Women Authors Across Cultures: Where Are We Going?” — $5,000
- The College of the Florida Keys (Monroe) “Culture Unites and Divides” — $10,000
- Thinking Cap Theatre (Broward) “From Christmas Tree Farm to Stand: An Interdisciplinary Documentary” — $10,000
- Village of Pinecrest, Pinecrest Gardens Dept. (Miami-Dade) “Pinecrest Garden Interpretive Exhibit” — $10,000
Greater Good: HUMANITIES IN ACADEMIA GRANTS

Supports Florida universities and colleges that are developing community programming aimed at broadening the public’s awareness of the humanities.

- Flagler College, Crisp-Ellert Art Museum (Saint Johns) “Finger Mullet Film Festival” — $5,000
- Flagler College, Spanish Language Program (Saint Johns) “Panama and its Indigenous Peoples” — $5,000
- Florida International University, Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (Miami-Dade) “Explore the Humanities with OLLI” — $5,000
- Florida International University, Center for Excellence in Writing (Miami-Dade) “Prison Literacies and the Humanities” — $3,000
- Florida International University, Wolfsonian Public Humanities Lab (Miami-Dade) “Defiance: Open Resistance, Bold Disobedience” — $7,300
- Florida Memorial University (Miami-Dade) “Teaching, Learning and Working during a Pandemic: Voices of Resilience from Lion Country” — $5,000
- New College of Florida (Sarasota) “Growing Up Amish in Sarasota” — $10,000
- Nova Southeastern University, Center for the Humanities (Broward) “Generaciones: Cycles of Life” — $5,000
- Nova Southeastern University, Council for Dialogue and Democracy (Broward) “Dialogues in Local Democracy” — $9,000
- Santa Fe College, Humanities and Foreign Languages Department (Alachua) “Humanities Behind and Beyond Bars” — $10,000
- University of Central Florida, Center for Humanities and Digital Research (Orange) “War Unfolding: War Through the Words of Soldiers and their Loved Ones” — $10,000
- University of Central Florida, English Department (Orange) “Operation Pedro Pan: The Voices and Stories of Cuba’s Child Exodus” — $10,000
- University of Central Florida, Department of Writing and Rhetoric (Orange) “With More Than Words: Exploring Material Rhetorics and Social Change” — $5,000
- University of Central Florida, School of Visual Arts and Design (Orange) “The Florida Prison Education Project” — $10,000
- University of Central Florida, Department of Modern Languages and Literatures (Orange) “Re-Membering Puerto Rican Arts and Culture Five Years After María” — $5,000
- University of South Florida (Hillsborough) “Freedom in Creativity: Building Meaning and Bridging Difference Through the Humanities” — $8,100

From left to right: Panama and its Indigenous Peoples (Flagler College); Growing Up Amish in Sarasota (New College of Florida) and Humanities Behind and Beyond Bars (Santa Fe College)
Florida Humanities awarded $200,000 in Broadcasting Hope Media Grants to six projects to support funding for the planning and production of impactful public media, film or digital projects.

- Allapattah Collaborative CDC (Miami-Dade) “Stories of Allapattah: En Nuestras Palabras” — $36,000
- Brooksville Vision Foundation (Hernando) “The Elizabeth Robins Diaries Podcast” — $12,000
- Florida Veterans Foundation (Leon) “A State at War: Florida During WWII” — $50,000
- Merfolk Media Alliance (Pinellas) “Underground History” — $12,000
- Miami Shores People of Color (Miami-Dade) “The 20th of May: The History and Heritage of Florida’s Emancipation Day” Digital History Project — $40,000
- University of Central Florida, WUCF (Orange) “Florida Road Trip Original Production, Student Experience and Engagement Campaign” — $50,000
The Library of Congress in late 2021 designated Florida Humanities as the Florida Center for the Book affiliate. Established in 1977, the Center for the Book promotes reading, libraries and literacy through a collaboration between the Library of Congress and affiliates in all 50 states and U.S. territories. As a Center for the Book affiliate, Florida Humanities crafts programming and funding to promote literature and learning.

**National Book Festival**

In September 2022, we selected titles to reading lists unveiled in conjunction with the National Book Festival in Washington, D.C. For “Route 1 Reads,” a road-trip inspired reading list selected by 16 Center for the Book affiliates located along Route 1, we selected *Florida* by Lauren Groff. For “Great Reads from Great Places,” a book list for young people, we selected *Strange Birds: A Field Guide to Ruffling Feathers* by Celia C. Pérez.

**Book Festival Grants**

- Florida LitFest (Leon) “Word of South Festival of Literature and Music” — $10,000
- Friends of the Library of St. Johns County (Saint Johns) “St. Johns Reads 2023” — $6,500
- Miami Dade College (Miami-Dade) “Miami Book Fair 2022” — $10,000
- Writers Alliance of Gainesville (Alachua) “Sunshine State Book Festival 2023” — $5,000

**NEA Big Read Funding**

- Broward Public Library Foundation (Broward) $3,500
- Miami Dade College (Miami-Dade) $5,000
- Orange County Library System (Orange) $2,500
This program provides support to public libraries to host interactive classes for families that focus on developing English vocabulary and literacy skills for English as a second language speakers.

- Broward Public Library Foundation (Broward) $5,000
- Delray Beach Public Library (Palm Beach) $4,000
- Friends of the Library of Tampa-Hillsborough County (Hillsborough) $5,000
- Haines City Public Library (Polk) $3,000
- Library Foundation for Sarasota County (Sarasota) $5,000
- Miami-Dade Public Library System (Miami-Dade) $3,800
- New Port Richey Public Library (Pasco) $5,000
- Osceola Library System (Osceola) $5,000
- Palm Springs Public Library (Palm Beach) $7,800
Since 2012, Florida Humanities has provided funding for more than 57 exhibition tours in 33 counties, allowing nearly 200,000 Floridians to experience a Smithsonian Institution exhibition in their own hometown.

In 2022, Florida Humanities supported the Smithsonian’s Water/Ways exhibition in Florida, which explored the role water plays as an essential component of life on our planet, environmentally, culturally, and historically. The exhibit appeared at:

- MidFlorida Credit Union Event Center, Port St. Lucie (Oct. 30–Dec. 31, 2021)
- Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center, Belle Glade (Jan. 8–Feb. 26, 2022)
- Barron Library, LaBelle (March 5–April 30, 2022)
- Amelia Island Museum of History (May 7–July 2, 2022)
- African American Cultural Society, Palm Coast (July 9–Sept. 23, 2022)
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FLORIDA TALKS ATTENDEE
(The Magnificent Drama: Martin Luther King in St. Augustine, February 2022)

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Florida TALKS

This long-running, popular program assists nonprofit organizations with hosting presenters from Florida Humanities’ Speakers Bureau who offer programming about Florida’s history, heritage and culture. Florida Humanities covers presenter fees and provides marketing materials to eligible organizations.

- Art and Life in 3D (St. Johns County)
- Boca Grande Historical Society (Lee)
- Broward Public Library Foundation (Broward)
- Center for Spiritual Care (Indian River)
- Clewiston Museum (Hendry)
- Delray Beach Public Library (Palm Beach)
- Dunedin Public Library (Pinellas)
- Florida Conservation Voters Education Fund (Leon)
- Florida Writers Association Amelia Island Chapter (Flagler)
- Friends of Leesburg Library (Lake)
- Friends of the Island Library (Manatee)
- Friends of the North Indian River County Library (Indian River)
- Friends of Wakulla Springs State Park (Wakulla)
- Harn Museum of Art (Alachua)
- Havana History and Heritage Society (Gadsden)
- Historic Ritz Theatre (Polk)
- Historical Society of Avon Park (Highlands)
- Key West Art and Historical Society (Monroe)
- Lake Wales History Museum (Polk)
- Marco Island Historical Society (Collier)
- New River Public Library Cooperative (Union)
- Orange County Library System (Orange)
- Pensacola MESS Hall (Escambia)
- Pinellas County African American History Museum (Pinellas)
- Pinellas Pioneer Settlement (Pinellas)
- Sulphur Springs Museum and Heritage Center (Hillsborough)
Our multi-year civic engagement initiative with The Village Square supported five virtual programs with an audience of more than 14,000 people. We also supported the production of 10 episodes of its podcast series Village SquareCast, reaching 1,900 listeners.

Among the noted participating authors and scholars were:

- Jonathan Rauch, author of *The Constitution of Knowledge*, which explores the extraordinary system of how we flawed humans gain knowledge that scales and endure (November 2021)

- Dr. Theodore R. Johnson, author of *When the Stars Begin to Fall: Overcoming Racism and Renewing the Promise of America*, in (March 2022)

- Dr. Justin Guest, author of *Majority Minority*, which examines what happened in six of the world’s few societies that have already experienced a majority minority transition (May 2022)

- Dr. Robb Willer on *How to Have Better Political Conversations or: Ending this Zombie Apocalypse* (September 2022)

- Mónica Guzmán, author of *I Never Thought of It That Way: How to Have Fearlessly Curious Conversations in Dangerously Divided Times* (October 2022)
This year’s magazines featured Florida’s rich musical legacy, literature, cuisine, architectural and natural treasures and Indigenous voices. A special magazine published with support from a grant from the National Endowment for Humanities explored “A More Perfect Union: Pursuing Life, Liberty and the Florida Dream.” FORUM Magazine won 16 awards (six first-place) at the 2022 Florida Magazine Association Awards including “Best Overall: Writing” and sweeping “Best Writing: In-Depth Reporting.”

“The magazine’s timely topics and excellent journalism by a diverse group of professional writers have helped me better understand myself and the history of Florida, raised my curiosity and even fed my soul...Florida Humanities is a nexus of people with people with interesting ideas and important perspectives.”

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We only hope everyone realizes how special and generous Florida Humanities is, not only with grants and funding but with the important knowledge they make available. I cannot imagine a world without this important organization!
I began my involvement with Florida Humanities about 40 years ago because this is an essential organization to help ensure our democracy. By questioning and learning about the history and contributions of the different peoples who have settled in Florida over 500 years, we better understand and respect each other — we are more empathetic.

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- Accounts payable and accrued expenses: $117,436
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  - With donor restrictions: $231,799
- Total Liabilities & Net Assets: $2,268,270

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OPERATING SUPPORT AND REVENUE
- National Endowment for the Humanities: $3,717,888
- State of Florida: $518,484
- Contributions, Program Fees, In-Kind: $347,144
- Total operating support and revenue: $4,583,516

OPERATING EXPENSES
- Program Services: $3,821,464
- Management: $487,606
- Fundraising: $233,131
- Total operating expenses: $4,542,201