

Striving to meet Nebraska's needs

It has been said that in nonprofit work there is no finish line, and for many of us that sentiment rings even more true these days. Here at Humanities Nebraska, our mission of helping Nebraskans explore what connects us and makes us human is work that is never finished, pandemic or not. This report gives an opportunity to look back at the past year and reflect on the many accomplishments amidst the many challenges...a series of finish lines crossed, so to speak.


Throughout the pandemic seesaw of 2021, HN was committed to providing people with the ability to access humanities programs in ways that worked for them, whether in person or virtual. Many of our humanities speakers have continued to offer online versions of their programs, while also getting out on the road again and visiting communities across the state. For the "Fifties in Focus" Chautauqua in Ashland in early August, all of the in-person programs were either livestreamed or recorded and made available afterwards on our YouTube channel.

Thirty-one Prime Time Family Reading programs this past year were almost evenly split between in person and online. Nebraska Warrior Writers workshops moved from being exclusively on Zoom earlier in the pandemic to a hybrid format, allowing participating veterans to come in person or attend by Zoom. The 26th annual Governor's Lecture in the Humanities with Henry Louis Gates, Jr. was perhaps our most complex hybrid program, with some in-person audience at the Holland Performing Arts Center in Omaha, hundreds more people viewing via livestream around the state (thanks to Nebraska Public Media), and Professor Gates himself appearing virtually in conversation with our moderator, who was on the Holland stage.

All of these examples have been learning experiences for HN, helping us continue to broaden our program reach. As a result, 333,347 people were able to attend HN-funded programs in ways that worked for them in 2021. This rebound in humanities programming across Nebraska would not have been possible without hundreds of steadfast partners, from small-town libraries and museums, to statewide partners like the Nebraska Cultural Endowment and the State of Nebraska, to major national entities like the National Endowment for the Humanities. It also would not be possible without the many individual and organizational supporters who make gifts to Humanities Nebraska to advance our mission. When we read all of those names in this report, our hearts are filled with gratitude, and with resolve to continue striving to enrich the lives of all Nebraskans through the humanities. Thank you for being an important part of our work.


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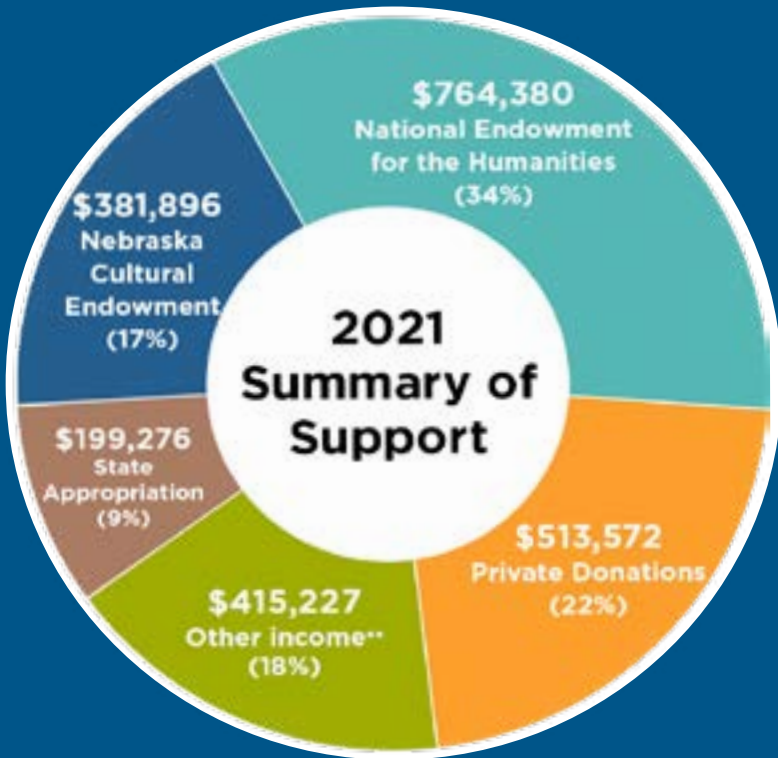
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SUMMARY

Total Support: \$2,274,351

Total Expenses: \$1,819,303

Excess of support and revenue over expenses: \$455,048

Audited financial statements from Dana F. Cole and Co. are available for inspection at the HN office and HumanitiesNebraska.org.



11,481*
attended grant-funded events
*Preliminary

772
people watched "Valuing the Vote" online

15,329
people attended Speakers Bureau presentations

2,000+
attended virtual and in-person Chautauqua events

983
kids and family members read together with Prime Time



Communities Served



Flexibility in 2021

Humanities Nebraska staff found that the key to being able to continue to help Nebraskans explore what connects us and makes us human during a year of continuing uncertainty was remaining flexible.

The HN Speakers Bureau saw a wonderful rebound, with 256 events booked in person or online in 2021, compared to the pandemic low of 143 a year earlier. Most of these occurred outside Lincoln and Omaha.

Most other programs also offered online options, including Nebraska Warrior Writers (NWW) and Prime Time Family Reading. NWW participants published their first anthology in early FY2021. HN found that the at-home benefits of Prime Time “First Aid Kits” were so significant, Give to Lincoln Day donors were asked to help fund a new kit filled with books, activities and a journal for families to use during summer months to prevent the “summer slide” of reading skills.

After kicking off with a live on-line event, “The Fifties in Focus” Chautauqua was hosted in Ashland in early August, just missing the surge of the Delta variant. A tent was pitched for evening presentations to allow for fresh air and social distancing, and each component of the two-day festival was videotaped and uploaded to YouTube for viewers at home. Though a surprise tornado forced an early end to the final evening and canceled the 1950s dance that Ashland had scheduled for the closing event, participation was high and audience surveys were very positive.

HN also presented “Valuing the Vote” online, a series exploring the hard fought battles waged historically to give all Americans the right to vote.

Kimball and Tecumseh hosted the Smithsonian Museum on Main Street exhibition, “Crossroads: Change in Rural America” at the end of FY2021. Each community added a local exhibit and hosted in-person events as they were able to do so.

Popular PBS star and historian Henry Louis Gates, Jr. delivered the 26th annual Governor’s Lecture in the Humanities. “Finding Your



ASHLAND

Chautauqua scholars Becky Stone (Rosa Parks, left), Jim Newton, and Lenneal Henderson (Thurgood Marshall) gave audiences insight into the 1950s.



NORFOLK

1,995
people visited
“Crossroads: Change in Rural America”
in Kimball or Tecumseh

233
individual or teams of students
participated in
National History Day

“This type of program is so important for Southeast Nebraska. We don’t have a lot of opportunities for humanities programs.”
— SPEAKERS BUREAU SITE HOST

Roots: A Conversation with Henry Louis Gates, Jr.” was a truly hybrid event, with more than 80% of the audience tuning in live online via Nebraska Public Media and the guest speaker appearing from his home on the Holland Performing Art Center’s big screen, where William G. Thomas III of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln served as moderator.

Capitol Forum on America’s Future is the program that has suffered the most from the pandemic. For the second year in a row, the in-person event at the State Capitol that culminates the student experience had to be canceled. Despite that and the incredible difficulties faced by teachers across the country, 23 schools used the Choices curriculum from Brown University, exposing students to key global issue, the importance of civic engagement, and techniques for productive deliberation between people with varying opinions.

HN also continued to partner with Nebraska Public Media for its humanities desk features, as well as with Nebraska State Poet Matt Mason, National History Day: Nebraska, and One Book One Nebraska.

Humanities Nebraska thanks the many donors who made these programs possible, listed on pages 5-8.

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competitive
grants
awarded

\$409,740

grant dollars
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OMAHA: ART IN PRACTICE: THE INTERSECTION OF POETRY AND VISUAL ART

Grants help fund statewide efforts

Competitive grants offered by Humanities Nebraska each year have been used to create a variety of humanities-based programs and projects, ranging from summer enrichment camps for youth to documentary films. Funding from the Woods Foundation allowed HN to hire a grants specialist to assist with pandemic relief funds in early FY2022.

Arts for All, Inc., Youth enrichment program OMAHA

Asian Community and Cultural Center, Camp Culture 2021 /Untold
Migrant Stories LINCOLN

Bemis Center for Contemporary Arts, “Art in Practice: The Intersection
of Poetry and Visual Art” OMAHA

Blixt Locally Grown, Fellowship program for emerging playwrights LINCOLN

Bright Lights, Inc, Humanities programming for summer camps LINCOLN

Central Community College, New Native American curriculum GRAND ISLAND

Crane River Theater Company, “Page to Stage” library outreach program/
student matinee series of “The Miracle Worker” KEARNEY

Creighton University, Carson Fable Collection/“Waves in the Sandhills” OMAHA

The Durham Museum, “Omaha Uncovered” exhibit OMAHA

El Museo Latino, Latin culture and traditions lecture series OMAHA

Ethiopian Community Association, Family restoration project OMAHA

Flatwater Shakespeare Company, Little But Fierce summer sonnet writing
workshop for children LINCOLN

Fort Laramie Historical Association, Writing festival FT. LARAMIE, WY

Friends of Lied, The Future We See: Town Hall LINCOLN

Friends of the Homestead, Tallgrass Prairie Fiddle Festival BEATRICE

Great Plains Theater Commons, GPTC Connect/Annual theatre conference OMAHA

John G. Neihardt Foundation, 40th annual spring conference BANCROFT

Joslyn Art Museum, Karl Bodmer exhibition OMAHA

Lincoln Commission on Human Rights, Social justice programming LINCOLN

Lincoln Crossroads Festival, Speakers Bureau training for music festival LINCOLN

Lincoln Orchestra Association, Pre-Concert Chats LINCOLN

Mari Sandoz Heritage Society, 2021 Pilster Lecture/Symposium LINCOLN

McCook Economic Development Corp., Youth engagement MCCOOK

Metropolitan Community College, “The Perfect Latino” with Javier Avila OMAHA

Movement in Omaha for Racial Equity, Five events exploring social factors
that often divide communities OMAHA

Nebraska Commission on Indian Affairs, Susan Picotte documentary LINCOLN

Nebraska Public Media, Title IX legislation videos LINCOLN

Nebraska Shakespeare Festival, Inc., Shakespeare on Tour OMAHA

Nebraska Wesleyan University, Humanities insight on COVID/“Spooky
Evenings” LINCOLN

Nebraska Writers Collective, Touring artist series OMAHA

Omaha Performing Arts, “Voices Amplified” 2021-2022 OMAHA

Omaha Public Library Foundation, Omaha Lit Fest OMAHA

Opera Omaha, “Poetry & Music 2021” OMAHA

Operation Christmas Card, Educational programming for Pow-Wow NORTH PLATTE

Papillion Community Foundation, Ulysses Grant & Mark Twain
appearance PAPILLION

Plum Creek Children’s Literacy Festival, 2021 Festival SEWARD

Robert Henri Museum and Historic Walkway, National Conference COZAD

Social Action Committee of Unitarian Church, Winter lecture series LINCOLN

Strategic Air and Space Museum, Museum app/“Cold War in Film” ASHLAND

Together We Achieve Miracles, Inc., Digital media OMAHA

Tri-Faith Initiative, Pre-production for a documentary film OMAHA

United by Culture, Courageous Mujer podcasts LEXINGTON

University of Nebraska at Kearney Board of Regents, Spanish immersion and
humanities components for youth summer enrichment program KEARNEY

University of Nebraska-Lincoln Board of Regents, Educational Chief Red Cloud
materials/Human Trafficking summit/documentary film/OLLI Fall Symposium/
“Nebraska Stories of Humanity”/“Reckoning and Reconciliation” LINCOLN

University of Nebraska State Museum Morrill Hall, “Exploring a Square Meter
of Prairie” exhibit LINCOLN

University of Nebraska at Omaha Board of Regents, “Singing Stones” lecture/
“Conversaciones: Latino and Latina Voices of Omaha”/“Charting Our Paths”
traveling exhibit and speakers OMAHA

White River Wacipi, Educational events for Pow-Wow CRAWFORD

Willa Cather Foundation, Annual spring conference RED CLOUD

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of Prime Time Families rate it excellent or good

61%

of competitive grants helped fund new programs.

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85% Speaker Events

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Strength in donor choice

\$196,000+

was raised via the Governor's Lecture

930

viewers watched in person at the Holland Center or online



The annual Governor's Lecture in the Humanities featuring Henry Louis Gates, Jr., was a hybrid event, with many viewers tuning in from Nebraska, 10 other states, and the District of Columbia.



After 30 years as Community Services Fund of Nebraska, the nonprofit federation rebranded as Give Nebraska (GN). The new

brand more accurately conveys the organization's mission — to make it easy for Nebraskans to support their preferred local charities through payroll deduction and workplace giving campaigns.

Working with 74 different charitable agencies, Give Nebraska has built a vibrant, creative, healthy community during the last 30+ years, making Nebraska a better place to live. For more information, visit www.givenebraska.com or call 402.489.4332. Humanities Nebraska greatly appreciates donors who designated gifts to us through GN workplace giving campaigns last year.

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Please consider joining NCE in its mission to cultivate a legacy of stability, advocacy and leadership for the arts and humanities in Nebraska. To learn more about the many ways to support this perpetual mission, including becoming a Legacy Donor by designating the NCE or Humanities Nebraska in your estate plans, please visit NebraskaCulture.org/mylegacy or contact HN's Heather Thomas at 402-474-2131 or heather@humanitiesnebraska.org.



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— NATIVE AMERICAN
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LEXINGTON



Several speakers, including Marci Broyhill (pictured) were able to give in-person presentations.

110 Letters

were exchanged in the
Dear Stranger program

510 views

were logged of Chautauqua
videos on YouTube



KIMBALL

The Smithsonian traveling exhibition, “Crossroads: Change in Rural America” began its 10-month Nebraska tour in September 2021 with visits to local museums in Kimball and Tecumseh.



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