

SPARKING CURIOSITY
and helping people explore what
connects us and makes us human
since 1973

**2023 ANNUAL
REPORT**



Celebrating 50 & ready for 50 more

2023 was a whirlwind for Humanities Nebraska. Sometimes it felt like 50 years happening in one! There's only one shot at celebrating a 50th anniversary, and we added a lot of extra activities to our ongoing work. Much of that is highlighted throughout this report, in addition to the daily programming that helps Nebraskans explore what connects us and makes us human.

We started 2023 by launching a special Spark Your Curiosity anniversary look and theme that showed up on t-shirts, bookmarks, stickers, and in other fun ways. This theme led to monthly Curiosity Connections online programs on interesting humanities topics; a special educator grant initiative to provide support to teachers across the state; a short video to build awareness of HN; a one-time "What Connects Us" Chautauqua featuring important historical figures; and a 50-year timeline on our website that highlights many wonderful humanities projects and milestones over the years. All of that was a lead-up to Humanities Week October 7-15, which featured a variety of programs throughout the state. These included the Governor's Lecture in the Humanities with Amor Towles in Omaha and livestreamed statewide. We commissioned Nebraska State Poet Matt Mason to pen a very special poem in honor of HN's 50th anniversary, and he delivered a home run with a marvelous baseball-themed poem, "Studying the Game." Omaha artist (and former HN board member) Sarah Rowe created gorgeous imagery to accompany the poem.

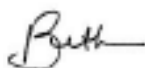
As a nonprofit that raises private funds to support our work, we also saw our 50th anniversary as a chance to reinforce the difference Humanities Nebraska donors make in building strong humanities programs in Nebraska. Indeed, our donors—people like you—came through with great generosity in 2023. We raised more than \$630,000 in private donations, a new record. These donations make up well over 25 percent of HN's income, second only to the federal funding from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH). We are deeply grateful that hundreds of donors all over the state share our belief that the humanities are vital to the cultural and civic life of our state, and to our individual lives. We are also very appreciative of our strong relationship with the Nebraska Cultural Endowment and Nebraska Arts Council, a truly unique public-private partnership that further enhances the cultural vitality of Nebraska. And without such a dedicated staff and volunteer board team working together, none of our success would be possible.

It is good to reflect on the successes of a year like 2023, but we have lost no time in turning our vision forward to the future. We are currently working on a new strategic plan that addresses a big question: how might we build on our legacy of success and explore new areas of growth in order to make an even greater impact on Nebraska communities in our next 50 years? We look forward to working with you and others all across Nebraska to answer that question.

With our gratitude,



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2023 Financial Overview

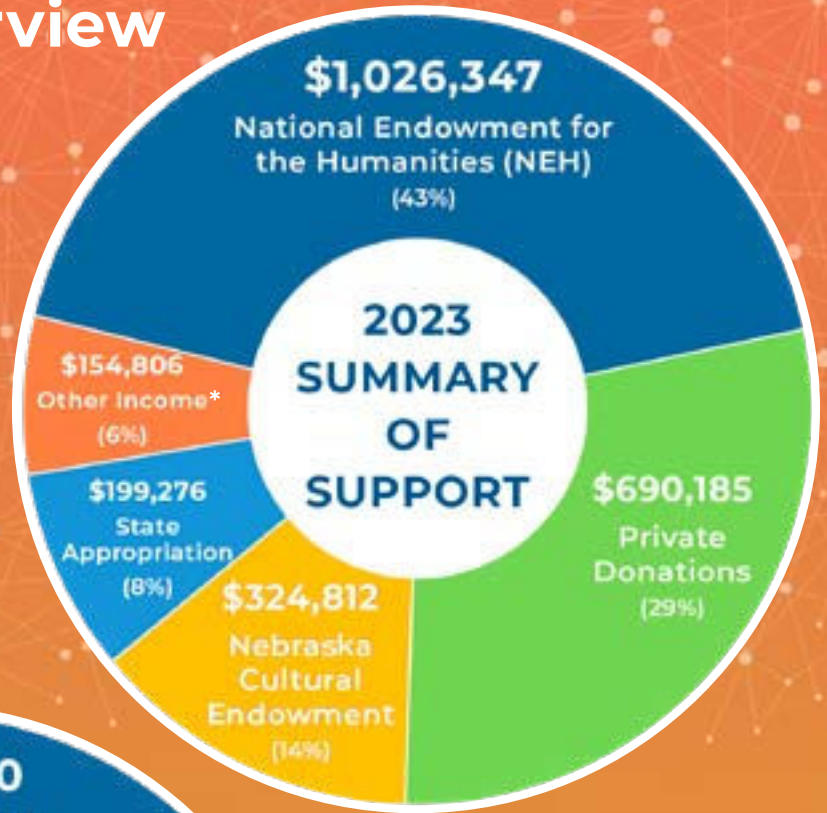
SUMMARY

Total Support: \$2,395,427

Total Expenses: \$2,238,427

Excess of support and revenue over expenses: \$157,000

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



*Other income includes Gain on Investments (\$110,603), Earned Income (\$30,185), Interest Income (\$13,935), Miscellaneous Income (\$83)

**Does not include cost share from grantees and volunteers totaling \$1,719,511



Humanities Nebraska provided events to "Spark Your Curiosity" throughout 2023

Humanities Nebraska staff and board planned extra programming during 2023 to highlight HN's mission of helping people explore what connects us and makes us human. Throughout the year, this special emphasis welcomed people from across the state to various in-person and online events, culminating in October with Humanities Week.

The chosen theme for this 50th anniversary year was "Spark Your Curiosity." Fun stickers and a specially designed t-shirt encouraged participation.

Since 2023 was also the 40th anniversary of the HN Speakers Bureau, staff created a series of online lunch-and-learns called **Curiosity Connections**. Three were held in the spring and three in the fall.

For Women's History Month in March, speakers Deb Carpenter-Nolting and Lyn Messersmith presented "**Well Behaved Women Seldom Make History.**" Featuring the histories of little-known trailblazers, Carpenter-Nolting and Messersmith shared original songs and poetry inspired by these amazing women.

During National Library Week in April, HN hosted speaker Jim McKee, a local historian. McKee shared photos and details about "**The Amazing Library of Thomas Jefferson Fitzpatrick.**" One viewer said, "Jim McKee is a masterful storyteller relating an incredible story. I feel privileged to have attended."

In May, Curiosity Connections marked the 100th anniversary of Willa Cather's Pulitzer Prize for "One

of Ours," coinciding with the installation of her statue in the National Statuary Hall in Washington, DC. University of Nebraska-Lincoln professor Andrew Jewell shared "**Willa Cather's Life in Letters.**"

In September, HN hosted Nebraska State Poet Matt Mason and Nebraska-born rock musician Jay Hanson for "**Poetry is for Rock Stars.**" The duo discussed how poetry is truly accessible to everyone, whether through a written poem or the lyrics of a song.

Since National Hispanic Heritage Month falls in October, HN invited two popular speakers, Linda Perez-Garcia and José Francisco Garcia, to present for the Humanities Week edition of Curiosity Connections. In "**Living Legacy of Chicanos,**" they shared their personal histories and perspectives about Hispanic communities in Nebraska, defined terms, and shared photos.

The final event for 2023 was "**Black Homesteaders on the Great Plains,**" co-presented with Humanities Kansas and moderated by the Kansas Historical Society's Donna Rae Pearson. With photos and maps, HN speaker Denise Scales of the Descendants of DeWitty and Nicodemus Historical Society Executive Director Angela Bates related the histories of two of the most successful Black homesteading communities on the Great Plains.

Each of these online events was published on HN's YouTube channel for other viewers to enjoy. HN thanks the following sponsors: HBE (March), DF Dillon Foundation (April), Laura & Bill Troshynski (May) and Beth & Kelvin Whited (November).

Between spring and fall Curiosity Connections, the annual **Nebraska Chautauqua** was also a special anniversary event, which was hosted by Stuhr Museum in Grand Island, July 21 & 22. A big tent



"I appreciated the thoughtful responses they gave to questions from the audience."

— CURIOSITY CONNECTIONS AUDIENCE MEMBER

"I particularly liked hearing about the three lesser-known women, and I enjoyed Deb's songs and Lyn's poems."

— CURIOSITY CONNECTIONS AUDIENCE MEMBER





WARREN BROWN AS MARK TWAIN

“AMAZING event: history from personal talk. The whole event extremely organized and valuable.”

— FIRST-TIME CHAUTAUQUA ATTENDEE



TAYLOR KEEN AND BECKY STONE



KAREN VURANCH AS EDITH WHARTON

was pitched in the museum's Railroad Town, just like Chautauquas in the old days.

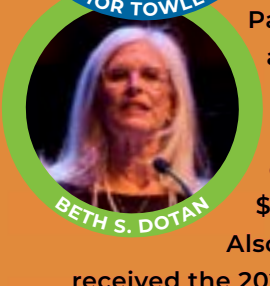
"What Connects Us" Chautauqua brought back four popular historic figures. Warren Brown returned as Mark Twain and Taylor Keen appeared as Chief Standing Bear. Both had been part of the "Free Land? 1862 and the Shaping of Modern America" Chautauqua (2012-2015). Becky Stone took the stage as Rosa Parks from "The Fifties in Focus" Chautauqua (2019-2023), and Karen Vuranch recreated her presentation as Edith Wharton from "World War One: Legacies of a Forgotten War "(2016-2018). The four scholars conducted related workshops during the day on Saturday. HN is grateful to the Johnny Carson Fund at the Nebraska Cultural Endowment, Stuhr Museum, and the many other partners, sponsors, and volunteers who helped make Chautauqua possible.

During **Humanities Week**, October 7-15, there were events across the state. Grant events included "**Pedaling the Past**," a history tour on bicycles presented in Kearney, and a pre-concert chat offered by the **Lincoln Symphony Orchestra**. Various speakers appeared in other communities, and Nebraska Warrior Writers met for a workshop.



AMOR TOWLES

The keynote event for Humanities Week was the **28th Annual Governor's Lecture in the Humanities**, "From Moscow to the Lincoln Highway: An Evening with Amor Towles," which was co-sponsored by UMB Bank and Union Pacific. With William Padmore as the moderator, both in-person and online audiences were delighted to hear Towles discuss his writing method and touch on all of his best-selling books. A benefit dinner prior to the lecture raised more than \$220,000 to support HN programming in 2024.



BETH S. DOTAN

Also during the evening, educator Beth S. Dotan received the **2023 Sower Award in the Humanities**.

At the close of the year, HN commissioned a special edition screen print. Featuring a poem written by State Poet Matt Mason and original art by Omaha artist Sarah Rowe, a former HN board member, the prints were signed and numbered by Rowe before delivery. A smaller version of the poster (right) was also printed for a wider audience.

HN's 50th anniversary inspired staff and board to continue to serve Nebraskans in 2024 and beyond.

Studying the Game

for Humanities Nebraska on its 50th Anniversary

Matt Mason, Nebraska State Poet
October 2023

Seventh inning, ninety degrees, thoughts more on peanuts and Cracker Jack than balls and strikes, and

the organist splashes the seats with a tune that makes every one of us stand:

it sparks your curiosity and you see

how the outfield grass has brush strokes that show prairie turned hunting ground turned settlement turned stadium;

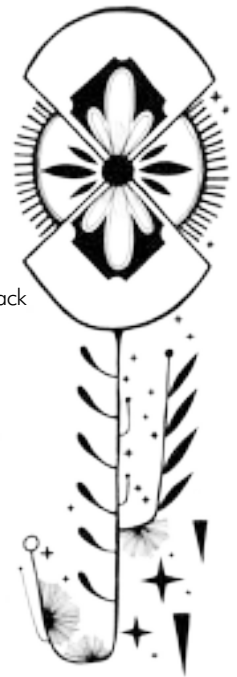
you see the dance in the first baseman's cleats as he tries to choreograph that runner into an out; it's poetry,

as they say, describing the pitcher, how each throw traces a trail-- Mormon, Oregon, Lewis and Clark-- builds like a cycle of the West

where each hitter studies to find the scansion, the rhyme; all the spectacle in these rituals,

these triples and arias, right field sestinas, baseline sagas, this song we all find ourselves belting out

as one.



Core and partner programs served thousands statewide

In addition to HN's 50th anniversary programming (pg. 3), staff continued to present the programs that have served Nebraska through the decades. These included HN programs as well as partnerships with other organizations.

Fifteen Nebraska high schools participated in **Capitol Forum on America's Future** using the Choices curriculum from Brown University, provided to them by HN. Teachers led students in classes or extra-curricular clubs as they explored global issues: immigration, terrorism, international trade, climate change, and nuclear proliferation. On Capitol Forum Day in March, each school sent delegations of students to discuss the five topics with peers from other parts of the state. Students were then split into four groups to create presentations that reflected different approaches to policy-making. They also lunched with a handful of Unicameral representatives and heard from a representative of co-sponsor Secretary of State Bob Evnen's office, Rep. Adrian Smith (Dist. 3), Rep. Mike Flood (Dist. 1),

and Governor Jim Pillen, who answered students' questions about foreign policy and economics.

During 2023, six Nebraska communities hosted the **Museum on Main Street** exhibition, "Voices and Votes: Democracy in America." Beginning at the Howells Historical Society Museum (Howells) in April and May, the exhibition proceeded to the Trails & Rails Museum (Kearney) in June and early July, the Thayer County Historical Museum (Belvidere) in July and August, and the Saunders County Historical Museum (Wahoo) in August and October. Legacy of the Plains Museum (Gering) hosted in October and November, and the tour finished at the Great Plains Black History Museum (Omaha).

More than 5,000 people explored the exhibition, including several student field trip groups. Civic Nebraska partnered with site hosts to provide their choice of interactive activities and workshops, including a voting simulation, the Civic Sidewalk Series to educate community members and provide upcoming election information, and presentations on election integrity and confidence.

Prime Time Family Reading continued with 46 series, the highest number to date for Humanities Nebraska. HN partnered with 35 libraries, schools, and community centers across the state to offer this program to underserved families with children who struggle to read. Altogether 1,174 kids and 794 adults were served through this program.

Parents and facilitators continue to praise Prime Time Family Reading for improving family literacy, giving parents extra meaningful interaction with their children, and fostering a love of reading



KEARNEY

"Voices and Votes is a timely and important exhibit."

— TRAILS & RAILS MUSEUM VISITOR



VOLUNTEERS HELPED UNLOAD

"Capitol Forum has helped me to remember to always keep an open mind and overall acquire more knowledge about these subjects."

— 2023 PARTICIPATING STUDENT

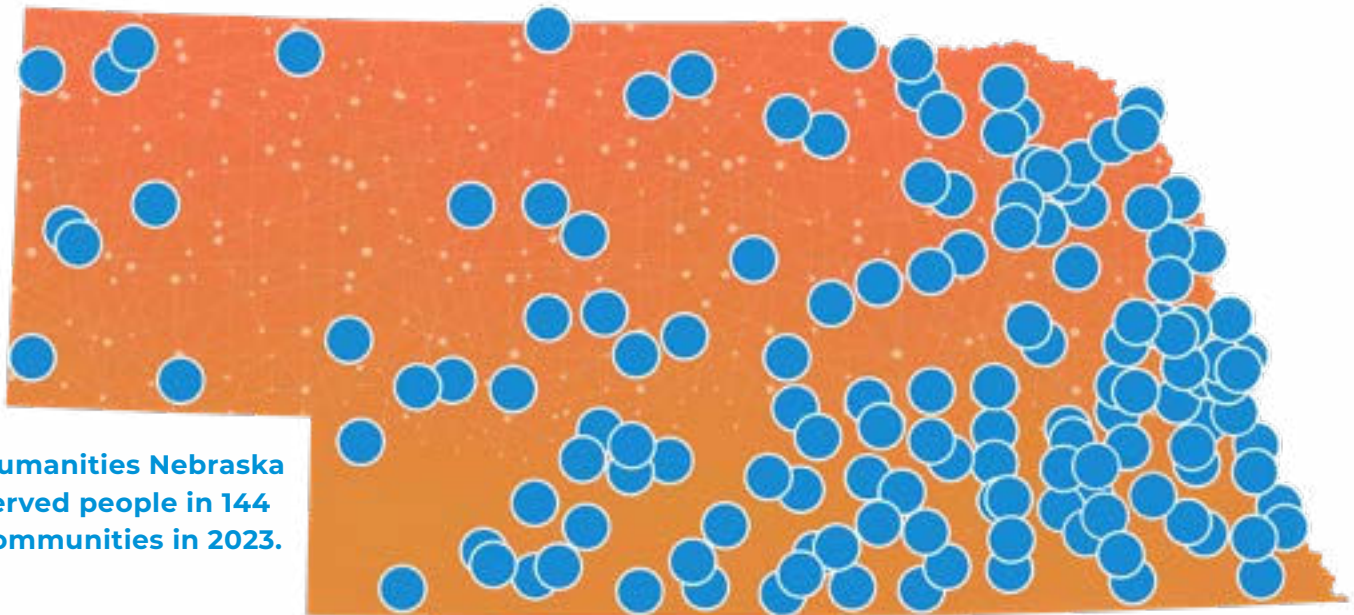


GOVERNOR JIM PILLEN AT CAPITOL FORUM DAY

88% Capitol Forum students feel more informed about global issues



STUDENTS SHARED DIFFERENT IDEAS



Humanities Nebraska served people in 144 communities in 2023.

that surely will last a lifetime. Nearly 2,500 gift books were distributed in 2023 to help families start their own at-home libraries, a proven way to encourage a habit of reading. HN also had the opportunity to offer a one-time

“My child is more enthusiastic and asks more questions while reading.”

— PRIME TIME PARENT



Sherwood Foundation
Anonymous
Carol Gendler

"Prime Time Pop-Up" at the Nebraska Book Festival.

Since 2020, Humanities Nebraska has also offered summer reading kits to help curb the "summer slide,"

a common experience of children losing school skills during summer break. HN's

kits took on the 50th anniversary

"Spark Your Curiosity" theme in 2023, with books, toys, activities and a family guide to encourage curiosity and exploration.

The HN **Speakers Bureau** presented 396 programs in 137 communities around the state. The Speakers Bureau continues to be the HN program that reaches the most people in all parts of the state. Libraries and

senior centers are the most frequent hosts, but historic organizations, schools, civil organizations and other groups also book speakers.



Attended by a total of 77 men and women, **Nebraska**

Warrior Writers held 16 workshops in the spring and 17 in the fall. These were divided between Omaha and Lincoln with online participation available for those in other parts of the state. The program includes books on writing, discussions, and visits from published authors to advise and inspire the group. All of the participants rated the program excellent (97%) or good (3%), and all said that their confidence in writing had improved.



“I feel fortunate to be in the group.”

— NEBRASKA WARRIOR WRITER

Nebraska State Poet Matt

Mason continued to speak around the state as part of his goal to appear in all 93 Nebraska counties before his tenure ends in 2024. Among his various events, he had eight programs booked through the HN Speakers Bureau, inspiring people of all ages to embrace poetry.

HN again joined Nebraska Wesleyan University in sponsoring **National History Day: Nebraska** with funding support from the DF Dillon Foundation. Four homeschool associates and 31 schools participated in the state contest. Of 261 entries, three Nebraska students won their divisions in the national competition—one from Crofton and a duo from Lincoln.

Grants helped make connections



Competitive grants offered by HN each year are used to support a variety of humanities-based programs and projects. In 2023, these included the following:

African Culture Connection, Omaha

\$5,715 for summer cultural enrichment programming and \$10,000 for school-year cultural enrichment programs

Angels Theatre Company, Lincoln

\$1,800 for the 2023-24 Salon Reading Series

Asian Community and Cultural Center, Lincoln

\$2,000 for the Asian American/Pacific Islander Celebration, \$5,000 for "Untold Migrant Stories," \$1,558 for a youth multicultural summer camp, and \$1,690 for "Stories of Us"

Black Votes Matter Institute of Community Engagement, Omaha

\$2,000 for screenings and community discussions of a film about redlining

Buffalo Commons Storytelling Festival, McCook

\$2,000 for the annual Music & Storytelling Festival

Buffalo County Historical Society, Kearney

\$7,000 for a "Pawnee at Fort Kearny" event

Benson Theatre, Omaha

\$700 for workshops on diversity, equity, inclusion, and access and \$728 to fund panelist stipends

Center for Independent Documentary/She Wrestles, Eustis

\$8,700 for post-production costs for a documentary film about girls' high school wrestling

Circle Theatre, Omaha

\$1,000 for "The Tales of Chelm"

Crane River Theater Company, Kearney

\$2,000 for the "Letters from Home" performance and talkback, \$3,000 for "Pretty Fire" performance and talkback, and \$2,000 for Page to Stage

The Durham Museum, Omaha

\$10,000 for Museum Live! online programming

El Museo Latino, Omaha

\$6,000 for an artist lecture series

Elkhorn Valley Museum, Norfolk

\$1,997 for programs on the history of agricultural photography and photo processes and 4H life lessons

Flatwater Shakespeare Company, Lincoln

\$1,250 for "Little But Fierce" youth education program

Foundation for Montana History, with American Doorstop Project, Scottsbluff

\$7,200 for a speaker tour for 150th Anniversary of the Kentucky Derby

Friends of the Homestead, Beatrice

\$750 for Homestead Days educational programming

Great Plains Theatre Commons, Omaha

\$5,000 for workshop leaders at the New Play Conference

Great Plains Welsh Heritage Centre, Wymore

\$3,275 for speakers at the North American Festival of Wales

Hall County Historical Society, Grand Island

\$9,000 for "A Life Well Lived: David Kaufmann" film

History Nebraska, Lincoln

\$8,000 for "Righting A Wrong" Smithsonian exhibit

John G. Neihardt Foundation, Bancroft

\$2,000 for John G. Neihardt Spring Conference speakers

Joslyn Castle Trust, Omaha

\$1,633 for "Architecture on Tap" presentations and discussions and \$4,000 for the art and literary festival

Kearney Area Community Foundation

\$2,000 for poetry readings and workshops and \$1,600 for a Native American presenter at Family Fun Fest

Larksong Writers Place, Lincoln

\$1,263 for "Third Thursday: Voices at Larksong" and \$895 for "First Fridays" online reading series

Legacy of the Plains Museum, Gering

\$1,308 for the Circle the Bluffs Powwow

Lincoln Community Foundation/Intertribal Medicine Collective

\$1,994 for talks/workshops on plains Indigenous medicine

Lincoln Orchestra Association

\$4,550 for pre-concert chats

Mari Sandoz Heritage Society, Lincoln

\$2,000 for a High Plains symposium

Malone Community Center, Lincoln

\$1,000 for Juneteenth programming and discussions

22,666*

people participated in events funded by HN grants

*Preliminary number

ROOTS TO RISE YOUTH CAMP

"RIGHTING A WRONG" EXHIBIT

RETURN OF THE THUNDERBIRDS

McCook Community Kitchen, McCook

\$1,900 for Dia De Los Muertos community celebration

Merryman Performing Arts Center, Kearney

\$2,000 for “Henrietta Solway” performance/discussion, and **\$1,901** for a hip-hop performance and discussion

Metropolitan Community College, Omaha

\$900 for a Hispanic/Latino Heritage Month speaker, and **\$2,000** for Hispanic Flamenco Ballet performances and discussions

Movement in Omaha for Racial Equity, Omaha

\$9,000 for conversations linking Omaha and southern Africa

National Orphan Train Complex Museum and Research Center, Concordia, KS

\$4,813 for orphan train presentations at Nebraska libraries

Nebraska Crossroads Music Festival, Lincoln

\$5,000 for artist conversations and video exhibition

Nebraska National Guard Museum Society, Seward

\$1,800 for a Fort Donelson exhibit

Nebraska Oregon California Trails Association, Gering

\$5,000 for speakers and a film screening at the Oregon California Trails Convention

Nebraska Poetry Society, Omaha

\$800 for spring virtual poetry events, **\$718** for a reading series, and **\$1,400** for fall virtual poetry events

Nebraska Public Media, Lincoln

\$10,000 for “Nebraska Icons” television segments

Nebraska Public Media Foundation, with Painted Rock Productions, Lincoln

\$5,000 for a documentary about WWII war correspondents

Nebraska Storytelling Festival, Lincoln

\$1,800 for the 2023 festival

Nebraska StoryArts, Omaha

\$2,000 for the Moonshell Storytelling Festival

Nebraska Writers Collective, Omaha

\$7,250 for visiting writers' readings and workshops

Omaha Performing Arts, Omaha

\$5,625 for panel discussions during Voices Amplified

Opera Omaha, Omaha

\$1,800 for the 2023-2024 Poetry & Music project

Operation Christmas Card, North Platte

\$5,000 for the North Platte Pow Wow

Partners for Livable Omaha, Omaha

\$2,000 for a lecture/demonstration on noise music and **\$1,000** for an exhibit, public performance and discussion at Pahaku (Pawnee holy land)



Peru State College, Peru

\$2,000 for an African culture discussion

PFLAG Hastings

\$1,500 for the Proud Voices on the Plains cultural festival

Sidney Gold Rush Days, Sidney

\$3,150 for presenters at Gold Rush Days

Spring Creek Prairie Audubon Center, Denton

\$2,000 for “Return of the Thunderbirds” celebration of spring, bird migration and Native American culture

Stand In For Nebraska, Lincoln

\$6,625 for Roots to Rise history and culture summer camp

TADA Productions, Lincoln

\$1,000 for a masterclass on the history and cultural significance of the guitar

Together We Achieve Miracles, Omaha

\$9,000 for community-based broadcast programming

Tri-Faith Initiative, Omaha

\$5,000 for “Race, Religion, and Social Justice” conference

University of Nebraska-Kearney Board of Regents

\$5,000 for humanities-based summer camp activities

University of Nebraska-Lincoln Board of Regents

\$800 for Poetry of Place, **\$5,000** for a panel discussion on the “Threads & Trails: Contemplations of Our Herstories” exhibition, **\$1,000** for the OLLI fall symposium, **\$7,000** for “The Land Returns” documentary, **\$2,000** to connect teachers to the Nebraska Stories of Humanity web resource, and **\$1,800** for the “A New Deal for Quilts” lecture

University of Nebraska at Omaha Board of Regents

\$2,000 for a talk on making “Barlaam & Josaphat,” **\$2,000** for the “Nobody’s Listening” exhibit, **\$2,000** for a 2023 Winchell Lecture guest speaker, **\$5,380** for author talks and workshops, **\$1,128** for European Studies Conference keynote speaker, and **\$1,700** for “The Stories We Share” poetry and writing workshops at the Samuel Bak Museum: The Learning Center

Village of Bushnell, Bushnell

\$2,000 for educational speakers at Bushnell Day event

Willa Cather Foundation, Red Cloud

\$2,000 for the National Willa Cather Center’s author series and **\$9,933** for 2023 Spring Conference programming

Special grants celebrate educators who introduce the humanities to K-12 youth

Inspired by members of the Board of Directors, HN initiated a unique grant opportunity for educators during the 50th anniversary year. The goal was to spark the next 50 years of humanities learning, programming, and exchange of ideas.

"When we were thinking about how we could mark this milestone, our board and staff really thought it was important to look toward the future as well as to the past," explained Mary Yager, HN associate director. "What better way to look toward the future than to help our educators reach the youth who will be leading us in the coming years?"

HN provided 45 grants of \$1,000 each to Nebraska educators who wanted to present innovative humanities education programs during the 2023-24 school year. No matching funds were required.

Pre-K through 12 educators across the state were encouraged to apply for funds for expenses such as tools and materials for humanities projects, professional development opportunities in the humanities, speaker fees, and field trips.

It was no surprise that Nebraska educators who applied for the grant demonstrated many different creative and effective ways to introduce students to various subjects within the humanities. For example, **Alliance High School** used an educator grant to support a special poetry-writing class with State Poet Matt Mason.

Teacher Mary Theresa Green reported, "My students loved the poetry lessons Mr. Mason shared. They were truly engaged and interested in his poems and in the information Matt provided."

Mason led the students in writing their own original poems, which was a positive experience according to Green.

"Students who are normally reluctant to actively write during class were observed to be excited to not

only write freely but also to share what they had written," she said.

Arnold Public Schools used an educator grant to purchase copies of hard-to-find books and maps relating to local history for the Custer County Historical Project.

Designed for freshmen, this program is a cross-curricular project between the Social Studies and English Language Arts Departments. Students develop skills in historical research, geo-spatial awareness and writing, and data is passed on to the Arnold Area Historical Museum to assist others researching the area or family histories.

Teacher Jason Wehnes, who manages the Custer County Historical Project with colleague Nicole Badgley, said, "This funding will help tremendously with students learning the local history and cultures of the Sandhills, more specifically Custer County."

He added that students have enjoyed learning about the homesteads of Custer County and in some instances their own families. Maps are helpful as students learn the Public Land Survey System and pinpoint historical markers in Custer County.

Omaha's **Marian High School** used an educator grant to help purchase 15 copies of each of the four books assigned during the school's summer reading program. This enabled students who needed financial assistance to access copies of the book.

Susie Sisson, who oversees the summer reading program, said, "We were thrilled with the success of our Summer Reading Program! Being able to provide copies of the books to our students in need of financial aid was a great boon. It allowed us to allocate funding for the rest of our program."

The program included an opportunity for students to interact with the authors of the four books on Zoom, which Sisson called "inspirational."



Those receiving grants included:

Alliance High School, Alliance
Writing poetry project

Arnold Public Schools, Arnold
Custer County Historical Project

Banner County School, Harrisburg
Novel study

Boys & Girls Clubs of Lincoln/Lancaster County, Lincoln
Park Middle School Photo Voice
Multicultural Night at North Star High School
Multicultural Night at Northwest High School

Bridgeport Schools, Bridgeport
Novel exploration and living history museum

Burwell High School, Burwell
"Nebraska Authors: A Focus on Their Impact In Reading"

Cathedral of the Risen Christ, Lincoln
Social-emotional literature project

Christ the King School, Omaha
Field trip

Daniel Freeman Public Schools, Adams
"A Day With Carl Wilkens"

Elkhorn South High School, Omaha
AP Literature Choice Reading Project

Elmwood-Murdock Elementary School, Elmwood
"Exploring Literature Through Art"

Family Service, Lincoln
Spring Break Camp: "Exploring Humanities Through the Arts"

Film Streams, Inc., Lincoln
"School to Screen" program

Friedel Jewish Academy, Omaha
"Connecting the Unconnected" Curriculum for 6th grade students

G. Stanley Hall Elementary, La Vista
"Hawks as Human" project

Grant Elementary, Norfolk
"Focusing on Family Engagement"

Howells-Dodge Consolidated Schools, Howells
Anthropology unit

Immanuel Lutheran School, Columbus
DBQs (Document-Based Questions) and novels

Johnson Crossing Academic Center, Fremont
Lied Center field trip

Lefler Middle School, Lincoln
"Human Identity" project

Lincoln High School, Lincoln
Native American studies

Marian High School, Omaha
Summer Reading Program

Mitchell Jr./Sr. High

School, Mitchell
Nelson Mandela presentation

Moore Middle School

School, Lincoln
Virtual Classroom

Nebraska State Museum

Lincoln
"Dingelhopper Dilemma – Learning to Research"

Norfolk Public Junior High

Norfolk
Show choir socialization strengths training

Omaha Christian Academy

Omaha
Early childhood multi-cultural classroom project

Omaha North High School

Omaha
Humanities curriculum

Omaha Street School

Omaha
"Other People's Stories"

Palmer Public School

Palmer
Native American Literature and Art Connection

Park Middle School

Lincoln
Scholastic Magazine Subscription

Pius X Catholic High School

Lincoln
Curriculum integration through creative visualization

Riverside Public School

Cedar Rapids
Table project

Rousseau Elementary School

Lincoln
Celebrating students heritage/multiculturalism

Rock County Public Schools

Bassett
Mural

Sidney Public Schools

Sidney
Teacher/student social emotional learning library

St. James School

Crete
Classroom resources to promote cross-curricular integration

St. Pius X / St. Leo School

Omaha
Novel Study and Field Trip

St. Teresa School

Lincoln
Music of Asia Experience

St. Vincent de Paul

Seward
Preschool Reading Center

Washington Elementary

Norfolk
Books

Wilber-Clatonia Public Schools

Wilber
Culture Day



PIUS X HIGH: CREATIVE VISUALIZATION

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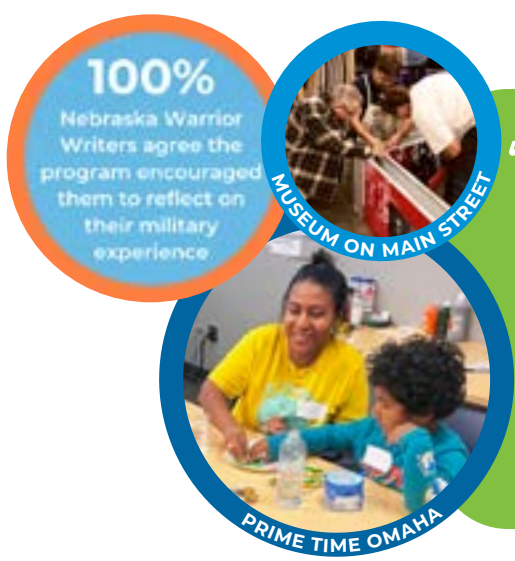
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