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2015 ANNUAL REPORT: A Year of Generosity and Program Excellence

Throughout 2015, nearly four million Ohioans participated in more than 200 programs supported by Ohio Humanities. Programs included living history presentations, film documentaries, symposiums, exhibits, and book festivals. Highlights include:

TREES IN TROUBLE

Support from Ohio Humanities helped film producer Andrea Torrice to create "*Trees in Trouble*." The documentary illustrated the ecological damage caused by the emerald ash borer across the Midwest. It premiered December 2015 on Cincinnati public television. In April 2016, the film was broadcast nationally by PBS. The documentary illustrated the ecological damage caused by emerald ash borer tree infestations across the Midwest.

OHIO CHAUTAUQUA

Since 1998, the five-day annual program has featured living history performances, music, educational workshops, and engaging audience participation. The 2015 Ohio Chautauqua tour reached more than 6,500 people with tour stops in Akron, Chillicothe, Clifton, and Coshocton.

BOOK FESTIVALS

In 2015, Ohio Humanities provided support for *Books by the Banks* as well as *Ohioana*. These annual book festivals connected more than 3,500 readers with hundreds of their favorite. These events encourage the enjoyment of literature and life-long learning.

In addition, the Ohio Humanities grant program funded 34 community projects totaling \$249,544. Those grant awards helped community groups to leverage an additional \$998,176 of local funding and services. Combined, the 2015 grant cycle generated an estimated \$3.7 million in revenue, having a positive economic effect on the state's economy.

"We strive to meet our mission to create and to sustain vibrant communities," said Ohio Humanities Executive Director Pat Williamsen. "It is why we again say, 'thank you' to our 2015 Annual Campaign contributors. Your gifts helped to sustain our efforts."

Ohio Humanities is the state-based partner of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Through programs and grants, Ohio Humanities helps Ohioans use history, literature, and philosophy to explore the past, inform the present, and envision the future.

Ohio
HUMANITIES
SHARING THE HUMAN STORY



The humanities guide us in defining our individual beliefs, values, and aspirations. They are central to creating vibrant communities and building innovative economic opportunities. The humanities help us understand and engage with diverse cultures. The humanities allow us to interpret our past, understand the present, and imagine our future.

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What are the Humanities?

The humanities are the stories, the ideas, and interpretations which help us to make sense of our lives and our world. They introduce us to cultures we may have never encountered, and places we may have never visited, and ideas that may have never crossed our minds. By showing how others have lived and thought about life, the humanities help us decide what is important and what we can do to make our lives better. By connecting us with other people, the humanities help us address the challenges we currently face together in our families, our communities, and as a nation.

The Humanities Include:

History, Anthropology, and Archaeology —

The study of human, social, political, and cultural development.

Literature, Languages, and Linguistics —

Explorations of how we communicate with each other and how ideas about the human experience are expressed and interpreted.

Philosophy, Ethics, and Comparative Religion —

Consideration of ideas about the meaning of life and the reasons for our values and actions.

Jurisprudence —

The study of law.

Art History and Criticism —

Reflections on the lively of the visual arts.



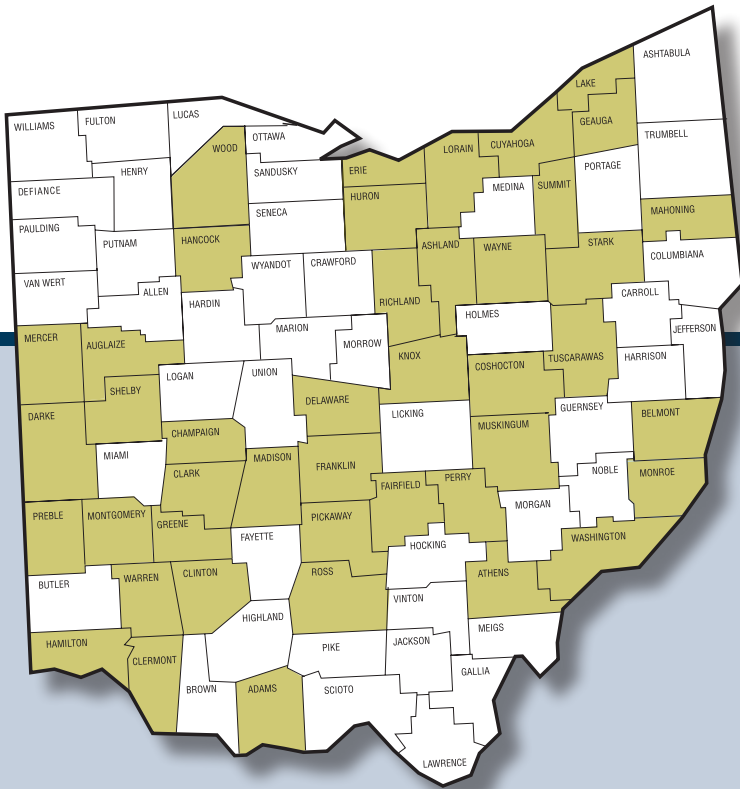
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An Advocate for the Public Humanities in Ohio

Ohio Humanities serves as an advocate for the public humanities in Ohio. We promote the humanities through public programs, grants and community projects with the goal of helping individuals and communities explore, share and be inspired by the human experience.

During 2015, approximately four million Ohioans participated in more than 200 programs and events supported by Ohio Humanities. Programs included living history presentations, scholarly discussions, symposiums, exhibits, and book festivals. Generous gifts from our donors help to sustain these efforts.

We strive to meet the commitment made in our mission statement to create and to sustain vibrant communities. In 2015, Ohio Humanities awarded 34 grants totaling \$249,544. Those grants helped community groups leverage an additional \$998,176 of local funding and services. Combined, the 2015 grant cycle made a positive economic impact on the state's economy, generating an estimated \$3.7 million in revenue.



Financials

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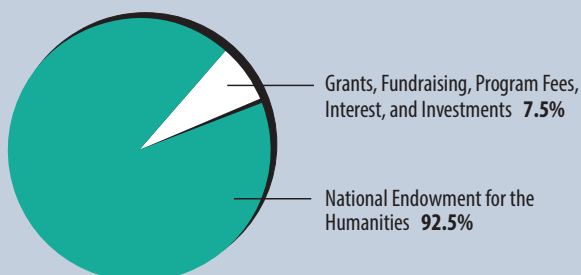
2015 Revenues

National Endowment for the Humanities	\$1,100,980
Grants, Fundraising, Program Fees, Interest, and Investments	\$89,796
Total	\$1,190,776

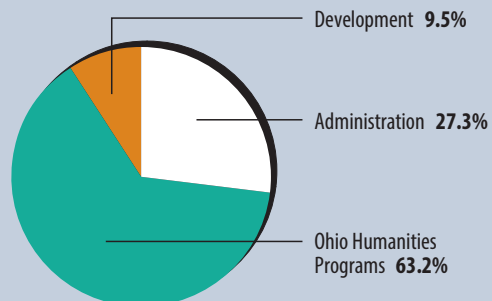
2015 Expenses

Ohio Humanities Programs	\$748,316
Administration	\$322,976
Development	\$111,916
Total	\$1,183,208

REVENUES [\$1,190,776]



EXPENSES [\$1,183,208]



Thank You to Our 2015 Donors

We gratefully acknowledge the following for their commitment and gifts. We are proud to report that contributions to our Annual Campaign went directly to sharing humanities programming throughout the state. The sustaining support of our donors continues to help us to fulfill our mission to promote the humanities throughout Ohio. Thank You!

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