

hello!
how are you?
nice to meet you.
how do you do?
hey!
what's up?
howdy.
say ya!

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let's chat!

2011 Annual Report



Michigan Humanities Council

Starting CONVERSATIONS

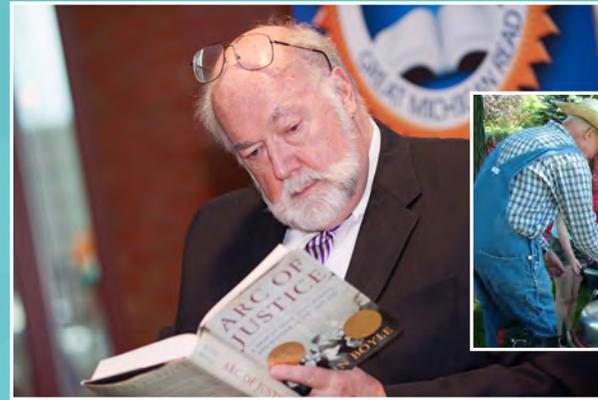
No matter your age, race, ethnicity or locality, we are all connected as Michiganders; and for nearly 40 years it has been the mission of the Michigan Humanities Council to ensure every resident has the ability and means to make those connections.

Whether it is through a grant project exploring your heritage, a statewide discussion on an event you had never heard about, or bringing your children to a free library reading program, the Michigan Humanities Council has been a key figure in creating important connections throughout the state. And with connections come conversations, changing the way you perceive the cultures and history that make up our great state.

However you say it—hello, what’s up, hi or say ya—start a community conversation.

Our mission is to connect people and communities by fostering and supporting quality cultural programs.

Clockwise from top left: Judge William C. Whitbeck looks over *Arc of Justice* shortly before moderating a discussion on the book with author Kevin Boyle at Cooley Law School for the Great Michigan Read author tour. Credit: David Trumpie; Children learn about farm life with a hands-on encounter at Troy Historic Village as part of their grant “Engaging with History by Sharing Our Stories.” Credit: Phoebe Crandall/Troy Historic Village; Anna Dowsett takes center stage while competing in the 2011 Michigan Poetry Out Loud State Championship. She finished as third runner-up. Credit: David Trumpie; Preschool Coordinator Christina Brazinski, left, does a crafts activity with children at Peter White Public Library’s Prime Time Family Reading Time® program. Credit: Peter White Public Library; A scene is captured in the Sweet Trials reenactment, “Dr. Sweet’s Tinderbox,” presented by the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History. Credit: Kevin Fannon



GREETINGS *from the* DIRECTOR

Key Accomplishments:

- » Engaged more than 1 million people and 300 communities in the Great Michigan Read.
- » Awarded a total of \$422,726 in grants, locally matched by \$1,407,862.
- » Added four new host sites for Prime Time Family Reading Time®.
- » Increased school and student participation in Poetry Out Loud.
- » Installed a comprehensive database system enabling electronic reporting to funders.
- » Launched an electronic application system for all grant applications.
- » Published new monthly e-newsletter, *Michigan Stories*, and e-calendar, *Happenings*, reaching 53,116 readers.
- » Increased individual donations by \$12,119 and added 78 new donors.
- » Met goal of 100 percent participation for board and staff donations to the Council.
- » Great Michigan Read was featured in the national magazine, *Humanities*.



Greetings from your friends, colleagues and supporters at the Michigan Humanities Council!

We are anxious to share with you the hundreds of amazing cultural activities that have taken place all over Michigan this past year, connecting people with their communities in meaningful, enriching ways.

Headlining this past year's initiatives has been the Michigan Humanities Council's third Great Michigan Read, featuring the *Arc of Justice* by Detroit native and National Book Award winner Kevin Boyle. Far exceeding all expectations, more than 1 million people participated in the Great Michigan Read through state and local activities. Outreach included a six-city author's tour in October, distribution of more than 662,984 reader's guides and newspaper inserts, along with 4,251 free books throughout the state, and registration of 300 community

partners. Overall, approximately 1,500 gatherings took place in which community members explored this compelling Detroit story about segregation in the 1920s, which is still highly relevant today.

The Council also had a robust year of grant making, awarding 27 major grants, 26 quick and planning grants, and 101 Michigan Arts & Humanities Touring grants, for a total of \$422,726. From shipwrecks and the War of 1812, to prisons and copper mining, local organizations matched their grant awards by ten-fold in some cases to make their cultural heritage come alive for thousands of students, families and visitors. (Behind the scenes, the Council also streamlined and took its grant application process online, while still leaving the paper application open for those who prefer it.)

That is what the Michigan Humanities Council is all about, bringing people and communities together to share, discover, learn and appreciate the rich tapestry we proudly know as Michigan. Driving our efforts is the desire to help build the capacity of each community's cultural institutions to collaborate in creating a strong sense of place and telling their story, our story...Michigan's story!

Please know that your support and active participation in the Council is vital to our future. We want to hear from you so give us a call, send an email, or stop by and chat. Let's keep the conversation going...

My best,

Katie Wolf
Executive Director

POETRY

Out Loud

Harron Atkins, a then-senior at Detroit's Cass Technical High School, performs at the 2011 Michigan Poetry Out Loud Championship. He was named the Michigan Champion. Credits: David Trumpie.

2011 Participating High Schools

Alba Public School
Avondale High School (Auburn Hills)
Boyne Falls Public School
Bradford Academy High School (Southfield)
Calvary Baptist Academy (Midland)
Carman-Ainsworth High School (Flint)
Cass Technical High School (Detroit)
Catholic Central High School (Grand Rapids)
Dansville High School
Detroit Catholic Central High School (Novi)
Forest Hills Central High School (Grand Rapids)
Franklin Road Christian School (Novi)
Grand River Preparatory High School (Kentwood)
Hartland High School
Henry Ford Academy School for Creative Studies (Detroit)
Holt High School
Houghton High School
Jeffers High School (Painesdale)
Jenison Public High School
Mackinac Island Public School
Madison Academy High School (Burton)
Martin Luther King High School (Detroit)
Pentwater High School
Petoskey High School
Portage Central High School
Portage Northern High School
Riverview Community High School
Roosevelt High School (Wyandotte)
Saline High School
Vassar Pioneer Work and Learn Center
Wellspring Preparatory High School (Grand Rapids)
The Leelanau School (Glen Arbor)



The audience is respectfully quiet. And just as the announcer joins the silence, a voice takes hold and its sound echoes off the walls of the auditorium. It's the Michigan Poetry Out Loud Championship, where high school students give new voices to poetry recitation. Their words hit your heart and your hair stands on end. Before you know it, one poem is done and another student takes the stage.

Poetry Out Loud is a national poetry recitation competition for high school students, hosted at the state level by the Michigan Humanities Council and Michigan Council for Arts & Cultural Affairs. Students compete at a school-wide level before competing statewide, where their passion and powerful recitation leave you with a newfound perspective of poetry. More than 15,000 students from more than 50 high schools have participated in Michigan's Poetry Out Loud programs since 2005.

Thirty-two schools competed in the 2011 Poetry Out Loud competition, where Harron Atkins of Detroit's Cass Technical High School was named the champion. He competed in the national competition in Washington, D.C., where he advanced to the second round for our region. As the Michigan Poetry Out Loud Champion, Atkins won a \$200 award and a \$500 stipend toward his school for the purchase of new poetry books. He is now a student at Carnegie Mellon University, where he received a \$40,000 scholarship.

*"I must begin by saying that Poetry Out Loud is an incredibly important experience. Of course it is absolutely amazing to be able to surround yourself with others who appreciate the power of the written word as much as you do. Of course it is a great deal of fun to perform the words of poets from over a century ago and find that those words are more potent now than ever. But above all else, Poetry Out Loud is simply important. It is important that young people are exposed to this kind of art. It is important that they have a place to express themselves in such an intelligent and constructive arena. Poetry Out Loud nurtures the creative mind and the effects of that kind of gift expand far beyond competition. This program has given me an upper hand and I know that as the years pass **I WILL DISCOVER EVEN MORE WAYS IN WHICH IT HAS HELPED TO SHAPE AND MOLD MY ARTISTIC MIND.**"*

Harron Atkins, 2011 Michigan Poetry Out Loud Champion (Detroit Cass Technical High School)

PRIME TIME *Family Reading Time*®



“As a humanities professor, I know how important it is to ask open-ended questions. For example, ‘Why do we have so many children (and adult) stories with monsters in them?’ **‘BECAUSE WE ARE ALL SCARED OF DIFFERENT THINGS IN THIS WORLD, AND WE ARE LOOKING FOR WAYS TO CONQUER OUR FEARS.’** I love Prime Time® not only for what it is doing for the children and parents who attend, but for what they teach me every time they answer one of these ‘why’ questions.”

Melissa Stewart

Prime Time Family Reading Time® scholar; chair and associate professor, Department of Philosophy and Religion at Adrian College

P rime Time Family Reading Time® is a time for families. Children settle in—some lie on the floor and others climb into mom’s or dad’s lap—anticipating story time and lots of interaction. A storyteller carefully reads each sentence, her voice changing with each character and every emotion. The children react and eagerly wait to see each picture depicting the storyteller’s emotion. The storyteller reads the last sentence, smiles, and takes a back seat as the scholar steps forward. Prime Time® is not your average story time.

As important as it is for families to spend quality time together, it’s also important that children and parents share a learning experience. In addition to hearing a story, families also discuss the story’s themes and issues through a facilitated discussion with a trained humanities scholar. Each session is 90 minutes long, hosted by a local library or school, and includes a family dinner (and transportation assistance if needed).

Prime Time Family Reading Time® is made possible in Michigan by the Michigan Humanities Council, with support from the Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities, American Library Association and Grand Haven Area Community Foundation—Kellogg Foundation. The program’s intended audience is parents and preschool children through 12-year olds. Separate pre-reading activities are planned for children 5 and younger. Programs may be presented in English or as a bilingual Spanish/English.

Since 2008, more than 6,700 Michigan children and parents have participated in Prime Time®. In 2011, there were 10 Michigan libraries hosting the program. Those libraries were:

Alpena County George N. Fletcher
Public Library
Cass District Library (Cassopolis)
Charlevoix Public Library
Hackley Public Library (Muskegon)
Highland Township Public Library
Jackson District Library

Lenawee County Library (Adrian)
Monroe County Library System
(Monroe)
Peter White Public Library (Marquette)
Stair Public Library (Morenci)

ARTS & HUMANITIES Touring



*“The Touring Guide is a great resource for quality cultural programming. When we wanted to supplement our kids’ summer book club with community-wide programs that tied into the theme, it was **THE PERFECT PLACE TO FIND DOZENS OF GREAT IDEAS**, and the website showed us photos and clips of the presenters in action, which made it easy to pick the right programs for our patrons.”*

Eric Magness-Eubank
Director, Alpena County Library

Their faces light up and laughter erupts from the assembly stands. Brainstormers! is at it again—performing plays written by students in the audience only weeks earlier. And for elementary school students, there’s nothing cooler than seeing your own play performed in front of your entire school.

Brainstormers! is just one of many assembly groups that can be found in the Michigan Arts & Humanities Touring Directory, a joint project between the Michigan Humanities Council and Michigan Council for Arts & Cultural Affairs. The directory is part of the Arts & Humanities Touring program, which connects Michigan nonprofits—such as schools, libraries, and religious organizations—with some of Michigan’s best performing and visual artists. Each year, the Michigan Humanities Council and Michigan Council for Arts & Cultural Affairs award thousands in grant dollars to these nonprofits so they may bring cultural events to their area, whether it’s an assembly show, historical re-enactment, or summer concert series.

In 2011, there were 101 Arts & Humanities Touring grants awarded, totaling \$55,104, helping to offset the cost of bringing Touring Directory performers to our local communities and schools.

Our grant from the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs to conduct the Arts & Humanities Touring Program and Poetry Out Loud is made possible in part by funding from the National Endowment for the Arts.



AWARDED Arts & Humanities Touring Grants

Albion District Library

Albion
\$180

Dicken Elementary PTO

Ann Arbor
\$200

Dicken Elementary PTO

Ann Arbor
\$564

Dicken Elementary PTO

Ann Arbor
\$278

First Congregational Church

Battle Creek
\$800

First Congregational Church

Battle Creek
\$640

Berkley Parks & Rec

Berkley
\$198

Berrien RESA

Berrien Springs
\$3,000

Ferris State University

Big Rapids
\$560

Ferris State University

Big Rapids
\$437

Kirk In the Hills Church

Bloomfield Hills
\$692

Hilton Elementary School

Brighton
\$200

Maltby Intermediate School PTO

Brighton
\$1,520

Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran School

Brighton
\$300

Green Elementary School

Chesterfield
\$238

Higgins Elementary School

Chesterfield
\$238

North Sashabaw Elementary PTO

Clarkston
\$376

St. Mary School

Clinton Township
\$190

Walt Disney Elementary

Clinton Township
\$238

Memorial Weekend Committee

Coldwater
\$280

St. Catherine Laboure Church

Concord
\$198

Coopersville Public Schools

Coopersville
\$436

UM Dearborn

Dearborn
\$640

UM Dearborn

Dearborn
\$300

St. Sebastian Catholic School

Dearborn Heights
\$162

Gill Elementary PTA

Farmington Hills
\$278

Orchard Lake Philharmonic Society

Farmington Hills
\$340

Ferndale Elementary PTA

Ferndale
\$360

Arts Center for Newaygo County

Fremont
\$3,000

Arts Center for Newaygo County

Fremont
\$800

All Saints Academy

Grand Rapids
\$932

Lake Magrethe Property Owners Association

Grayling
\$1,120

Creekside Elementary School

Hartland
\$1,044

Hoover Elementary PTA

Hazel Park
\$340

Spring Mills Elementary PTA

Highland
\$1,044

City of Holland

Holland
\$400



*“I have considered it an honor and a privilege to be included in the Michigan Arts & Humanities Touring Directory for most of the past 14 years or so. The Touring Directory has been **A VALUABLE RESOURCE IN CONNECTING PRESENTERS WITH MY WORK** and I have traveled to perform in parts of Michigan that I surely wouldn't have been to otherwise.”*

Leslie McCurdy

Performing Artist featured in the Michigan Arts & Humanities Touring Directory

City of Holland

Holland
\$330

City of Holland

Holland
\$170

Wilcox Elementary School

Holt
\$200

Platte River Elementary

Honor
\$310

Ida Civic Club

Ida
\$480

Leanna Hicks Public Library

Inkster
\$160

Kalamazoo RESA

Kalamazoo
\$3,000

Kazoo School

Kalamazoo
\$606

Lake City Area Chamber of Commerce

Lake City
\$1,000

Charter Township of Orion

Lake Orion
\$320

Charter Township of Orion

Lake Orion
\$400

Charter Township of Orion

Lake Orion
\$410

Orion Township Public Library

Lake Orion
\$760

Webber Elementary PTO

Lake Orion
\$700

Bishop Kelley Catholic School

Lapeer
\$600

Hamilton-Parsons Elementary

Leonard
\$1,064

Four Corners Montessori Academy

Madison Heights
\$238

Marine City Music Festival

Marine City
\$1,080

Marine City Music Festival

Marine City
\$1,040

Marine City Music Festival

Marine City
\$440

Peter White Public Library

Marquette
\$375

Alaiedon Elementary School

Mason
\$198

Celtic Kettle Coffeehouse

Milford
\$340

City of Monroe

Monroe
\$400

St. Mary School

Mount Clemens
\$198

Muskegon County Museum

Muskegon
\$187

Reeths-Puffer Band Parents, Inc.

Muskegon
\$400

Putnam District Library

Nashville
\$107

New Buffalo Township Public Library

New Buffalo
\$250

New Buffalo Township Public Library

New Buffalo
\$180

Northport Community Arts Center

Northport
\$1,280

Northport Community Arts Center

Northport
\$1,000

Northville Genealogical Society

Northville
\$150

Our Lady of Victory School

Northville
\$190

Our Lady of Victory School

Northville
\$180

Ridge Wood Elementary

Northville
\$238

Parkview Elementary School

Novi
\$238

Owosso Amphitheater Association

Owosso
\$1,200

Owosso Amphitheater Association

Owosso
\$480

Owosso Amphitheater Association

Owosso
\$280

Owosso Amphitheater Association

Owosso
\$240

Crooked Tree Arts Council

Petoskey
\$960

Plymouth District Library

Plymouth
\$200

Amberly Elementary School

Portage
\$1,172

Oakwood Elementary School

Portland
\$370

Huntington Elementary School

Riverview
\$210

Rochester Community Schools

Rochester
\$440

Brooklands Elementary PTA

Rochester Hills
\$238

Brooklands Elementary School

Rochester Hills
\$258

Meadow Brook Elementary

Rochester Hills
\$1,044

Valley View Elementary School

Rockford
\$230

Global Preparation Academy

Roseville
\$320

Addams Elementary PTA

Royal Oak
\$660

Upton Elementary School

Royal Oak
\$238

Saugatuck Center for the Arts

Saugatuck
\$840

Costello Elementary

Troy
\$190

Nellie Reed Elementary

Vernon
\$521

Carlson Elementary School

Warren
\$190

Lincoln Elementary School

Warren
\$210

Maurice M. Wilde PTO

Warren
\$260

Siersma Elementary School

Warren
\$1,024

Douglas Houghton PTA

White Lake
\$180

Douglas Houghton PTA

White Lake
\$237

Douglas Houghton PTA

White Lake
\$700

City of Williamston

Williamston
\$470

Quick & Planning GRANTS

For more than a decade, the Michigan Humanities Council has helped bring cultural programs into our communities by providing quick grants to schools, libraries, universities and more. These grants support public humanities programs—such as concerts, exhibits, lectures and more—that fall outside the design and deadline of our major grants.

The Council also awards planning grants, which assist Michigan nonprofits in covering the expenses involved in developing a program for eventual submission for major grant funding. This is a great opportunity to work with our grants team and receive guidance on your public humanities initiative. Applicants must be Michigan-based nonprofits.

In 2011, the Michigan Humanities Council awarded 26 quick and planning grants, totaling \$13,607. For more information about these grants and how your organization may apply, visit www.michiganhumanities.org/grants.

AWARDED QUICK & PLANNING GRANTS

A Balancing Act: Life in the Skerbeck Family Circus

William Bonifas Fine Arts Center, Inc.,
Escanaba
\$500

li Festival Latin American Film

Grand Valley State University, Allendale
\$500

Detroit's Jazz Age

Spring Lake District Library, Spring Lake
\$500

The Environmental History of White Lake the Beautiful: Defining Our Approach

White Lake Community Library,
Whitehall
\$498

Guest Speaker Dr. Rhoda Janzen

Friends of the Cascade Library, Ada
\$500

Planning for Michigan's Musical Stories

North American Choral Company,
Grand Rapids
\$1,000

Wellspring Literary Series

Central Michigan University,
Mount Pleasant
\$500

Master the Art of Reading

Swan Valley High School, Saginaw
\$500

Odawa Storyteller

Bay City Public Schools, Bay City
\$500

Novel Destinations

Friends of the Three Rivers Public
Library, Three Rivers
\$500

One Book One County

Three Rivers Public Library, Three Rivers
\$250

The Roots of Rural Music

Grand Ledge Opera House Authority,
Grand Ledge
\$500

One Book, One Community

East Lansing Public Library, East Lansing
\$500

A Rally of Writers 2011—Guest Speaker

A Rally of Writers, Inc., Lansing
\$500

Perspectives of Public Diplomacy and Foreign Policy in a Global Humanities Context

Michigan State University, East Lansing
\$600

Louisa May Alcott: The Woman Behind Little Women

Rochester Hills Public Library,
Rochester
\$500

Lecture and Discussion on the Preservation of Books

Saint Andrew's Society of Detroit, Troy
\$298

Solidarity Across Boundaries of Faith and Culture

Piast Institute, Pigeon
\$500

Mystery Thrills Michigan

Romeo District Library, Washington
\$300

African-Mexican Exhibit

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Task Force,
Southfield
\$961

Detroit Historical Hot Spots

Detroit Youth Foundation, Detroit
\$500

The Wilderness Skills of Our Ancestors: An Outdoor Living Demonstration

Detroit Historical Society, Detroit
\$500

Why We Do What We Do—Origins of Ukrainian Rituals And Traditions

Ukrainian American Archives and
Museum, Detroit
\$500

Faulkner and The American South

Divine Child High School, Dearborn
\$200

Keynote Address: Joint Conference of MCHE, MCSS, MCCE, MCEE, MGA, "Civic Participation Off the Record" by Tim Skubick

Michigan Council For History Education,
Ypsilanti
\$500

Selling of Nahma

Nahma Township Historical Society,
Escanaba
\$1,000



GREAT Michigan READ

It all starts with a book; its words spread through homes, libraries, cities and the state. This is the Michigan Humanities Council's Great Michigan Read and its loyal partners are making this bi-annual program a hit. The free, statewide program invites Michiganders to read and participate in book discussions and events right in their own backyards.

The Great Michigan Read selection for 2011 was *Arc of Justice: A Saga of Race, Civil Rights, and Murder in the Jazz Age*, written by Detroit-native Kevin Boyle. *Arc of Justice* tells the story of African American physician Ossian Sweet and the chain of events that occurred after he purchased a home for his family in an all-white Detroit neighborhood in 1925. The book won the 2004 National Book Award for nonfiction and was named a 2005 Michigan Notable Book.

Three hundred Michigan libraries, schools, religious organizations, book clubs and other nonprofits signed on to make the 2011 Great Michigan Read a statewide success. In addition to numerous book discussions, concert and lecture series, and film nights, the Council partnered with the Michigan Roundtable for Diversity & Inclusion to provide a traveling exhibit on housing segregation, as discussed in *Arc of Justice*. The exhibit, *We Don't Want Them*, traveled to 11 sites in nine cities from October 2011 to June 2012.

With the success of this year's program under our belt, the Michigan Humanities Council is eager to launch the 2013-14 Great Michigan Read. For more information, visit www.michiganhumanities.org/programs/tgmr.



The 2011-12 Great Michigan Read was made possible in part by support from Meijer.

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Clockwise from left Great Michigan Read author Kevin Boyle; Juanita Moore, president and CEO of the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History, kicks off the Great Michigan Read author tour event in Detroit.; Kevin Boyle wearing sweatshirt Detroit's Martin Luther King High School students gave him on book tour in October 2011; Judge Leo Bowman, now an MHC Board Member, discusses *Arc of Justice* with author Kevin Boyle; The Detroit stop on the Great Michigan Read author tour drew a packed house in the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History. All photos credit: David Trumpie.

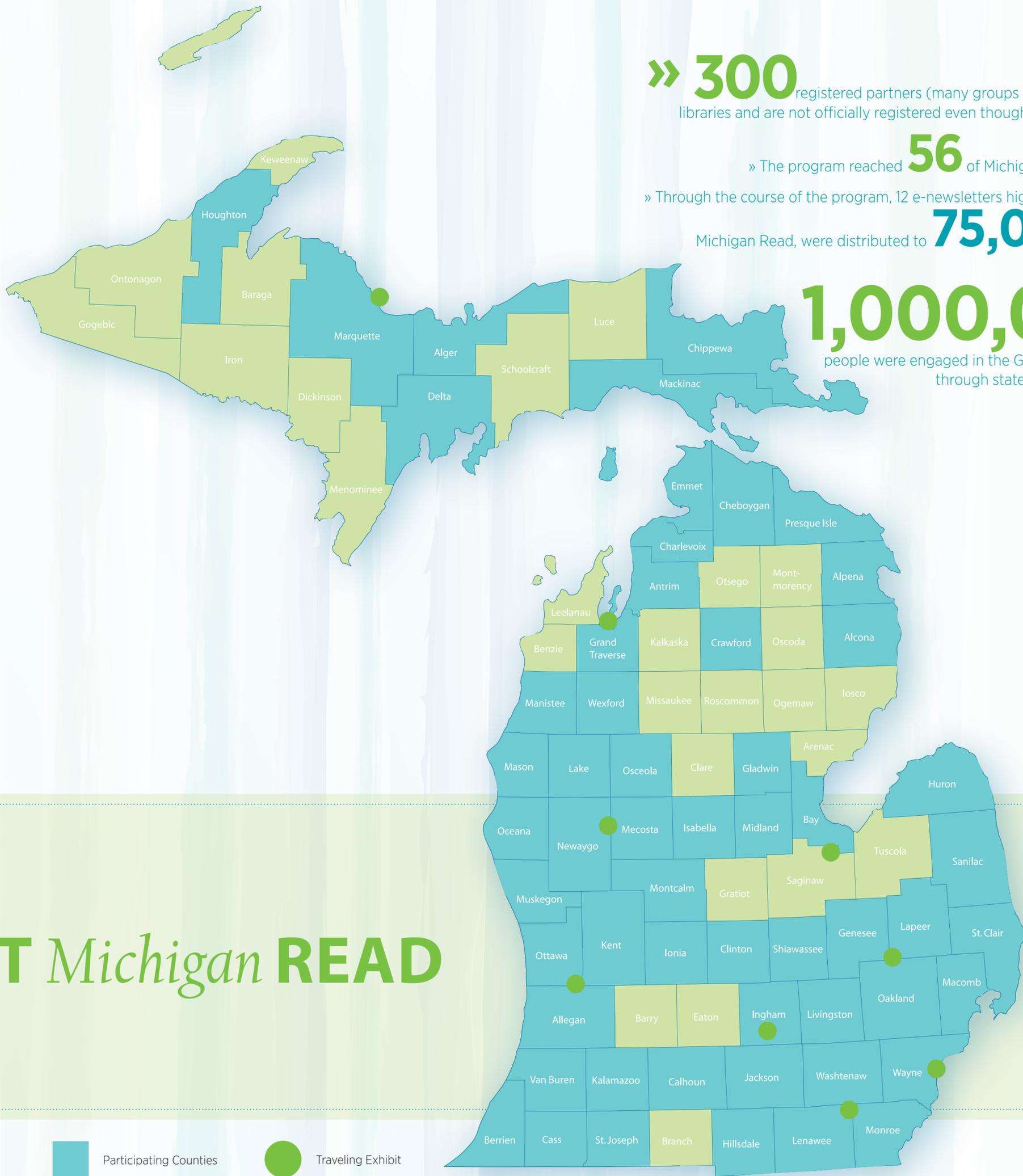


» **300** registered partners (many groups participate through libraries and are not officially registered even though they participated)

» The program reached **56** of Michigan's **83** counties

» Through the course of the program, 12 e-newsletters highlighting the Great Michigan Read, were distributed to **75,000** readers

» More than **1,000,000** people were engaged in the Great Michigan Read through state and local activities



GREAT Michigan READ

■ Participating Counties ● Traveling Exhibit

"I can honestly say that this field trip has been **A HIGHPOINT OF MY TEACHING** this fall. The information shared, the questions asked and answered, and the level of learning and respect in that room that day was awesome for me to witness and be a part of. The learning

on that day was priceless to my students and to me. ...Thank you for valuing us enough to recognize us and provide us with books. It is a gift we will treasure. It excites me to think that as those books go to the students' homes, how many others will be touched by the experience."

Kelli Williams, English teacher at Southwestern Academy, Flint Community Schools

GREAT MICHIGAN READ *Partners*

Adrian

Adrian Public Library

Alanson

Alanson Area Public Library
Alanson Public Schools

Alpena

Alpena County Library
Thunder Bay Junior High

Ann Arbor

826michigan
Michigan Productions
Scarlett Middle School
University of Michigan Libraries

Auburn Hills

Baker College Auburn Hills

Baldwin

Baldwin Community School

Battle Creek

Bearcat Alternative Center
Kellogg Community College
Lakeview High School
Pennfield High School

Bay City

Bay County Library System
The Bay City Times

Berrien Springs

Berrien Springs High School

Beverly Hills

Berkshire Middle School

Big Rapids

Artworks
Big Rapids Public Library

Bloomfield Hills

International Academy

Boyer City

Boyer District Library

Brownstown

Downriver High School

Byron Center

Laughing Ladies Literary Society

Cadillac

Cadillac Wexford Friends of the Library

Calumet

Calumet Public School Library

Canton

Jack and Jill of America Ypsilanti Chapter
Salem High School

Canton Township

Canton Public Library

Cedar Springs

Cedar Springs High School

Cheboygan

Cheboygan Area High School

Clarkston

Renaissance High School

Clawson

Blair Memorial Library

Clinton Township

Trinity Lutheran School

Colon

Colon Township Library

Comstock

Comstock Township Library

Comstock Park

Kent District Library

Dansville

Capital Area District Library-
Dansville Library

Dearborn

Advanced Technology Academy
Divine Child High School
Long Boulevard Book Club
University of Michigan-Dearborn

Dearborn Heights

Caroline Kennedy Library
John F. Kennedy, Jr. Library
Star International Charter Academy

Detroit

Aisha Shule / W.E.B. DuBois
Preparatory Academy
Arts League of Michigan
Blanche Kelso Bruce Academy-
DePaul Center
Cass Technical High School
Charles H. Wright Museum of African
American History
Communication & Media Arts
High School
Consortium College Preparatory
High School
Crockett High School
Detroit Association of Black Storytellers
Detroit Community High School
Detroit Edison Public School Academy
Detroit Historical Society
Detroit Media Partnership/Detroit News
Detroit Public Library
Detroit Public Library-Bowen Branch
Detroit Public Library-Campbell Branch
Detroit Public Library-Chandler Park
Branch
Detroit Public Library-Chaney Branch
Detroit Public Library-Chase Branch
Detroit Public Library-Conely Branch
Detroit Public Library-Duffield Branch
Detroit Public Library-Edison Branch
Detroit Public Library-Elmwood Park
Branch
Detroit Public Library-Franklin Branch
Detroit Public Library-Frederic Douglass
Branch for Special Services
Detroit Public Library-Hubbard Branch
Detroit Public Library-Jefferson Branch
Detroit Public Library-Knapp Branch
Detroit Public Library-Lincoln Branch
Detroit Public Library-Mark Twain Annex
Detroit Public Library-Monteith Branch
Detroit Public Library-Parkman Branch
Detroit Public Library-Redford Branch
Detroit Public Library-Richard Branch
Detroit Public Library-Sherwood Forest
Branch
Detroit Public Library-Skillman Branch
Detroit Public Library-Wilder Branch
Detroit School of Arts-L.I.N.C. Program
Detroit Urban Debate League

Focus Hope, Center for Advanced
Technologies

Friends School in Detroit

King High School

Loyola High School

Michigan Roundtable for Diversity
and Inclusion

Nataki Talibah Schoolhouse of Detroit

Noble Elementary School

Plymouth Educational Center

University Preparatory Academy
High School

Wayne State University Department
of Criminal Justice

Westside Christian Academy

Wayne County Community College

Mack A Live

DeWitt

DeWitt District Library

Dollar Bay

Osceola Township School Public Library

Dowagiac

Fred L. Mathews Library

Dundee

Monroe County Library System-Branch
Library

Old Mill Museum

Durand

Shiawassee District Library

East Lansing

Donley Elementary School

East Lansing Public Library

Eastminster Presbyterian Church

H.E.L.O. Newcomers

Michigan State University, Department of
Writing, Rhetoric and American Cultures

Michigan State University,
James Madison College

Ecorse

Ecorse Community High School

Edwardsburg

Edwardsburg Museum

Edwardsburg Senior High School

Edwardsburg

Elk Rapids

Elk Rapids High School

Engadine

Engadine Library

Engadine Schools

Escanaba

Escanaba Public Library

Ewart

Ewart High School

Ferndale

Ferndale High School

Fife Lake

Traverse Area District Library-Public Library

Flint

Carman-Ainsworth High School

Flint Housing Commission-Atherton
East Townhouses

Flint Northern High School

Flint Public Library

Flint Southwestern Academy

Greater Flint Arts Council

McMonagle Elementary School

Mount Morris Alternative Education School

Southwestern Academy

The Flint Journal

Frederic

Crawford County Library System: Frederic
Community Library

Fremont

Fremont Area District Library

Genesee

Genesee Jr/Sr High School

Gladstone

Gladstone School and Public Library

Gladwin

Gladwin High School

Grand Rapids

Calvin College

Chapter and Verse Book Club

Christian Reformed Church in North
America (CRCNA)

Church of the Servant

Davenport University

First Evangelical Covenant Church

Gerald R. Ford Middle School

Grand Rapids Community College
Upward Bound

Grand Rapids Press

Grand Rapids Public Library

Grand Rapids Public Library-
Madison Square Branch

Grand Rapids Public Library-
Ottawa Hills Branch

Grand Rapids Public Library-
Seymour Branch

Grand Rapids Public Library-
Van Belkum Branch

Grand Rapids Public Library-
West Leonard Branch

Grand Rapids Public Library-
West Side Branch

Grand Rapids Public Library-
Yankee Clipper Branch

Kelloggsville High School

Kenowa Hills High School

Kent District Library-Gaines Township
Branch

Kent District Library-Plainfield Township
Branch

Rapid Growth Media

Thomas M. Cooley Law School,
Grand Rapids

Grandville

Kent District Library-Grandville Branch

Grass Lake

Jackson District Library-Grass Lake
Branch

Grayling

Crawford County Library System

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Harbor Beach Community Schools

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Capital Area District Library–

Haslett Library

Haslett High School School

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Hillsdale Community Library

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Kingsley Branch

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Capital Area District Library–

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Dept. of English

Lansing State Journal

Michigan Supreme Court Learning Center

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Thomas M. Cooley Law School,

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Leslie Library

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Edsel Ford High School

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CHS Student Book Club

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Madonna University

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Macomb Township

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Happy Bookers

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Marcellus High School

Volinia Outcomes School

Marion

Marion Public Library

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Marlette Middle School

Marquette

Marquette Senior High School

Peter White Public Library

Mason

Capital Area District Library–

Aurelius Library

Capital Area District Library–Mason Library

Mason High School

Merrill

Merrill High School Book Club

Mesick

Mesick Juior/Senior High School

Middleville

Thornapple Kellogg School and

Community Library

Midland

Grace A. Dow Memorial Library

Midland High School

Millersburg

Presque Isle District Library System–

Millersburg Branch

Monroe

Ellis Library and Reference Center

Montague

Montague Public Schools

Morenci

Morenci Area High School

Mount Pleasant

Chippewa River District Library

Munising

Munising School Public Library

Muskegon

Hackley Public Library

Muskegon Area District Library

Muskegon Chronicle

Oakridge High School

Okemos

Capital Area District Library–

Okemos Library

Meridian Senior Center

Oxford

Crossroads

Parchment

Parchment High School

Pentwater

Pentwater Public School Chapter of the

National Honor Society

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Petoskey High School

Pickford

Pickford High School

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Pinckney Community High School

Plainwell

Ransom District Library

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Glenview Book Club

Plymouth District Library

Port Huron

Private Book Club

Portland

Portland District Library

Pullman

Pullman Library Book Club

Redford

Redford Township District Library

Reed City

Reed City Public Library

Rochester

Older Persons' Commission

Rockford

Kent District Library–Krause Memorial

Branch

Roseville

Roseville Public Library

Royal Oak

Digital Arts Film & Television

Saginaw

Arthur Hill High School

Castle Museum of Saginaw County History

Omni Adult and Alternative Education

Saginaw Arts & Sciences Academy

Saginaw News

Swan Valley High School Library

Media Center

Sand Lake

Kent District Library–Sand Lake/

Nelson Township Branch

Sault Ste. Marie

Bayliss Public Library

Chippewa County Historical Society

Schoolcraft

Schoolcraft Community Library

Scottville

Journey High School

West Shore Community College

Sebewaing

Sebewaing Township Library

Shelby Township

Utica High School

South Haven

Lake Michigan College at South Haven

Southfield

Kettering High School of Detroit

Southfield Public Library

Spring Lake

Spring Lake District Library

Springport

Jackson District Library–Springport

St. Ignace

St. Ignace Public Library

St. Johns

The Booking Buds Book Club

Briggs Public Library

St. Joseph

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Sterling Heights

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Stevensville

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Capital Area District Library–

Stockbridge Library

Taylor

Trillium Academy

Three Rivers

Three Rivers Public Library

Traverse City

Dennos Museum Center

Traverse Area District Library

Traverse Area District Library–

East Bay Branch

Traverse Area District Library–

Peninsula Community Library

Traverse City High School

Wayland

Henika District Library

Wayne

Wayne Memorial High School

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Capital Area District Library–

Webberville Library

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Williamston Library

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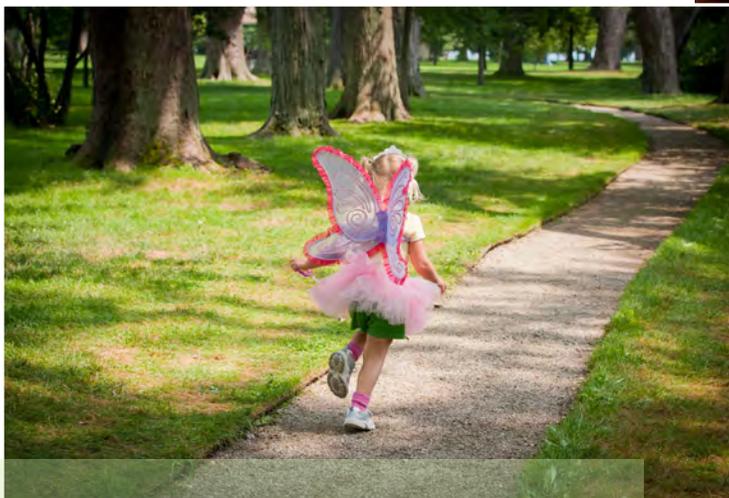
Wyoming

Kent District Library–Wyoming Branch

Rogers High School

Yale

Yale Senior High School



MAJOR Grants

A three-generation family researches their Polish heritage and records everything in a book for the next generation. Artists work long hours through a cold winter and without heat to complete a mural that depicts Michigan's first state prison in hopes of increasing understanding in a "prison city." A woman in Troy talks about her family's struggle in a Japanese internment camp, as part of a lecture series exploring diverse cultures in the area.

These are all humanities projects presented by Michigan nonprofits as a way to bridge cultures and generations, and are just a few of the amazing projects that were made possible through Major Grant awards by the Michigan Humanities Council. In 2011, the Council awarded 27 major grants, totaling \$354,015.

*"The Michigan Humanities Council award was able to feed a long-held desire by employees of the Northern Michigan University Center for Native American Studies to produce an anthology rich in words and art celebrating the contemporary American Indian experience in Michigan. While there are many books exploring the history of American Indians in the Great Lakes region, there was not one book showcasing the contemporary experience. **THANKS TO THE MICHIGAN HUMANITIES COUNCIL**, now there is such a book. 'Voice on the Water: Great Lakes Native America Now' features over 80 authors and is made up of poetry, short stories, essays, songs, letters and art."*

April Lindala

Director, Northern Michigan University Center for Native American Studies

Every year, the Michigan Humanities Council awards hundreds of thousands of dollars in major grant funds so that Michigan nonprofits can provide humanities programming and learning opportunities in their communities and throughout the state. Applicants must be Michigan nonprofits and can be awarded up to \$15,000 for a humanities-based project.

For more information on our major grant program, visit www.michiganhumanities.org/grants/index.php.



From left: A girl runs down the sidewalk at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House during their Multi-Cultural Fairy Tale Festival, celebrating favorite childhood fairytales and the history behind them. Credit: Edsel & Eleanor Ford House. An old-fashioned book-binding station was one of many draws at the 9th Annual Kerrytown Bookfest: Michigan Voices, in Ann Arbor. Credit: Kerrytown Bookfest; Members of the Mosaic Youth Theatre of Detroit perform in the well-received play, "Northern Lights," which looks at the 1966 student-led walkout that took place in Detroit at Northern High School. Credit: Mosaic Youth Theatre of Detroit; A speaking cut-out of a Native American woman is just one of many fascinating elements that were discovered in Emmet County's grant, The Warriors' Journey Exhibit, which told the story of the band of Odawa Indians who traveled from Northern Michigan to Pennsylvania to fight in the opening battle of the French and Indian War. Credit: Beth Piehl, Emmet County.

1934: A New Deal for Artists

Muskegon Museum of Art, Muskegon
\$15,000

A Heritage So Richly Woven

Troy Historical Society, Troy
\$12,535

Authors in the Fall 2011

Alpena County George N. Fletcher
Public Library, Alpena
\$15,000

Dennos Museum Center—Art in War

Northwestern Michigan College
Foundation, Traverse City
\$15,000

ECO Girls—Environmental and Cultural Organization for Girls

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
\$7,674

Engaging With History By Sharing Our Stories

Troy Historical Society, Troy
\$4,310

From Historic Prison To Artistic Vision

Enterprise Group Community Ventures
Corp., Jackson
\$15,000

Magic in Michigan

American Museum of Magic, Marshall
\$15,000

Michigan Notable Books Program

Library of Michigan, Lansing
\$15,000

Michigan Sings!

North American Choral Company,
Grand Rapids
\$15,000

Michigan Voices

Kerrytown BookFest, Ann Arbor
\$4,000

Michigan's Maritime History: How the Great Lakes Made Michigan Great

Wild Swan Theater, Ann Arbor
\$15,000

Multi-Cultural Fairy Tale—Exhibit and Festival

Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, Grosse
Pointe Shores
\$15,000

Native Americans in the Civil War

Clarke Historical Library (CMU),
Mount Pleasant
\$15,000

Pathways to Freedom in the Americas

Con/Vida—Popular Arts of the Americas,
Detroit
\$15,000

Plainwell Historic Interpretive Plaque Exhibit

Plainwell Downtown Development
Authority, Plainwell
\$2,000

Preservation of Scottish—American Cultural History in Storytelling and Dance

Saint Andrew's Society of Detroit, Troy
\$14,982

Reimagining Detroit—A Documentary Film

One of Us Films, Detroit
\$15,000

Rekindling The Michigan African Mexican Connections

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Task Force,
Southfield
\$15,000

Scattered to the Winds: the Vanished Community of Cable's Bay

Northern Michigan University Beaumier
Heritage Center, Marquette
\$13,659

Telling Stories—Site Interpretation for Fishtown

Fishtown Preservation Society, Inc., Leland
\$15,000

The Grand History Lesson Project

Grand Rapids Public Museum,
Grand Rapids
\$14,991

The Warriors' Journey Exhibit

Emmet County, Petoskey
\$15,000

Trading on the Frontier at Fort St. Joseph

Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo
\$10,175

U.P. Book Tour 2012

Peter White Public Library, Marquette
\$15,000

Uniting Generations and Ethnicities of Polonia

The Polish Mission, Orchard Lake
\$14,689

Yoopera!

International Documentary Association,
Houghton
\$15,000

Statement of FINANCIAL POSITION

OCTOBER 31, 2011

Assets

| | |
|---|--------------------|
| Unrestricted Cash | \$302,454 |
| Investments in Certificates of Deposit | \$46,467 |
| Grant Receivables..... | \$902,250 |
| Accounts Receivable—Other | \$750 |
| Prepaid Expenses | \$1,920 |
| Endowment Investments..... | \$40,650 |
| Property and Equipment, less Accumulated Depreciation..... | \$13,618 |
| Rent Deposit | \$1,000 |
| Total Assets | \$1,309,109 |

Liabilities

| | |
|--------------------------------|------------------|
| Accounts Payable | \$13,633 |
| Accrued Expenses..... | \$7,625 |
| Grant Contracts Payable..... | \$363,090 |
| Deferred Grant Revenue | \$576,017 |
| Total Liabilities | \$960,365 |

Net Assets

| | |
|--------------------------------|------------------|
| Unrestricted | \$258,551 |
| Temporarily Restricted | \$54,628 |
| Permanently Unrestricted | \$35,565 |
| Total Net Assets..... | \$348,744 |

Total Liabilities and Net Assets..... \$1,309,109

Statement of ACTIVITIES For the 12 Months Ending October 31, 2011

Revenue

| | |
|----------------------------|--------------------|
| Grants | \$1,219,333 |
| Donations..... | \$70,606 |
| Endowment..... | \$1,295 |
| Interest Income..... | \$661 |
| Total Revenue | \$1,291,895 |

Expenses

| | |
|----------------------------|--------------------|
| Program Services..... | \$536,563 |
| Grants | \$488,567 |
| Operating Expenses | \$104,109 |
| Other..... | \$137,931 |
| Total Expenses..... | \$1,267,170 |



A family walks through the Fairy Tale Art exhibit at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House. The exhibit is part of their major grant project, "Multi-Cultural Fairy Tale Exhibit and Festival." Credit: Edsel & Eleanor Ford House.



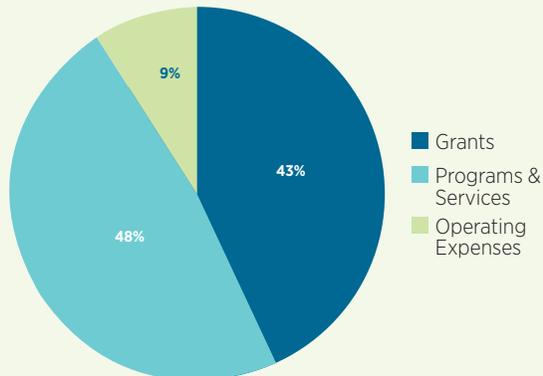
Michigan Stories A YEAR IN REVIEW

Last year, the Michigan Humanities Council developed a new monthly newsletter, *Michigan Stories*, and a corresponding statewide calendar, the *Happenings*. Initially, the calendar was part of *Michigan Stories*, but after just two months, the section became too big and we proudly expanded it to its own mailing in which we promoted not only Council-funded projects, but humanities events throughout the state.

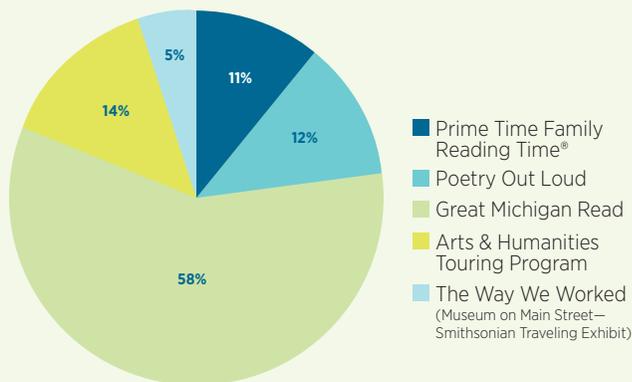
In 2011, five of the new-style *Michigan Stories* newsletters were distributed, including 46 stories providing Council program updates, news on the latest grantee projects, and what other organizations are doing around the state to expand the humanities. The newsletters and calendars reached 53,116 subscribers and the mailing list continues to grow!

Have a question about *Michigan Stories* and the *Happenings*, or do you just want to subscribe? Let us know! Simply send a message to mistories@mihumanities.org and we'll start a conversation.

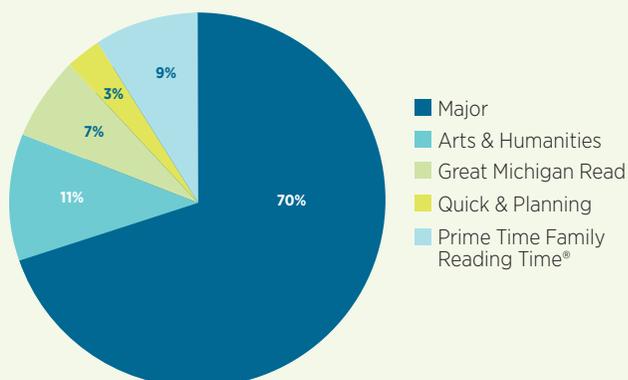
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Program Funding Distribution



Grant Awards Distribution



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