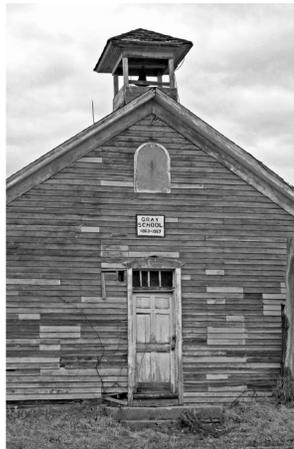


Michigan Humanities Council

our stories, our lives



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2012 Annual Report
michiganhumanities.org

18 percent
increase in new
donors to MHC

Newsletter reaches
76,468

Online
Grants

Cover photos (L-R): Lumbering in Michigan: Jenney, J.A.; Lapeer schoolhouse: Acrylic Artist; Cass County workers: Courtesy of Dowagiac Area History Museum; St. Paul's church: Kim Long; Poetry Out Loud 2008 Champion Charles White; Fort Gratiot lighthouse: Acrylic Artist.

Awarded **\$460,093** in Grants to 50 counties
leveraged by **\$1,420,725** in cost share

Welcome

Pearl Street in Grand Rapids, c. 1875-1881.

At a fairytale festival
Courtesy Edsel & Eleanor Ford House

Since 1974, the Michigan Humanities Council has been at your side watching Michigan transform—sometimes good and sometimes bad—but all the while building stronger, more culturally aware communities.

Each year, we continue to work diligently with nonprofits and communities throughout the state to support the humanities—something we encounter every day that transforms our thinking, whether through a poetry recital, scholarly lecture, storytelling event, or something as simple as a film or radio broadcast.

In 2012, the Michigan Humanities Council changed—staff transition opened doors to fresh perspectives on how to keep Michigan's culture vibrant. We brought more than 100,000 Michiganders together in a discussion on housing segregation and gentrification; started a Smithsonian exhibit tour reaching our vibrant, rural cities; completed a new Arts & Humanities Touring Directory with 175 of Michigan's top musicians, storytellers, performers and re-enactors; invited nearly 17,000 high school students to open their hearts through poetry; and watched the relationship of parent and child grow through a simple act of reading together.

Most notably, we met an increased need of humanities support from nonprofit organizations stretching from the corner of southeast Michigan to the tip of the Upper Peninsula. We awarded more than \$450,000 to more than 200 organizations needing assistance to build culture in their communities—through festivals, exhibits, oral history projects and much more.

Michigan is unique in many ways, and without the support of our donors over the past years it is uncertain how many small-town museums, libraries and festivals would continue to thrive. We saw a greater need for humanities support in 2012—and thanks to you—that need was met.

We look forward to continuing this transformation in 2013, knowing that more than ever there is a need, and most importantly, support for the humanities in Michigan.

Robbe DiPietro

Robbe DiPietro
Acting Executive Director
August 2012–April 2013

Erik Nordberg

Erik Nordberg
Executive Director
May 2013–Present

Key Accomplishments

Awarded **\$460,093** in grants to 50 counties, leveraging \$1,420,725 in cost share

Expanded **Poetry Out Loud** programming opportunities

Began acceptance of **online** grant applications

Held adjudication and presented the new three-year **Arts & Humanities Touring Directory**.

Began successful start of new Smithsonian Institution exhibit tour—**The Way We Worked**

Published first full-year of e-newsletter, reaching **76,468**

Increased new donors to MHC by **18 percent**

168
Teachers



From top left: Mounir Jamal of Forest Hills Central High School, Alexis Barrera of Hartland High School, Olivia Finkelstein of West Bloomfield High School, the four finalists for 2012; credit Dave Trumpie.

"Before I got involved with the program, I didn't know much about poetry. ...I found poems that really meant something to me and it helped me learn more about myself and what I stand for. I learned so much about literature and recitation and it was an amazing program to be a part of."

Randi Laundré, 2012 State Champion from Alba High School

24,486
Participating
Students Statewide



1
State Champion—
Randi Laundré of
Alba High School



Poetry Out Loud

Poetry can be a key to your heart—for many it brings peace, comfort, power and identity. However helpful poetry may be, it is unfortunately becoming a lost form of artistic expression for today's youth. The Michigan Humanities Council is proud to keep poetry alive by engaging our high school youth in annual poetry recitation competitions.

Poetry Out Loud, a program of the National Endowment for the Arts and The Poetry Foundation, is a national high school poetry recitation competition. Since the Michigan Humanities Council and Michigan Council for Arts & Cultural Affairs began hosting the program in 2005, more than 60,000 students have had their voices heard.

In 2012, it was Randi Laundré, a sophomore at Alba Public School (Alba), who took home top honors as the Michigan Poetry Out Loud Champion. With the title, she earned a \$200 cash award, \$500 stipend for her school library, and all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, D.C., where she competed in the national competition. Runners-up were: Alexis Barrera (Hartland High School), Brittini Eller (Grand River Preparatory School), and Mounir Jamal (Forest Hills Central High School).

For more information on how you can have your school involved, please contact Judith Dworkin—jdworkin@mihumanities.org or (517) 372-7770.

BY THE NUMBERS

- 24,486 Participating Students
- 168 Teachers
- 51 High Schools
- 22 Counties
- 1 State Champion—Randi Laundré of Alba High School



From top left: 2012 Champion Randi Laundré of Alba High School, student competitors at the state competition, poet Terry Blackhawk; credit Dave Trumpie.



22
Counties

51
High Schools



School/City/County

Alba Public School/Elmira/Antrim
 Bay City Central High School/Bay City/Bay
 Berkley High School/Berkley/Oakland
 Big Rapids High School/Big Rapids/Mecosta
 Boyne Falls School K-12/Boyne Falls/Charlevoix
 Bradford Academy High School/Southfield/Oakland
 Calumet High School/Calumet/Houghton
 Calvary Baptist Academy/Midland/Midland
 Carman-Ainsworth High School/Flint/Genesee
 Cass Technical High School/Detroit/Wayne
 Classical Academy/Flint/Genesee
 Detroit Catholic Central High School/Novi/Oakland
 Detroit School of Arts/Detroit/Wayne
 Dexter High School/Dexter/Washtenaw
 Everett High School/Lansing/Ingham
 Flint Schools of Choice/Flint/Genesee
 Forest Hills Central High School/Grand Rapids/Kent

Franklin Road Christian School/Novi/Oakland
 Galesburg-Augusta High School/Galesburg/Kalamazoo
 Grand Rapids Catholic Central High School/Grand Rapids/Kent
 Grand River Preparatory High School/Kentwood/Kent
 Gwinn High School/Gwinn/Marquette
 Hartland High School/Hartland/Livingston
 Haslett High School/Haslett/Ingham
 Houghton High School/Houghton/Houghton
 International Academy/Bloomfield Hills/Oakland
 Jeffers High School/Painesdale/Houghton
 John Glenn High School/Bay City/Bay
 Leelanau School/Glen Arbor/Leelanau
 Legacy High School/Howell/Livingston
 Mackinac Island Public Schools/Mackinac Island/Mackinac
 Madison Academy High School/Burton/Genesee
 Marquette High School/Marquette/Marquette
 Martin Luther King Jr Senior High School/Detroit/Wayne

Mercy High School/Farmington Hills/Oakland
 Mesick Junior/ Senior High School/Mesick/Wexford
 Michigan Connections Academy/Okemos/Ingham
 North Branch High School/North Branch/Lapeer
 Oakland Christian School/Auburn Hills/Oakland
 Oxford High School/Oxford/Oakland
 Pentwater High School/Pentwater/Oceana
 Petoskey High School/Petoskey/Emmet
 Portage Northern High School/Portage/Kalamazoo
 Riverview Community High School/Riverview/Wayne
 Roosevelt High School/Wyandotte/Wayne
 Saline High School/Saline/Washtenaw
 Shrine Catholic High School/Royal Oak/Oakland
 Southfield Lathrup High School/Lathrup Village/Oakland
 Wellspring Preparatory High School/Grand Rapids/Kent
 West Bloomfield High School/West Bloomfield/Oakland
 West Ottawa High School/Holland/Ottawa

59,976
Attendees



"The Michigan Arts & Humanities Touring program is an invaluable resource that not only helps to keep so many artists accessible but it's also a constant reminder that theater and arts remain alive and thriving in Michigan. I owe much of my 25-year-success as a school performer to the visibility and opportunities the Touring program provides."
Doug Scheer, Scheer Genius Assembly Shows, assemblyshows.com

Arts & Humanities Touring

From historical re-enactors, storytellers, tradition bearers, musicians, magicians and much more, the Arts & Humanities Touring program reaches all corners of the state.

A joint project of the Michigan Humanities Council and Michigan Council for Arts & Cultural Affairs, the Arts & Humanities Touring program helps connect our community nonprofits with some of the best performers in the state. The directory, housed online at www.michiganhumanities.org, includes a juried selection of Michigan's top 175 performers available for booking by local nonprofits. Michigan nonprofits—such as libraries, community organizations, schools and more—can request grant support to help bring these performers into their community—funds pay up to 40 percent of a performer's fee.

For more information on these grants and the Touring Directory, please contact Gina Schreck—gschreck@mihumanities.org or (517) 372-7770.

BY THE NUMBERS

- \$415,298 Grantee Cost Share
- \$80,040 Awarded in Grants
- 59,976 Attendees
- 210 Events
- 150 Benefiting Organizations



From top (L-R): Scheer Genius Assembly Shows perform at Fremont Area District Library; courtesy Fremont Area District Library. Happendance performs at a showcase; credit Chrissy Psaros. Chautauqua Express performs for West Bloomfield Parks and Recreation; courtesy West Bloomfield Parks and Recreation. Students participate in a school assembly; courtesy Meadowbrook Elementary.

2012 TOURING Grants

Organization/City/County/Grant Award

Albion Public Schools
Albion
Calhoun
\$660

All Saints Academy
Grand Rapids
Kent
\$334

Amanda Moore Elementary
Romeo
Macomb
\$538

Arts Center for Newaygo County
Fremont
Newaygo
\$635

Arts Council Of White Lake
Montague
Muskegon
\$1,358.80

Avondale School District
Auburn Hills
Oakland
\$238

Baldwin Public Library
Birmingham
Oakland
\$400

Bark River-Harris Schools
Harris
Menominee
\$298

Beadle Lake Elementary
Battle Creek
Calhoun
\$654

Belleville Area District Library
Belleville
Wayne
\$400

Berrien RESA
Berrien Springs
Berrien
\$2,208

Big Bay De Noc School
Cooks
Delta
\$238

Blair Memorial Library
Clawson
Oakland
\$200

Burger Center School
Garden City
Wayne
\$238

Capital Area District Library-Downtown Lansing
Lansing
Ingham
\$185

Capital Area District Library-Downtown Lansing
Lansing
Ingham
\$80

Capital Area District Library-Downtown Lansing
Lansing
Ingham
\$250

Capital Area District Library South Branch
Lansing
Ingham
\$100

Capital Area District Library South Branch
Lansing
Ingham
\$118

Capital Area District Library South Branch
Lansing
Ingham
\$150

Capital Area District Library South Branch
Lansing
Ingham
\$130

Carlson Elementary School
Warren
Macomb
\$428

Charter Township of Orion
Lake Orion
Oakland
\$320

Charter Township of Orion
Lake Orion
Oakland
\$320

Cherokee Elementary School
Clinton Township
Macomb
\$238

Chesterfield Township Library
Chesterfield
Macomb
\$160

City of Farmington Hills Special Services Cultural Arts
Farmington Hills
Oakland
\$1,440

City of Farmington Hills Special Services Cultural Arts
Farmington Hills
Oakland
\$800

City of Marlette
Marlette
Tuscola
\$240

Crooked Tree Arts Center
Petoskey
Emmet
\$1,120

Curious Kids
Portage
Kalamazoo
\$1,200

Dicken Elementary School PTO
Ann Arbor
Washtenaw
\$572

Dicken Elementary School PTO
Ann Arbor
Washtenaw
\$196

Dickinson County Library
Iron Mountain
Dickinson
\$313

Dickinson East Elementary School
Hamtramck
Wayne
\$256

Dort Elementary School
Roseville
Macomb
\$550

Douglass Houghton PTA
White Lake
Oakland
\$240

Duvall Elementary School
Dearborn
Wayne
\$310

Eastland Middle School
Roseville
Macomb
\$190

Eleanor Hornung Elementary School
Brighton
Livingston
\$400

Erickson Center for the Arts
Curtis
Mackinac
\$220

Erickson Center for the Arts
Curtis
Mackinac
\$1,048

Fernwood Botanical Garden and Nature Preserve
Niles
Berrien
\$920

First Congregational Church
Battle Creek
Calhoun
\$600

First Congregational Church
Battle Creek
Calhoun
\$800

First United Methodist Church of Grand Rapids
Grand Rapids
Kent
\$1,320

Fremont Area District Library
Fremont
Newaygo
\$130

Friends of the Cadillac Wexford Library
Cadillac
Wexford
\$200

Friends of the Cadillac Wexford Library
Cadillac
Wexford
\$340

Gill Elementary School PTA
Farmington Hills
Oakland
\$258

Gill Elementary School PTA
Farmington Hills
Oakland
\$230

Gladstone Title VII Indian Education Program
Gladstone
Delta
\$300

Grace A. Dow Memorial Library
Midland
Midland
\$350

Grace Pointe
Brighton
Livingston
\$300

Grace Pointe
Brighton
Livingston
\$400

Grayling Elementary School-Ausable Primary School
Portage
Crawford
\$1,280

Hamilton-Parsons Elementary School
Leonard
Oakland
\$1,014

Hartland High School
Hartland
Livingston
\$340

Highland Township Public Library
Highland
Oakland
\$230

Hilton Elementary School
Brighton
Livingston
\$238

Hunter Family School Association
Brownstown Twp
Wayne
\$992

Huron Academy
Sterling Heights
Macomb
\$700

Ida Civic Club
Ida
Monroe
\$480

Immaculate Conception Ukrainian Catholic Schools
Warren
Macomb
\$100

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish
Lansing
Ingham
\$600

Indian Prairie Elementary School
Kalamazoo
Kalamazoo
\$614

Indian Prairie Elementary School
Kalamazoo
Kalamazoo
\$661

Indian Woods Elementary School
Kimball
Saint Clair
\$536

Kalamazoo RESA-Education for the Arts
Portage
Kalamazoo
\$3,000

Kalamazoo RESA-Education for the Arts
Portage
Kalamazoo
\$1,000

Kalamazoo RESA-Education for the Arts
Portage
Kalamazoo
\$3,000

Kirk in the Hills Presbyterian Church
Bloomfield Hills
Oakland
\$280

Kirtland Center for the Performing Arts
Roscommon
Roscommon
\$1,600

Lake Margrethe Property Owners Association
Grayling
Crawford
\$1,160

Lakeshore Museum Center
Muskegon
Muskegon
\$120



210
Events

Livingston Christian School
Pinckney
Livingston
\$170

Lorenzo Cultural Center
Clinton Township
Macomb
\$318

Lorenzo Cultural Center
Clinton Township
Macomb
\$175

Manistique Area Schools
Manistique
Schoolcraft
\$238

Marine City Music Festival, Inc.
Marine City
Saint Clair
\$1,000

Marine City Music Festival, Inc.
Marine City
Saint Clair
\$600

Mather Elementary School
Munising
Oakland
\$190

Maurice M. Wilde Elementary PTO
Warren
Macomb
\$260

Meadow Brook Theatre
Rochester
Oakland
\$200

Meadow Brook Theatre
Rochester
Oakland
\$200

Meadow Brook Theatre
Rochester
Oakland
\$200

Meadow Brook Theatre
Rochester
Oakland
\$600

Meadowbrook Elementary PTA
Novi
Oakland
\$238

Michigan Festivals & Events
Foundation
Chesaning
Saginaw
\$1,420

Michigan Opera Theatre
Detroit
Wayne
\$3,000

Milan Area Schools
Milan
Monroe
\$360

Mill Creek Middle School
Dexter
Washtenaw
\$300

Monroe Recreation Department
Monroe
Monroe
\$280

Montessori Children's Academy
Clinton Township
Macomb
\$190

Morton Elementary School
Marysville
Saint Clair
\$528

Mythopoeic Society
Napoleon
Jackson
\$340

Naldrett Elementary PTO
Chesterfield
Macomb
\$820

New Buffalo Arts Council
New Buffalo
Berrien
\$920

Newaygo County Council for the
Arts, Inc.
Fremont
Newaygo
\$266

Niles District Library
Niles
Berrien
\$236

Niles District Library
Niles
Berrien
\$180

Northern Lakes Community Mental
Health
Traverse City
Grand Traverse
\$788

Northport Community Arts Center
Northport
Leelanau
\$1,000

Novi Community Schools
Novi
Oakland
\$320

Our Shepherd Lutheran School
Birmingham
Oakland
\$238

Owosso Amphitheater Association
Owosso
Shiawassee
\$520

Owosso Amphitheater Association
Owosso
Shiawassee
\$600

Owosso Public Schools
Owosso
Shiawassee
\$360

Paddock Elementary School
Milan
Washtenaw
\$400

PIX Arts Council for Greater
Lapeer, Inc.
Lapeer
Lapeer
\$210

PIX Arts Council for Greater
Lapeer, Inc.
Lapeer
Lapeer
\$360

PIX Arts Council for Greater
Lapeer, Inc.
Lapeer
Lapeer
\$280

PIX Arts Council for Greater
Lapeer, Inc.
Lapeer
Lapeer
\$266

Plymouth District Library
Plymouth
Wayne
\$240

Port Huron Museum
Port Huron
Saint Clair
\$1,400

Poupard Elementary School
Harper Woods
Wayne
\$238

Presque Isle Twp. Parks & Recreation
Presque Isle
Presque Isle
\$290

Putnam District Library
Nashville
Shiawassee
\$170

Reynolds Township Library
Howard City
Montcalm
\$200

Ridge Wood Elementary School PTA
Northville
Wayne
\$238

Rochester Community Schools
Rochester
Oakland
\$440

Rochester Community Schools
Rochester
Oakland
\$440

Rodgers Elementary School
Saint Clair Shores
Macomb
\$1,052

Roosevelt Elementary School
Keego Harbor
Oakland
\$238

Schickler Elementary School
Lapeer
Lapeer
\$258

Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran
School
Brighton
Livingston
\$280

Silver Maples of Chelsea
Chelsea
Washtenaw
\$400

Springfield Township Library
Davisburg
Oakland
\$320

St Stephen School
Saginaw
Saginaw
\$540

St. Clair County Community College
Port Huron
Saint Clair
\$600

St. Clair County Community College
Port Huron
Saint Clair
\$720

St. Mary Elementary School
Mount Clemens
Ottawa
\$1,052

St. Mary School
Westphalia
Clinton
\$590

Surline Elementary School
West Branch
Ogemaw
\$840

The City of Marlette
Marlette
Sanilac
\$380

The Plainwell Downtown
Development Authority
Plainwell
Allegan
\$356

Trinity Lutheran School
Clinton Township
Monroe
\$238

University Of Michigan-Dearborn
Dearborn
Wayne
\$200

University Of Michigan-Dearborn
Fair Lane Music Guild
Dearborn
Wayne
\$160

University Of Michigan-Dearborn
Fair Lane Music Guild
Dearborn
Wayne
\$480

University Of Michigan-Dearborn
Fair Lane Music Guild
Dearborn
Wayne
\$160

Very Special Arts Committee/
WELC
Portage
Kalamazoo
\$320

Washington Elementary School
Marysville
Saint Clair
\$1,020

Washington Elementary School
Washington
Macomb
\$238

West Bloomfield Parks & Recreation
West Bloomfield
Oakland
\$238

West Bloomfield Parks & Recreation
West Bloomfield
Oakland
\$170

White Lake Township Library
White Lake
Oakland
\$180

Wood Creek Elementary School
Farmington Hills
Oakland
\$190

Woodside Elementary School
Holland
Ottawa
\$520

*Touring Grants will
open for applications
in the fall of 2013. Call
us at (517) 372-7770
or visit our website for
more information.*

"Our MHC planning grant provided the funds needed to secure a well-known historian, Jim Clary, to research the details surrounding the Superior City shipwreck, which we later used to develop a proposal for our major media grant. His information was critical to the creation of our documentary film, 'Stowaway,' which covers this Great Lakes shipwreck and the aftermath of the court's decision regarding the responsibility of the two ship captains involved in this tragedy."

Martha Navarro, Port Huron Area School District Grant Writer

Quick & Planning Grants

In 2012, there were 21 organizations that took advantage of the Michigan Humanities Council's lesser-known granting opportunities. For projects that fall outside the standard design and deadline of our popular major grants, we invite all Michigan nonprofits to consider a quick or planning grant.

Planning grants, up to \$1,000, are awarded to those organizations that need funding assistance with project planning in order to ready a project for an eventual major grant proposal. Planning expenses include honoraria and travel for humanities professionals or consultants assisting in development of a public humanities project.

Quick grants, up to \$500, are awarded to organizations with a small need for funding public humanities projects. Expenses may include exhibit rental, book purchase, speaker fees, honoraria and travel, promotion and much more.

If you would like to learn more about quick and planning grants, please contact Robbe DiPietro—rdipietro@michiganhumanities.org or (517) 372-7770.

BY THE NUMBERS

- \$200,230 Grantee Cost Share
- \$10,685 Awarded in Grants
- 6,654 Attendees
- 73 Events
- 21 Benefiting Organizations



\$10,685
Awarded in Grants



From top left: Viewing an exhibit; courtesy Madonna University. At the Michigan Historic Preservation Conference. At a one-day conference for Rally of Writers. Melissa Hollingsworth for Michigan Historic Preservation Network.

73
Events

2012 QUICK Grants

Organization/City/County/Grant Award

A Rally of Writers, Inc. Lansing Ingham \$500	Historical Society Of Greater Lansing Lansing Ingham \$495	Polish Genealogical Society of Michigan Detroit Wayne \$500
Artworks: Big Rapids Big Rapids Mecosta \$500	Hope College Holland Ottawa \$500	Port Huron Area School District Port Huron Saint Clair \$1,000
Bay City Public Schools Bay City Bay \$500	Jackson District Library Jackson Jackson \$500	Reed City Public Library Reed City Osceola \$300
Bayliss Public Library Sault Ste. Marie Chippewa \$200	Madonna University Livonia Wayne \$500	Underground Railroad Society of Cass County Vandalia Cass \$500
Detroit Historical Society Detroit Wayne \$500	Michigan Historic Preservation Network Lansing Ingham \$500	United Daughters of the Confederacy, Thomas Ryan 2689 White Lake Oakland \$200
East Lansing Public Library East Lansing Ingham \$500	Michigan State Historic Parks Livonia Wayne \$500	
Fremont Area District Library Fremont Newaygo \$500	Model T Automotive Heritage Detroit Wayne \$500	
Friends of the Cadillac Wexford Library Cadillac Wexford \$500	Pentwater High School Pentwater Oceana \$375	
Grace A. Dow Memorial Library Midland Midland \$500	Piast Institute Pigeon Huron \$500	
Grand Valley State University Allendale Ottawa \$500	Pinckney Community High School Pinckney Livingston \$500	
Hazel Park Memorial Library Hazel Park Oakland \$500		

2012 MAJOR Grants

Organization/City/County/Grant Award

Charles H Wright Museum Of African American History Detroit Wayne \$14,500	Kerrytown BookFest Ann Arbor Washtenaw \$4,125	Pewabic Pottery Detroit Wayne \$8,500
City Of Wyandotte Wyandotte Wayne \$14,500	Lake Superior State University Sault Ste. Marie Chippewa \$2,930	Port Huron Area School District Port Huron Saint Clair \$15,000
Eastern Michigan University Ypsilanti Washtenaw \$14,909	Library of Michigan Lansing Ingham \$15,000	Presque Isle District Library Rogers City Presque Isle \$14,907
Edsel & Eleanor Ford House Grosse Pointe Shores Macomb \$7,500	Marquette Regional History Center Marquette Marquette \$3,714	Saginaw Valley State University University Center Bay \$12,500
Emmet County Petoskey Emmet \$12,500	Michigan History Foundation Lansing Ingham \$14,500	Traverse City Area Public Schools Traverse City Grand Traverse \$14,500
Fiction Writers Review Ann Arbor Washtenaw \$14,980	Michigan Maritime Museum South Haven Van Buren \$4,032	University Musical Society Ann Arbor Washtenaw \$14,500
Friends of Theodore Roethke Saginaw Saginaw \$11,981	Michigan Roundtable for Diversity and Inclusion Detroit Wayne \$8,500	Western Michigan University Kalamazoo Kalamazoo \$10,000
Grand Valley State University Allendale Ottawa \$14,500	Michigan State University East Lansing Ingham \$13,482	White Lake Community Library Whitehall Muskegon \$14,500
History Center of Traverse City Traverse City Grand Traverse \$14,746	Michigan Technological University Archives Houghton Houghton \$14,500	Wild Swan Theater Ann Arbor Washtenaw \$14,500
InsideOut Literary Arts Project Detroit Wayne \$14,500	Neutral Zone Teen Center Ann Arbor Washtenaw \$10,000	
John Glenn High School Westland Wayne \$6,545		

"We were thrilled when we learned the Michigan Humanities Council would help us achieve our goal of developing a one-of-a-kind interpretive trail! Without the Council's support, it is unlikely we would have been able to marshal the resources to create the intricate, detailed displays, the life-size 'cultural docents' who guide visitors along the trail, and the accompanying audio components. It was a huge project, and we are so grateful to the Humanities Council who recognized that this was not a project about science and astronomy, but instead one that reconnects humanity to the stars, the planets and stories of the night sky."

Beth Ann Piehl, Emmet County on MHC support for Dark Sky Park interpretive trail



Major Grants

The Michigan Humanities Council Major Grant program is perhaps the one that most-transforms our Michigan communities. From the smaller cultural organizations to big-city museums, our major grants fund projects that draw everyone out for cultural opportunities.

In 2012, we saw the creation of a discovery trail in one of the world's few Dark Sky Parks, a discussion series in southwest Michigan chronicling maritime wars on the Great Lakes, a literary discussion and festival in Ann Arbor, and exhibit and programming on the history of the canoe in the Upper Peninsula city of Marquette.

Major grants are open to Michigan nonprofit organizations seeking funds to support quality cultural programming. Projects may include lectures and discussions, exhibits, performing arts, and much more. All projects should be open to the public at little or no cost.

If you would like to learn more about our major grants, please contact Robbe DiPietro—rdipietro@michiganhumanities.org or (517) 372-7770.

BY THE NUMBERS

- \$943,911 Leveraged in Cost Share
- \$350,851 Awarded
- 116,352 Attendees*
- 148 Events*
- 30 Grantees

*partial numbers reporting—program ongoing

From top (L-R): Re-enactors line up at the annual Fort St. Joseph archaeological dig; courtesy Western Michigan University. Actors perform Shipwrecked!; courtesy Wild Swan Theater. Visitors explore a literary festival; courtesy Kerrytown BookFest. Students learn the history of the canoe; courtesy Marquette Regional History Center.



30
Grantees

296
Partners



"Our school has been incorporating the Great Michigan Read program selection books into our curriculum since (2007). I cannot express enough my appreciation for the program with its quality, thoughtful selections, student companion websites, supplemental guides, author talks, participating school exhibits and activities, teaching materials, grant programs, and the very supportive Michigan Humanities Council staff. We have enjoyed all the program has to offer, and it has provided my students with opportunities for deep, educational, transformational thinking! I highly recommend participation!"

Dianna Behl, M.E.d., English Language Arts/District Literacy Instructional Coach at Pinckney Community High School

"We have hosted several major events in the past, but attaching the name 'Smithsonian' to our library, community, and our events gave us exposure and attention that we have not been able to achieve by traditional means. So many people who have never visited Cromaine District Library or Hartland came to see the Smithsonian exhibit. It really was a special time for our community. Young and old visited—and attended our programs that related to the exhibit. It expanded our reach into southeastern Michigan."

Carol Taggart, Marketing Manager, Cromaine District Library in Hartland



Top-Bottom (L-R): L. Carol Taggart, Joan Lundborg, John Beck and Terri Cobb at the exhibit opening in Rogers City. A woman looking at the local work exhibit at Southwestern Michigan College in Dowagiac.

6,152
Attendees*



Great Michigan Read

There are plenty of community reads, but in Michigan there's only one statewide read—the Great Michigan Read! This biennial reading initiative invites all Michiganders—from youth to senior—to explore our history, present and future through a single literary title.

Selected by a grassroots committee of librarians, teachers, literary professionals and more, the title is written by a Michigan author and set in Michigan. With thanks to our donors, all registered partners receive free supplemental materials—such as reader's and teacher's guides—and select nonprofits are eligible to receive free copies of the book. We've teamed up with libraries, high schools, universities, religious organizations and more to build this successful program.

In 2011-12, the Great Michigan Read engaged nearly 300 partners in 59 of Michigan's 83 counties for discussion on housing segregation and gentrification with *Arc of Justice: A Saga of Race, Civil Rights, and Murder in the Jazz Age* written by Detroit native and Ohio State University History Professor Kevin Boyle.

Please contact Carla Ingrando—cingrando@mihumanities.org or (517) 372-7770—to learn more about the Great Michigan Read and our current title, *Annie's Ghosts* by Detroit native and Washington Post Associate Editor Steve Luxenberg.

BY THE NUMBERS

- 459,962 Newspaper Inserts
- 135,437 Event Attendees
- 31,909 Bookmarks
- 18,201 Reader's Guides
- 1,768 Teacher's Guides
- 642 Events
- 296 Partners
- 59 Counties

Top-Bottom (L-R): Kevin Boyle, 2011-12 Great Michigan Read author. Kathryn Dove, mentioned in the book, with Kevin Boyle. Judge William Whitbeck and Kevin Boyle at an author's event. A youth group with Kevin Boyle after an author's event. Photos credit Dave Trumpie.

2012 Annual Report

The Way We Worked

The history of work—our careers, uniforms and daily travel—are how we identify ourselves. Over time, our careers may change but our work history plays a role in our identities. *The Way We Worked*, a Smithsonian Institution traveling exhibition, brought the history of our American workforce to Michigan's rural cities in 2012.

Coordinated in Michigan by the Michigan Humanities Council, the family-friendly exhibit made stops in six rural cities throughout the 2012-13 years, and explored the importance of work in American culture by tracing the changes that affected the workforce and environment over the past 150 years. The exhibit used historic images, objects and interactive components to identify work as seen by individuals and communities throughout the country. Exhibit hosts included local programming—varying from large photo exhibitions to evening lectures. John Beck, associate professor in the School of Human Resources and Labor Relations at Michigan State University, served as state scholar.

The exhibit toured the Presque Isle County Historical Museum (Rogers City) and Southwestern Michigan College (Dowagiac) in 2012. The tour continued into 2013 at the Cromaine District Library (Hartland), Bay College (Escanaba), Pere Marquette District Library (Clare), and Hart Area Public Library (Hart).

For more information on our traveling Smithsonian exhibitions, please contact Gina Schreck—gschreck@mihumanities.org or (517) 372-7770.

BY THE NUMBERS

- \$7,000 Awarded to Sites
- 6,152 Attendees*
- 30 Events*
- 6 Participating Sites
- *partial numbers reporting—program ongoing



Host/City/County

- Cromaine District Library/Hartland/Livingston
- Escanaba Public Library/Escanaba/Delta
- Hart Area Public Library/Hart/Oceana
- Pere Marquette District Library/Clare/Clare
- Presque Isle County Historical Museum/Rogers City/Presque Isle
- Southwestern Michigan College/Dowagiac/Cass



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Statement of FINANCIAL POSITION

OCTOBER 31, 2012

Assets

Unrestricted Cash	\$396,527
Investments in Certificates of Deposit.....	\$46,560
Grant Receivables	\$401,970
Prepaid Expenses.....	\$7,485
Endowment Investments.....	\$40,721
Property and Equipment	
Less Accumulated Depreciation.....	\$77,982
Rent Deposit.....	\$1,000
Total Assets	\$972,245

Liabilities

Accounts Payable.....	\$5,588
Accrued Expenses	\$4,443
Grant Contracts Payable.....	\$274,539
Total Liabilities	\$284,570

Net Assets

Unrestricted	\$327,623
Temporarily Restricted	\$324,487
Permanently Restricted	\$35,565
Total Net Assets	\$687,675

Total Liabilities and Net Assets **\$972,245**

Statement of ACTIVITIES

For the 12 Months Ending October 31, 2012

Revenue

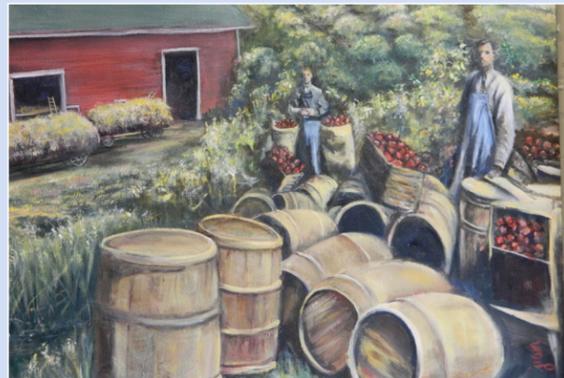
National Endowment for the Humanities	\$966,070
Michigan Council for Arts & Cultural Affairs	\$82,497
Donations	\$66,311
Programs	\$22,448
Interest Income	\$508
Total Revenue.....	\$1,137,834

Expenses

Program Services	\$498,819
Grants	\$435,310
Operating Expenses.....	\$261,006
Fundraising	\$104,572
Total Expenses	\$1,299,707

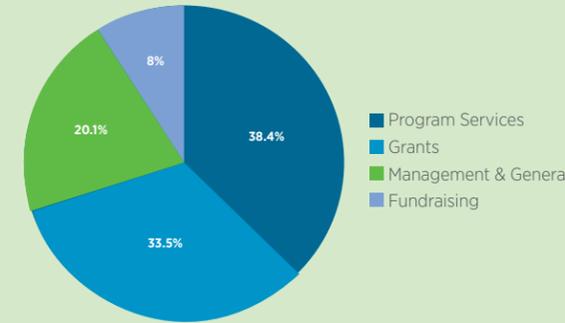
Net Assets

Beginning of the Year	\$849,548
End of the Year.....	\$687,675

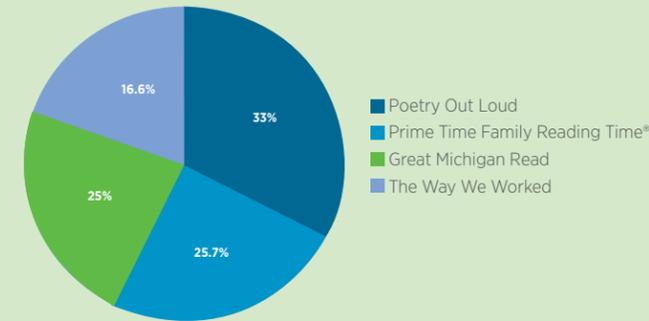


A mural painted on the walls of Armory Arts Village in Jackson. The building once served as Michigan's first state prison and is now an apartment building with artist studios. Murals were painted throughout the building telling the history of the first state prison. The project grant was awarded to Enterprise Group Community Ventures Corporation.

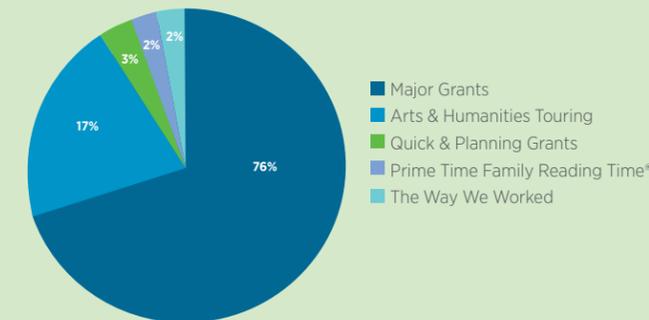
Overall Funding



Program Funding Distribution



Grant Awards Distribution



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The Michigan Humanities Council relies on our donors to continue building a stronger, more cultural state. Thanks to you we are able to provide nonprofits with the grant funds needed to host important events, for students to learn and find passion in poetry, for libraries to supply books for statewide discussion, and much more. Will you become a supporter of Michigan culture? Make a donation today by visiting us at www.michiganhumanities.org or calling (517) 372-7770 to learn more.

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- + Gubernatorial Appointee

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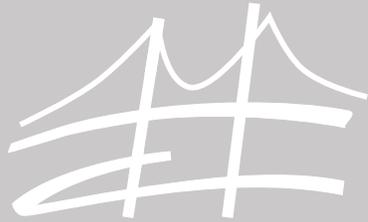
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