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

let’s chat!
2011 Annual Report

Michigan Humanities Council
No matter your age, race, ethnicity or locality, we are all connected as Michigamians; 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.*
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
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.”

Prime 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)

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

“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

Families gather at Stair Public Library (Morenci) for a Prime Time Family Reading Time® session. Credit: Melissa Elliott/Stair Public 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.
“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
Portage
$1,172
Plymouth District Library
Plymouth
$200
Amberly Elementary School
Portage
$1,044
Oakwood 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
White Lake
$180
Douglas Houghton PTA
White Lake
$237
Douglas Houghton PTA
White Lake
$700
City of Williamston
Williamston
$470
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

**II 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
$250

**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
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](http://www.michiganhumanities.org/programs/tgmr).
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.
Great Michigan Read

» 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

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
Artsworks
Big Rapids Public Library
Bloomfield Hills
International Academy
Boye City
Boye 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
DeWitt
DeWitt District Library
Dollar Bay
Osceola Township School Public Library
Dowagiac
Fred L. Mathews Library
Dundee
Monroe County Library System–Branch
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
Evart
Evart 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
Geneseo
Geneseo 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 Buren 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
Crawford County Library System: Lovells Township Library
Grosse Pointe Farms
Grosse Pointe South High School
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](http://www.michiganhumanities.org/grants/index.php).
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 Beaumarion 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**

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**Total Liabilities and Net Assets**          | $1,309,109 |

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# Statement of Activities

**For the 12 Months Ending October 31, 2011**

**Revenue**

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**Expenses**

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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.
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.

Over the past year, the Michigan Humanities Council has created a greater web-presence through Facebook. Whether it’s a post about an upcoming event, new funding opportunity, grantee or another cultural organization, or to share an idea, be sure to follow us. Take a minute to like us now: [www.facebook.com/MichiganHumanitiesCouncil](http://www.facebook.com/MichiganHumanitiesCouncil). We’d love to hear from you!
$10,000 and over
Grand Haven Area Community Foundation—W.K. Kellogg Fund
Meijer
Michigan Council for Arts & Cultural Affairs
National Endowment for the Humanities

$1,000–$9,999
Battle Creek Community Foundation
Timothy Chester & Henry Matthews
Stuart Grigg
James Karshner
Kathleen Mullins
Mark & Elizabeth Murray
Marge Potter
Karen & Louis Smith

$500–$999
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DJ Hoffman
MidMichigan Health
Pioneer Sugar
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how do you do?
hey!
what's up?
howdy.
say ya!

let's chat!

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