

OPERATIONS AND ORGANIZATION

AUDIENCE

- 200,000+ NJ citizens participate in NJCH-sponsored programs annually
- Programming is always collaborative, so audiences vary based on organizational partnerships and projects
- All 21 NJ counties are served

FISCAL YEAR/BUDGET

- FY18 operating budget is approx. \$1 million dollars
- NJCH is a state partner of the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), which funds over 90% of operations
- Johnson & Johnson is the highest private funder

OPERATING HISTORY

- Incorporated as an independent nonprofit organization in 1972
- Founded on the principle that democracy needs informed citizenry
- Longstanding member of the Federation of State Humanities Councils

PARTNER CONTRIBUTIONS

- Cost-share is required for federal funding through NEH
- Over \$1 million was invested by partner organizations in FY17

GOVERNANCE

- Volunteer board of community leaders govern NJCH operations
- Five trustees are gubernatorial appointments

STAFF

- 5 full-time staff, one part-time staff
- 3 to 4 interns are placed with NJCH annually

HUMAN(ITIES) RESOURCES

- Over 150 scholars participate in program projects each year
- Scholarly perspectives and expertise strengthen project development

OUR MISSION

At the New Jersey Council for the Humanities, we harness the power of the humanities to strengthen our pluralistic society.

OUR VISION

Our vision is a New Jersey that delights in diversity, appreciates that there are no easy answers, and finds joy and understanding in the humanities.



FAST FACTS

WHO: Serving New Jersey citizens

WHAT: NJCH is a 40+ year old independent public humanities nonprofit organization

WHERE: Programming is offered statewide; NJCH main office is located in Trenton

WHEN: Over 300 free programs and events are provided annually

WHY: To strengthen our society and increase understanding of ourselves and those around us

HOW: By providing – through partnerships with other organizations – high-quality, free public humanities programming that explores history, culture, values, and beliefs



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MAJOR PROGRAMS

GRANTS

Support for nonprofits to develop meaningful humanities programs for audiences throughout NJ

OVERVIEW

- NJCH staff connects applicants to resources and assists them in preparing a competitive proposal
- Competitive grant process evaluates proposals for humanities content, community focus, and anticipated impact

INCUBATION GRANTS

- Incubation Grants support projects that are in development by providing funding for research, planning, or piloting
- Two grant rounds offered annually
- Awards up to \$5,000

ACTION GRANTS

- Action Grants implement new projects developed through previous planning processes or they can support the continuation or expansion of longstanding programs
- One grant round offered annually
- Awards up to \$20,000

HUMANITIES TO-GO

Grab and go programs that bring high quality humanities events to audiences statewide

PUBLIC SCHOLARS PROJECT

- Two hundred interactive humanities programs are subsidized each year for nonprofits and government entities
- PSP Catalogue features nearly 100 programs in categories such as *New Jersey*, *Experiences that Bind Us*, *History & Current Events*, and *Identity & Differences*

LITERATURE & MEDICINE

- Increases effective communication and empathy among healthcare staff, leading to better patient care
- Monthly sessions are subsidized for ten to twelve sites each year for 6 months of programming

MUSEUM ON MAIN STREET

- Museum on Main Street is part of a Smithsonian outreach program that engages small town audiences through traveling exhibitions
- Exhibitions travel to six communities throughout New Jersey
- The 2019-2020 exhibition is *Water/Ways*, an exploration of how water shapes our lives

HUMANITIES LAB

Collaborations which result in humanities programs that suit needs of individual communities

BLACK & BLUE TOGETHER

- A discussion program for law enforcement professionals and youth that encourages both to better understand each others' perspectives
- Piloted in Newark, Bridgeton, and Paterson
- Supported by the Dodge Foundation

COMIC BOOK LITERACY

- Engages urban youth in a creative process to reinforce artistic, reading, writing, and comprehension skills for success in school, work, and life

OUR REACH



Locations of NJCH-funded events from 2015-2017