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NJCH to Host Discussion Series – “What is *your* water story?”

(Trenton, NJ) – In conjunction with the traveling “Museum on Main Street” exhibition *Water/Ways*, the New Jersey Council for the Humanities will host a complementary statewide community discussion series entitled “What is *your* water story?” This water-themed conversation program will be held in all twenty-one counties in New Jersey between July 2019 and April 2020. The community conversations series will coincide with the NJCH-sponsored *Water/Ways* tour in New Jersey. Rowan University professors Dr. Jennifer Kitson and Megan Bucknum will facilitate each of the “What is *your* water story?” events.

Each community conversation invites participants to share and/or listen and to meaningful memories and experiences of water in New Jersey. Participants will have the opportunity to contribute their water story to a statewide public archive documenting personal connections to water and waterways in New Jersey.

Water/Ways is a Smithsonian Institution “Museum on Main Street” (MoMS) traveling exhibition. Over ten months, the exhibit will travel to Lake Hopatcong Foundation in Landing, Ocean County Library in Toms River, Wheaton Arts and Cultural Center in Millville, the Cape May Ferry Terminal in Cape May, the Red Mill Museum Village in Clinton, and the West Deptford Public Library in West Deptford.

A full list of “What is *your* water story?” locations, dates, and times can be found at njhumanities.org.

About the New Jersey Council for the Humanities

The New Jersey Council for the Humanities is a nonprofit state partner of the National Endowment for the Humanities. NJCH harnesses the power of the humanities to strengthen our pluralistic society. We envision a New Jersey that delights in diversity, appreciates that there are no easy answers, and finds joy and understanding in the humanities. We work statewide with cultural and community organizations to bring dynamic programming to the local level.

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