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ST CHARLES, MO – Missouri Humanities distributed funding under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to help restore the health of our cultural and educational institutions and bring economic recovery to the thousands of Americans they employ. Under this statewide initiative, the Missouri Humanities provided **29 Organizations with \$878,196 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)** monies received via the National Endowment for the Humanities, as directed by Congress. The Missouri Humanities strives to develop and utilize our rich history and vibrant cultural heritage to stimulate economic revitalization in Missouri, with a special emphasis on rural economic development. Missouri Humanities, as do all State Humanities Councils, seeks to serve the smallest and most vulnerable communities and institutions across our state, consistently reaching into areas that receive few other cultural resources. As such, Missouri Humanities focused on small to mid-sized cultural organizations and entities that emphasize a local, intrastate, regional, or statewide reach. The National Endowment for the Humanities and the Federation of State Humanities Councils recognize that Missouri Humanities maintains an excellent relationship with local humanities organizations throughout the cultural sectors of the state.

Lori L. Pratt with the Audrain Historical Society said this about the ARPA funding, “*we send a big thank you to Steve and the Committee for helping us out with this grant for our festival, Walk Back In Time. Thank you for swooping in at the very last minute and saving the day. It was a successful weekend full of history, education, laughs and friendship.*”

With this new discretionary funding source, we intend to restore and sustain their core activities to spur economic revitalization across Missouri, especially in the rural areas.

Missouri Humanities (MH) is a 501c (3) non-profit organization that promotes a thoughtful, informed, and civil society through early childhood literacy programming, nationally recognized veteran writing workshops, funding humanities scholars and their work, and collaboration with libraries, historical societies, universities, and other cultural partners. MHC is funded through grants and donations, the National Endowment for the Humanities, and the State of Missouri. For more information, please visit www.mohumanities.org or follow MHC on Twitter (@MoHumanities) and Facebook /MoHumanities).

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