



FOR A THOUGHTFUL, INFORMED, AND CIVIL SOCIETY  
2016 ANNUAL REPORT

## MISSION STATEMENT:

To enrich lives and strengthen communities by connecting Missourians with the people, places, and ideas that shape our society.

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## PROUDLY SERVING

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VETERANS



FAMILIES



STUDENTS &  
TEACHERS



LOCAL MUSEUMS  
& LIBRARIES



COMMUNITIES



LIFELONG  
LEARNERS



*Missouri Humanities Council is a 501(c)(3) organization that was created in 1971 under authorizing legislation from the U.S. Congress to serve as one of 56 state and territorial humanities councils that are affiliated with the National Endowment for the Humanities.*

## Fiscal Year 2016 Financial Summary

### INCOME

|   |                    |
|---|--------------------|
| NEH Multi-Year Award                          | \$801,380*         |
| Missouri Cultural Trust<br>Spending Authority | \$1,341,700**      |
| Contributions                                 | \$21,917           |
| Other Income                                  | \$14,492           |
| <b>TOTAL INCOME</b>                           | <b>\$2,179,489</b> |

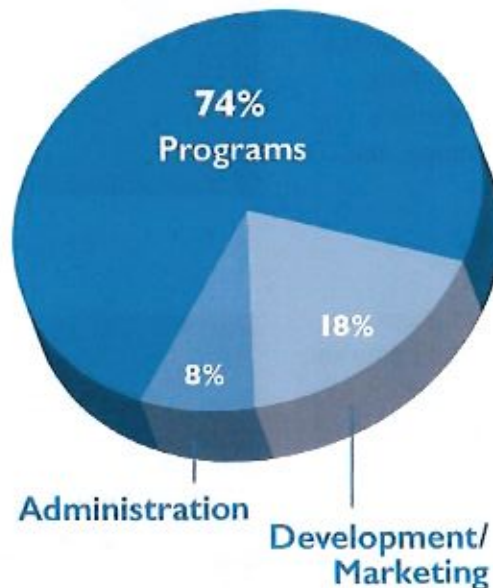
\* Multi-year Grant which carries forward through 2018

\*\* FY2016 draw down of \$495,550—remainder not available until FY2017.

### EXPENSES

|   |                        |
|---|------------------------|
| MHC Programs  | \$866,741              |
| Grants and Sponsorships                                 | \$474,403              |
| <b>Subtotal: Programs, Grants,<br/>and Sponsorships</b> | <b>\$1,341,144</b>     |
| Administrative  | \$149,397              |
| Development and Marketing                               | \$318,528              |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>                                   | <b>\$1,809,069</b>     |
| <br><b>ENDING NET ASSETS</b>                            | <br><b>\$2,646,175</b> |

### Allocation of Expenses



## Special Initiatives (Grant-Awarded)



**Humanities in the Public Square:** MHC engaged partners across the state for a project called, *E Pluribus Unum? Missouri and the Fractured Society*. This project used various humanities disciplines to address cultural polarization and offer new forms of understanding. Major components included a two-day opening kickoff and seminar at the Missouri History Museum, panel discussions, documentary viewings, traveling exhibits, cultural programming, and neighborhood-based events that reinforced the public dimension of the theme.

**Pulitzer Prize Initiative:** In celebration of 100 years of Pulitzer Prizes, MHC's Pulitzer Centennial program included a multi-part project comprised of lectures, panel discussions, traveling exhibitions, and high school workshops that were freely accessible and widely advertised in Columbia, Kansas City, and St. Louis. This project featured a cross-section of Pulitzer Prize-winning subjects from investigative journalism, feature writing, editorial cartooning, and playwriting.



**Humanities and the Legacy of Race:** Partnering with Forward Through Ferguson, MHC sponsored an interactive timeline of key events in St. Louis and national history that impacted racial disparity in the education system. This timeline has traveled (and will continue to travel) to local schools, public spaces, and events where gathered crowds/attendees/students are encouraged to add their knowledge to the timeline and engage in conversations surrounding its themes.



## Heritage Programs

MHC's German Heritage Corridor received legislative designation in June 2016, when Governor Nixon signed HB 1851 into law. The legislation officially established



GERMAN  
HERITAGE  
CORRIDOR  
*of Missouri*

"Missouri's German Heritage Corridor," which comprises 16 counties along the Missouri River, including St. Louis City, valued for their heavy concentration of original German culture. Funding for the Corridor will support public programming, interpretive components, and exhibits.



MHC's Civil War Heritage Program, in partnership with the Missouri Civil War Heritage Foundation, and the Kentucky Humanities Council completed a third leg of the Ulysses S. Grant Trail this past year. Seven additional educational panels were erected throughout the state, and the annual U.S. Grant Symposium was held in July 2016 at the Missouri Civil War Museum.

This year also saw the debut of a new Native American Heritage program. MHC has collaborated with numerous American Indian tribes that once resided in Missouri to implement a myriad of programs and projects to support and preserve their cultures within the state.

## Education Programs



**Exhibits:** In July, MHC contracted with the Smithsonian Institution to tour *Hometown Teams: How Sports Shape America*, which will travel the state from April 2018 to January 2019; *The Missouri Plan* exhibit, which educates viewers on how judges are selected in the State of Missouri, attracted 11,500 people as it traveled the state; and finally, MIIC

began a partnership with the Springfield-Greene County Library District to develop *Missouri and the Great War*, an exhibit commemorating the centennial of World War I.

**Show Me Missouri: Conversations about Missouri's Past, Present, and Future** is a Speakers Bureau program organized and managed by MHC and the State Historical Society of Missouri. A roster of 30-35 scholars and experts give presentations on topics related to the history, culture, geography, and people of Missouri for community-based organizations around the state. During FY2016, the Speakers Bureau presented 31 programs in 23 counties.

**Civics Education Initiative:** MHC has partnered with the Kinder Institute on Constitutional Democracy at the University of Missouri to create an annual Summer Teachers Academy. The Academy had 20 participants at its inaugural program in Columbia, MO in the summer of 2016. This teacher education workshop will serve as the foundation for additional MHC programs for Missouri's K-12 social studies teachers, promoting civics education in our state.

## Grants Program

With support from MHC's grants program, Missouri citizens and organizations are conducting and experiencing more worthwhile humanities projects than ever before. In FY2016, MHC awarded \$474,403 in grants and sponsorships statewide, supporting more than 100 Missouri-based nonprofit organizations in 25 counties. Collectively, the projects funded by MHC grants and sponsorships reached nearly 200,000 Missourians in FY2016. For a full list of FY2016 grant recipients, visit [www.mohumanities.org](http://www.mohumanities.org).



## Family Programs



MHC's family reading program, **Read from the Start (RFTS)**, empowers parents/caregivers to engage their young children with books, storytelling, and learning methods that are designed to improve school readiness and foster a lifelong love of reading. Through the guidance of certified Discussion Leaders, these hands-on workshops allow participants to discuss and enjoy high-quality books, which are given to participants free of charge. In partnership with organizations who share a commitment to family reading and literacy, MHC presented 90 RFTS programs, reaching 1,638 parents/caregivers, in FY2016.

## Veterans Programs



In collaboration with the VA St. Louis Medical System at Jefferson Barracks-Occupational Therapy, the St. Louis Public Library, Olin Library at Drury University, and Kansas City Public Library, MHC offered four Veterans Writing Workshops with 73 total participants in FY2016. The workshops are free, taught by professional writers, and provide veterans and their families with guidance—over multiple sessions—to tell their stories.

This fiscal year, MHC also celebrated the release of the 4th Volume of the *Proud to Be: Writing by American Warriors* anthology series. MHC, in partnership with Southeast Missouri State University Press, publishes this creative writing anthology of poetry, fiction, essays, interviews, and photography submitted by and about veterans from across the nation.



## 2016 Humanities Awards & Gala



The Humanities Awards & Gala, held in April of 2016, was a terrific success. MHC celebrated five individuals/organizations for their work in the humanities throughout the state of Missouri. The celebration was hosted at the historic Barnett on Washington in the heart of downtown St. Louis, with Judge Stephen Limbaugh, Jr. serving as the ceremony's keynote speaker.

*2016 Awardees included:*

**Senator Roy Blunt**  
*Legislator of the Year*

**Dan Burkhardt**  
Magnificent Missouri, Katy Land Trust  
*Partnership in the Humanities*

**Joan Musbach**  
Webster University—St. Louis, MO  
*Excellence in Education*

**Gary Fuenfhausen, Amy Hunter**  
St. Joseph Museums  
*Exemplary Community Achievement*

**Dr. Daniel Mandell**  
Truman State University  
*Distinguished Literary Achievement.*



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