



—— 2017 ANNUAL REPORT ——

FOR A THOUGHTFUL, INFORMED, AND CIVIL SOCIETY

## 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**

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*The Missouri Humanities Council (MHC) is a 501(c)(3)  
nonprofit 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 2017 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

### INCOME

NEH Multi Year	\$839,460 *
Missouri Cultural Trust	
Spending Authority	\$668,500 **
Contributions	\$38,569
Other	\$23,272
	<b>\$1,569,801</b>

### EXPENSES

MHC Programs	\$1,075,901
Grants and Sponsorships	\$468,662

### SUBTOTAL:

<b>Programs, Grants, and Sponsorships</b>	<b>\$1,544,563</b>
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Administrative	\$96,308
Development and Marketing	\$204,826

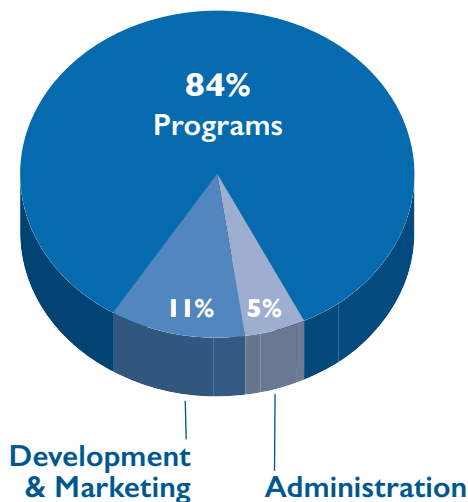
**\$1,845,697**

<b>ENDING NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$2,368,333</b>
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\* Multi-year grant which carries forward through 2021

\*\* FY2017 draw down of \$334,250—remainder not available until FY2018.

## Allocation of Expenses



For a full listing of donors, please visit [www.mohumanities.org](http://www.mohumanities.org)



## FAMILY PROGRAMS

MHC's family reading program, Read from the Start (RFTS), encourages parents/caregivers to read to their young children regularly—helping them to form early habits that foster a lifelong love of reading. Through the guidance of certified RFTS Discussion Leaders, these hands-on workshops provide participants with exciting ways to read as a family and discuss the same books they will take home free of charge. In partnership with organizations who share a commitment to family reading and literacy, MHC presented 81 RFTS programs in FY2017, reaching 1,143 parents/caregivers in 36 counties across the state of Missouri.

## VETERANS PROGRAMS

**Writing Workshops:** MHC offered five Veterans Writing Workshops with 101 total participants in FY2017. Each workshop consists of weekly sessions that span a five-week period. They are offered free of charge and taught by professional writers who provide guidance to both new and experienced writers learning to share their stories. Partner organizations include:

- VA St. Louis Health Care System at Jefferson Barracks Division—Occupational Therapy
- St. Louis Public Library
- F.W. Olin Library at Drury University
- Kansas City Public Library



**Anthology Series:** This fiscal year also marked the release of the fifth volume of our anthology series, *Proud to Be: Writing by American Warriors*. MHC, in partnership with Southeast Missouri State University Press, publishes this creative writing anthology with submissions by and about veterans from across the nation. There were 261 submissions reviewed for publication in the fifth volume, spanning multiple generations of combat and peacetime military experience.



## HERITAGE PROGRAMS

**Civil War Heritage:** The Fourth Annual Ulysses S. Grant Symposium was held on September 19, 2017 at Cape Girardeau's Heritage Hall. The event featured Ronald C. White, author of *American Ulysses* (Random House 2016) and several other Missouri scholars on the life and times of Ulysses S. Grant. The symposium was organized by Missouri's Civil War Heritage Foundation in collaboration with MHC.

**German Heritage:** In FY2017, MHC began work on a comprehensive interpretive plan for the German Heritage Corridor, which includes steps for implementing public programming, traveling and permanent exhibits, and digital components for the Corridor—a 16-county historic settlement tract (including St. Louis City) along the Missouri River. The finished product will guide the organization as we continue to raise awareness of Missouri's rich German heritage.



**Native American Heritage:** MHC partnered with TYCOR's Urban Tribal Embassy to host the Seventh Annual Harvest Moon American Indian Festival on October 7, 2017 in Kansas City. The event honored 13 American Indian Tribes with memorial plaques commemorating their contributions to the history and culture of Missouri.

MHC is also working to locate and mark historic sites along the Trail of Tears in Missouri—an ongoing project with important developments on the horizon.

**Cultural Heritage Workshops:** Our newest heritage initiative offers daylong workshops for rural communities. Nonprofit and educational professionals share with participants the tools and resources necessary to develop or expand cultural heritage programming in their communities.

## EDUCATION PROGRAMS

**Show Me Missouri:** Conversations about Missouri Past, Present, and Future is a Speakers Bureau program organized and managed by MHC and the State Historical Society of Missouri. A roster of 33 scholars and experts gave presentations on topics related to the history, culture, geography, and people of Missouri for community-based organizations around the state. During FY2017, MHC offered 55 programs to a collective audience of over 2,500.

**Civics Education Initiative:** The Second Annual Missouri Summer Teachers Academy was held June 12-15, 2017 in Columbia. The Summer Teachers Academy enables high school social studies educators from all corners of the state to gain further expertise in their primary subject fields by spending three days closely studying a theme from American political and constitutional history alongside Mizzou faculty and other regional scholars. The theme for the 2017 Teachers Academy was the origins and ever-evolving legacy of the Bill of Rights.

## Exhibits:

**Missouri Over There** is a traveling exhibit commemorating the centennial of America's entry into World War I and the 156,000 Missourians who served in the war. The exhibit opened in July 2017 at the Missouri State Capitol. It was created in partnership with the Springfield-Greene County Library and will travel to different host locations around the state until December 2019.

**The Bill of Rights:** MHC placed pop-up exhibits commemorating the 225th anniversary of the Bill of Rights in 22 libraries across the state. The exhibits were provided free of charge by The National Archives and the Federation of State and Territorial Humanities Councils and included guides for public programming and online education. Programs offered at host libraries in Missouri have included a range of panel discussions and guest speakers that explored the power of the Bill of Rights and our enduring system of government.



## SPRINGFIELD OFFICE

In August of 2017, MHC opened a new office in Springfield in partnership with the newly formed Humanities and Ethics Center at Drury University. Dr. Katherine Gilbert, Associate Professor of English at Drury, serves as MHC's Field Representative for the Springfield Office. With her support, MHC is using this satellite location to increase its programmatic output in the rural areas of Missouri.

*Below, L to R: Dr. William S. Belko, Executive Director, MHC; Dr. Katherine Gilbert, Springfield Field Rep., MHC; Dr. J. Timothy Cloyd, President of Drury University;*







## 2017 HUMANITIES AWARDS & GALA

The Annual Humanities Awards & Gala, held in September of 2017, was a terrific success. The evening honored three awardees for their work in and dedication to the humanities throughout the state of Missouri.

**Tim Novak**

*Keynote Speaker*

**Kinder Institute on Constitutional Democracy**

*Awardee - Partnership in the Humanities*

**Kansas City Public Library**

*Awardee - Exemplary Community Achievement*

**Gary Gackstatter**

*Awardee - Excellence in Education*



*Tim Novak*



*L to R: Dr. Justin Dyer (Kinder Institute), R. Crosby Kemper III (KC Public Library), Gary Gackstatter*

## GRANTS

In FY2017, MHC awarded \$468,662 in grants and sponsorships statewide, supporting seventy-five Missouri non-profit organizations (43 grant awardees, 32 sponsorships) in twenty-three counties. The projects funded by these annual awards reach approximately 150,000 individuals each year.

ORGANIZATION	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	COUNTY
<b>Turn the Page KC</b>	My Very Own Library KC	Jackson
<b>St. Joseph Museums, Inc.</b>	WWI, St. Joseph: Reflections on Community and Conflict	Buchanan
<b>Solid Lines Productions</b>	Kimchee and Chitlins	Saint Louis City
<b>Doniphan Neighborhood Assistance Program, Inc.</b>	Doniphan Civil War Heritage	Ripley
<b>Bread &amp; Roses - Missouri</b>	Curriculum Development: Community Exploration - Home, Family, Work - Phase I	Saint Louis City
<b>St. Louis African Chorus dba African Musical Arts</b>	Sonic Safari for Schools	Saint Louis City
<b>Bolduc House Museum</b>	Bolduc House Museum Young People's Hands-on History Program Expansion	Sainte Genevieve
<b>Missouri State University - Research Administration</b>	The Women on the Mother Road in Missouri	Greene
<b>Bread &amp; Roses - Missouri</b>	Curriculum Development: Community Exploration - Home, Family, Work - Phase 2	Saint Louis City
<b>Scott Joplin Intl Ragtime Foundation</b>	America's Music & Sedalia in the 1890's 2016 Feature Exhibits	Pettis
<b>For the People Pow Wow Committee</b>	10th Annual For the People Pow Wow	Cass
<b>University City Public Library</b>	Big Book Challenge: David Copperfield was Born Bright	Saint Louis
<b>Nodaway County Historical Society</b>	Vietnam and Korean War Oral History Project	Nodaway
<b>Powers Museum</b>	2017 Annual Exhibit "Celebrating Carthage" 175th Anniversary through Artifacts	Jasper
<b>Junior College District of Metropolitan Kansas City</b>	2017 MCC Storytelling Celebration	Jackson
<b>Marthasville Area Chamber of Commerce</b>	Marthasville Bicentennial Celebration - Heritage Festival	Warren
<b>University of Central Missouri - Religious Studies</b>	Trading Moon Pow Wow and Instructional Series on Native Culture	Johnson
<b>University of Central Missouri - Department of History, Anthropology, Africana Studies, and Social Studies</b>	"Centennial of Women's Suffrage Speaker and Event Series"	Johnson
<b>Griot Museum of Black History</b>	The Griot Museum of Black History Exhibition Series	Saint Louis City



<b>Lindenwood University Archaeology Laboratory</b>	The Search for the Steamboat Far West	Saint Charles
<b>Truman Library Institute</b>	Exhibition Related Teachers Conference and Public Programming	Jackson
<b>Big River Association (River Styx)</b>	River-Styx Reading Series at Contemporary Art Museum St. Louis	Saint Louis City
<b>Cinema St. Louis</b>	Mean Streets: Viewing the Divided City Through the Lens of Film and Television	Saint Louis City
<b>Saint Louis University</b>	The Justice Fleet Mobile Museums	Saint Louis City
<b>Mark Twain Home Foundation</b>	The Inspiration for Tom Sayer	Marion
<b>Central Plains Pow Wow Committee</b>	2nd Annual Central Plains Inter-Tribal Pow Wow	Randolph
<b>Main Street Chillicothe</b>	Sliced Bread Saturday Heritage Festival	Livingston
<b>Washington Tourism Commission</b>	Haunted History Tours	Franklin
<b>Jazz St. Louis</b>	2017-2018 Whitaker Jazz Speaks Series	Saint Louis City
<b>The Columbia Book Festival, Inc.</b>	The Unbound Book Festival - 2018	Boone
<b>Puppetry Arts Institute</b>	Encouraging family Reading through Puppetry and Classical Books	Jackson
<b>Platte Citizens for the Law and Humanities</b>	Symposium on the Missouri Non-Partisan Court Plan	Buchanan
<b>Downtown Excelsior Partnership</b>	Downtown Excelsior Springs Historic Plaque Program	Clay
<b>Missouri Main Street Connection</b>	Telling the Missouri Story: 2018 Main Street Now Conference Mobile Workshops and Educational Sessions	Taney
<b>Kaysinger Basin Regional Planning Commission</b>	Sac Osage Quilt Block	Henry
<b>Gem Theater Cultural/ Performing Arts</b>	Virgil Thomson: Creating the American Sound	Jackson
<b>A Call to Conscience, Inc.</b>	A Call to Conscience 2017-18 Season: Breaking Barriers	Saint Louis City
<b>Bach Aria Soloists</b>	The Central Library Community Concert featuring world-renowned Bach Scholar Markus Rathey	Jackson
<b>Curators of University of Missouri, Columbia</b>	Missouri Self-Taught: Lanford Wilson and the American Drama	Boone
<b>Linneus Museum Association</b>	Reaching Out to Linn County	Linn
<b>United Inner City Services- St. Mark Child and Family Development Center</b>	UICS Showcase and Fall Festival	Jackson
<b>Daniel Boone Regional Library - Columbia</b>	Daniel Boone Regional Library presents, "Riders on the Orphan Train"	Boone
<b>True/False Film Festival</b>	True/False Film Fest Filmmaker Education Ambassadors	Boone

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