HUMANITIES WASHINGTON

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OUR MISSION:

Humanities Washington sparks conversation and critical thinking using story as a catalyst, nurturing thoughtful and engaged communities across our state.

ast year was one of growth and achievement for Humanities Washington. Following a rigorous strategic planning process, in which we redeveloped our mission statement and put story and conversation at the core of our work, we continued to evolve our programs to reflect that mission.

In this annual report, we are excited to share our 2013 program accomplishments with you:

- The new **Prime Time Family Reading** program was expanded to several parts of the state to bring families together and use reading and storytelling to explore ethical and cultural questions.
- Grants created opportunities for people throughout the state to come together and use the humanities to promote critical thinking around important community issues. Examples of these programs include discussions of tribal recognition in Vancouver and community engagement in Spokane.



To accompany Humanities Washington's traveling exhibit, the Asotin County Library hosted a "Be a Time Traveler" day with puzzles for children. | Photo by Rochelle Feil Adamowsky



Participants enjoy themselves at a Speakers Bureau talk in Bellingham in 2013. | Photo by Adam Knight

- The **Speakers Bureau** brought more than 200 conversations to museums, libraries and community centers around the state on topics like human trafficking and historical fiction.
- Our **Traveling Exhibit**, *Hope in Hard Times*, visited several museums and libraries throughout the state. It encouraged each community to compare the struggles of the 1930s to those faced today.
- Think & Drink brought programming to unexpected venues and new audiences in Seattle, Spokane, Yakima and Tacoma. Topical issues such as healthcare, urban planning and the Latino experience sparked lively discussions.
- The 2012-14 Washington State Poet Laureate, Kathleen Flenniken, inspired awareness and appreciation of poetry with public readings and workshops throughout the state.

Humanities Washington is honored to have served the state of Washington for 40 years, and we look forward to being a crucial force for promoting the importance of humanities in the coming decades. We are honored to have your steadfast support. *We could not have accomplished these programs without you*, and for that we are very thankful.

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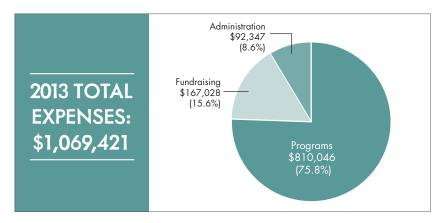
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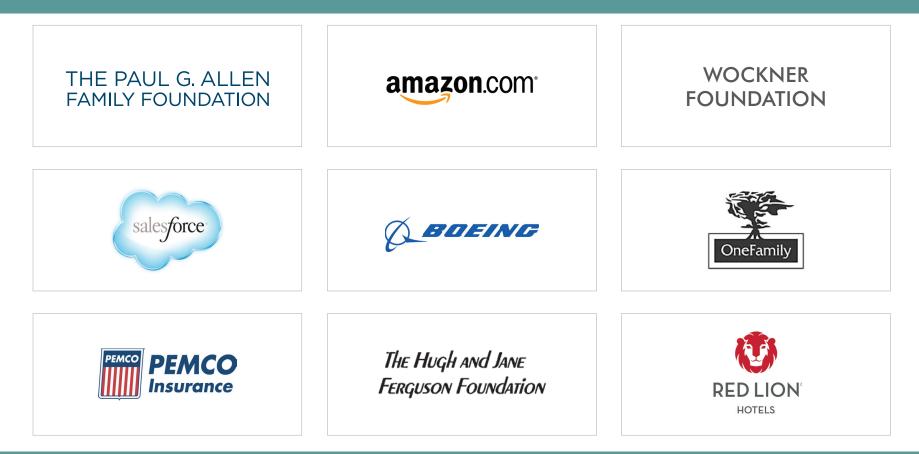
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