Washington state is a wonderful and beautiful place to live—a state full of engaged and inquisitive communities. However, I think we can agree that like other states, we also face socio-economic challenges. I am proud to work with Humanities Washington, an organization committed to using the humanities as a tool to address these issues. Our programs enable reflection and build connections through constructive dialogue. Together we are building a Washington that is a great place for all to live.

We are particularly proud of the following 2014 accomplishments:

- Dramatic expansion of Prime Time Family Reading.
- Launch of Washington Stories Fund, sharing little-known stories of the people of our state.
- A year-long focus on Race, Place & Culture for Think & Drink.

We could not have accomplished these milestones without you. We are deeply grateful for your support, involvement and advocacy of the humanities in your community.

Cynthia Wells
Board Chair

Humanities Washington is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization in Washington state.
**2014 TOTAL EXPENSES:** $1,098,720

**2014 IMPACT BY THE NUMBERS**

- **Programs** $803,797 (73%)
- **Fundraising** $183,001 (17%)
- **Administrative** $111,922 (10%)

**READINGS AND CONVERSATIONS**

- 3,174 Children and families reached through the Prime Time Family Reading Program; more than twice the number of 2013
- 4,927 Attendees at events held by Poet Laureate Elizabeth Austen
- 782 Participants at Think & Drinks
- 7,110 Attendees at Speakers Bureau presentations

**GRANTMAKING AND FUNDRAISING**

- 401 Bedtime Stories attendees in Seattle and Spokane
- 47 Grants funded in 2014; up from 35 in 2013

**REACH**

- 113 cities served across the state
- 36 counties served of 39

**EXHIBITS & MEDIA**

- 719,041 Travelers reached by Hope in Hard Times exhibit at SeaTac airport
- 3,090 Followers on social media, up 25% from 2013
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“I wanted you to know that I greatly enjoyed your class and found you a wonderful teacher. Thank you so much for sharing your poetry, your knowledge and yourself. I had an enjoyable and inspirational experience.”

—Poet Laureate program participant Pat Rogers to Elizabeth Austen

“T ore in the high quality humanities programs that are offered for kids and adults in my rural community and across the state.”

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Collaborating to Engage Communities in Every Corner of the State

For a complete list of our partners, visit humanities.org/about/annual-reports/partners2014

Stories have power. Transformative power.

I’ve believed this since I was very young, when a visit to my grandma’s book room opened my eyes to history and sparked a passion for lifelong learning.

And I’ve regularly seen the power of story in action through the work of Humanities Washington: Speakers engaging people of all ages and backgrounds in discussion, Think & Drink events inspiring conversation and community, a reading program that brings children and parents closer with a shared joy for books.

In myriad ways, Humanities Washington uses story to enrich our communities and make our state a better place to live.

With this in mind, I was honored to become a Spark Society member. This new monthly giving club allows me to easily support the essential work Humanities Washington does from Seattle to Spokane. The amount I give each month adds up—especially when joined with the support of others who share my belief in the power of story.

Perhaps that’s you? If so, I hope you’ll join me in the Spark Society!

— T. Andrew Wahl

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ABOUT HUMANITIES WASHINGTON

As the state’s flagship nonprofit for the humanities, our work brings people together to learn about their unique pasts and shared present, promotes respect for other perspectives, encourages community dialogue and nurtures relationships that enable us to move toward a more prosperous future.

By acting as a catalyst and facilitator, we support and partner with a wide network of communities, organizations and individuals across the state. Together, we provide low- or no-cost, high-quality cultural and educational programs that engage audiences in conversation, civil discourse and critical thinking.

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

OUR PROGRAMS

**BEDTIME STORIES** celebrates critically acclaimed Northwest writers, who unveil new short stories created specifically for annual dinner galas in Seattle and Spokane.

**FAMILY READING** uses storytelling and discussion to explore cultural and ethical themes in children’s literature and emphasizes the importance of families reading together.

**GRANTS** assist local organizations in creating opportunities for their community to come together to discuss important issues using the humanities.

**SPEAKERS BUREAU** draws from a pool of leading cultural experts and scholars to provide free conversational lecture events for community partners to offer local audiences throughout the state.

**THINK & DRINK** brings hosted conversations on provocative topics and new ideas to pubs and tasting rooms around the state.

**WASHINGTON STATE POET LAUREATE** builds awareness and appreciation of poetry—including the state’s legacy of poetry—through public readings, workshops, lectures and presentations throughout the state. (In partnership with ArtsWA.)

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Additional information about any of our programs: humanities.org/programs