Creating public spaces where diverse ideas and dialogue flourish
Dear friends,

I am writing to you from a coffee shop, next to which sits an inconspicuous piece of the Berlin Wall—a souvenir from a different time and place that serves as a warning to us today. This battered, spray-painted chunk of concrete is a monument to the great—and desperate—lengths some in power will go to build physical and ideological barriers in an attempt to divide and separate us. In America’s current cultural moment, the need to bridge our differences is perhaps more profound than it’s been since the Civil War.

Humanities Washington strengthens our communities by creating “public squares” where people exchange ideas and explore and appreciate the full range of perspectives and experiences of their neighbors. These interactions connect us to our community. They help us develop a sense of the common good and build social trust, making it possible to discover shared solutions to tough problems.

More and more of you are hungry for these kinds of opportunities to come together with your neighbors, to engage in positive dialogues, and to explore new ideas. In 2017 our total program audience increased by an incredible 30%. I encourage you to invite a friend to a Humanities Washington event. And please also let us know what social and cultural issues are top of mind for you and your community. We are inspired by your passion and we look forward to serving even more of you in 2018 and beyond.

The Berlin Wall has now been gone for longer than it stood. Let it be a tombstone on a history of divisiveness, and let us look toward a future that celebrates our unique perspectives, traditions, and experiences.

In gratitude,

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2017 Humanities Washington Stats

Year Founded: 1973

Program Attendance: 63,531

141 cities and towns hosted events

Serving Washington Communities from Aberdeen to Asotin

Number of programs and events: 689

Number of partners and host organizations: 352

942 people attended 17 Think & Drink Events

848 children & families participated in 18 Family Reading Programs

12,843 people attended 308 Speakers Bureau Presentations

10,841 people participated in 162 Poet Laureate Events

37,187 people attended 27 Grant-Funded Events

+ An additional 180,550 people reached online and through media appearances
OUR PROGRAMS & IMPACT

**PRIME TIME FAMILY READING**
Building strong readers, creating lifelong learners, and supporting academically at-risk children and their families.

93% of families report that they read more often together at home after participating.

**SPEAKERS BUREAU**
Creating hundreds of “public squares” around the state where people gather to discuss compelling social and cultural issues.

26% increase in presentations delivered statewide and 56 new community partners added.

**THINK & DRINK**
Community conversations on thought-provoking topics in fun social venues.

Attendees overwhelmingly report that they learn something new and that Think & Drink events spark dialogue on lively topics.

Poet Laureate Tod Marshall inspired thousands of Washingtonians during his tenure. Photo: Matt Owens

**POET LAUREATE***
Connecting Washingtonians with poetry as a means to see, interpret, and navigate the world and our experiences.

58,000 miles traveled by 2016-2017 poet laureate Tod Marshall around the state during his tenure.

**CENTER FOR WASHINGTON CULTURAL TRADITIONS***
A new effort to amplify our state’s rich, diverse living cultural treasures.

325 individuals and 80 organizations helped shape the Center’s purpose and programs.

* Presented in partnership with ArtsWA/Washington State Arts Commission.
Humanities Washington is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization in Washington state.

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2017 Total Expenses:
$1,290,184

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14%
$177,994

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$121,788

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