

*Creating public spaces
where diverse ideas and
dialogue flourish*

Annual Report 2017



Letter from our Executive Director

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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Julie". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid and elegant.

Julie Ziegler
Executive Director

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By the Numbers

2017 Humanities Washington Stats

Year Founded:
1973

Program Attendance:
63,531



Number of programs and events:
689

Number of partners and host organizations:
352

+ An additional
180,550
people reached online and through media appearances



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

OUR PROGRAMS & IMPACT



PRIME TIME FAMILY READING

Building strong readers, creating lifelong learners, and supporting academically at-risk children and their families.

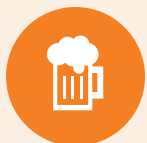
93% of families report that they read more often together at home after participating



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*

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



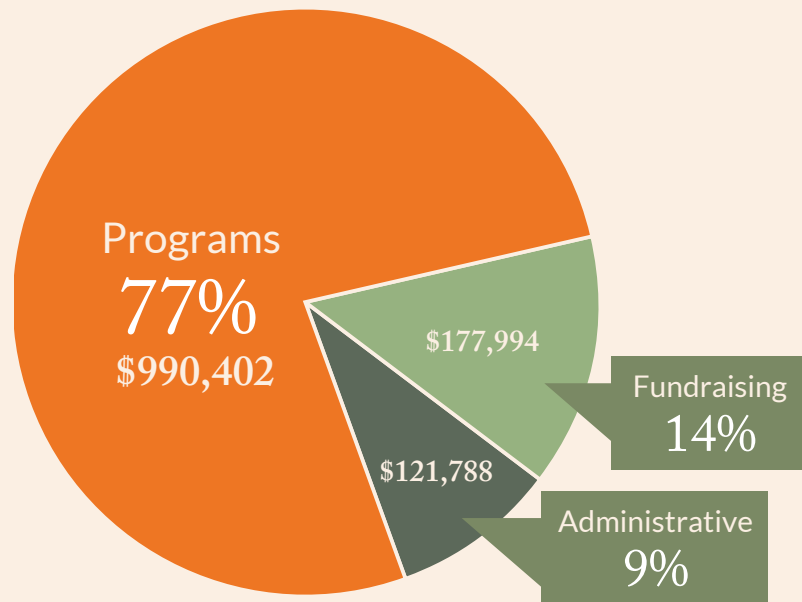
Poet Laureate Tod Marshall inspired thousands of Washingtonians during his tenure. Photo: Matt Owens

* Presented in partnership with ArtsWA/Washington State Arts Commission

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\$1,290,184



Audience at a Speakers Bureau event. Photo: Matt Owens



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Prime Time Family Reading participants. Photo: Kirk Hirota

OUR COMMUNITIES

Our programs take place in communities large and small, urban and rural, all across Washington State.



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Clinton	Lacey	Port Townsend	Vancouver
Colfax	Lakebay	Poulsbo	Vashon Island
College Place	Lakewood	Pullman	Walla Walla
Concrete	Langley	Puyallup	Washougal
Connell	Leavenworth	Quincy	Waterville
Coupeville	Lind	Raymond	Wenatchee
Cusick	Longbranch	Redmond	Westport
Dayton	Longview	Renton	White Center
Deer Park	Lopez Island	Richland	White Salmon
Des Moines	Lynden	Ritzville	Woodinville
Eastsound	Lynnwood	Rosalia	Yakima
Eatonville	Manson	Roslyn	Yelm
Edmonds	Medical Lake	Salkum	
Elbe	Mercer Island	Sammamish	
Ellensburg	Mineral	SeaTac	

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