Letter from the CEO

Dear friends,

I usually begin letters to our supporters by examining our polarized political climate, or our society’s need for connection, or the impact of one of our events. But for this one I will be blunt: 2018 was one of the best years in Humanities Washington’s history.

We held more Speakers Bureau events than at any time since the program began. Think and Drink attendance was the highest it’s ever been. We launched the Center for Washington Cultural traditions with ArtsWA, and hosted events with *New York Times* columnist Nicholas Kristof, renowned historian Doris Kearns Goodwin, and NPR journalist Joshua Johnson.

It’s clear that there is a hunger for Humanities Washington’s programming—for gathering together face-to-face to understand our world and each other. For seeing the human being behind the opinion, the fact, or the news story.

The phrase “we couldn’t do this without your support” is such a common one as to be numbing, but it bears reflecting on: all of you, from donors to trustees to event attendees, together built something meaningful last year. Humanities Washington is a small organization covering a large state with a giant mandate: to bridge the divides that separate us. Our staff of nine relies on your generosity like few others.

Though we are an organization that loves language, 2018 left us speechless. Thank you for making it a year beyond words.

In gratitude,

Julie Ziegler
CEO

IN 2018:

- We saw a 40% JUMP in the number of children attending Prime Time Family Reading.
- We held more Speakers Bureau events than at ANY TIME IN OUR HISTORY.
- More people attended Think & Drink events THAN EVER BEFORE.
- We welcomed a new Washington State Poet Laureate, CLAUDIA CASTRO LUNA.
- With ArtsWA, we launched the CENTER FOR WASHINGTON CULTURAL TRADITIONS.

Photos top to bottom: Think & Drink at the Wing Luke Museum, Prime Time Family Reading in Pasco, Claudia Castro Luna at the “Passing of the Laurel” event at the Seattle Public Library. Top and bottom photos: Matt Owens. Middle photo: Kirk Hirota.
IN 2018:

We held events with New York Times columnist NICHOLAS KRISTOF¹, NPR journalist JOSHUA JOHNSON², and renowned historian DORIS KEARNS GOODWIN³.
By the Numbers
2018 Humanities Washington Stats

1,273 children and families participated in 23 Family Reading Programs
8,444 people participated in 72 Poet Laureate Events
35,475 people attended 27 Grant-Funded Events
3,867 people attended 21 Think & Drink Events
11,786 people attended 337 Speakers Bureau Presentations
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Program Attendance: 67,789

142 cities and towns hosted events
Serving Washington Communities from Aberdeen to Yakima

Number of programs and events: 509
Number of partners and host organizations: 317
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PROGRAMS

**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. Managed in partnership with ArtsWA.

**CENTER FOR WASHINGTON CULTURAL TRADITIONS** is a new effort to amplify our state’s rich, diverse living cultural treasures through research and special programming. Managed in partnership with ArtsWA.

“I felt amazed and so privileged to be on the receiving end of such a concise and cohesive presentation. My family members in attendance shared a dinner following it, and continued to talk about it all, and shared again with other family members the next day. For us, the presentation had a certain balming affect — to be able to talk about politics and society without the heated exchange.” —Speakers Bureau attendee, Lakewood
Financials

2018 Total Expenses: $1,500,256

- Programs: $1,170,763 (78%)
- Fundraising: $203,520 (14%)
- Administrative: $125,973 (8%)

Humanities Washington is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization in Washington State.

SUPPORTERS

Organizations

- Amazon Literary Partnership
- Columbia Basin College
- Community Colleges of Spokane
- Discuren Foundation
- Federation of State Humanities Councils
- Fordham Street Foundation
- Friends of Steilacoom Library
- Friends of the Library of Walla Walla
- Gonzaga University
- Hyatt Centric – Times Square New York
- Kenneth and Marleen Alhadeff Charitable Foundation
- Marrella Fund
- National Endowment for the Humanities
- Norcliffe Foundation
- Norman Raab Foundation
- Office of the Secretary of State
- Safeco Insurance
- Salesforce Foundation
- Sno-Isle Libraries – Oak Harbor Library
- Spokane Public Library – Downtown Library
- Spokane Teachers Credit Union
- The Hugh and Jane Ferguson Foundation
- The Spokesman-Review
- Washington State Arts Commission
- Wockner Foundation
- Women Helping Women Fund
- Yakima Valley Community Foundation

“Humanities Washington programs are always informative, interesting, and worthwhile.”
- Audience member, Tumwater

Speakers Bureau event with Daudi Abe at Central Washington University. Photo: Shelby Hamblem.
Individuals

George Abeyta
Judith Adams
Dustyn Addington
Michael Aleman and Joanne Moyer
Echo Galbraith Allen and Asa Allen
Todd Arkley
Laurie Arnold
Peter Arnold
Elizabeth Austen and Eric Jordan
Sarah and Terry Bain
Suzanne Wilson Barnett and Redmond Barnett
Nancy and Jim Barthelmes
Sarah Bates
Michael Bauer
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Joanne Gordon Berk
Kristin Blalack and Gerald Suzawith
Jack and Connie Bloxom
Peg and Darrell Blue
Dave Boling
William Bonaudi and Terry Troutman
Nick and Lisa Bond
Robin and Trevor Bond
Ryan Booth
Betty Bostrom
Sue and Scot Bradley
Linda Breneman and Eric Strand
Rebecca Brenneman
Adam Brinson
Rebecca Brinbury
Randy and Diane Brincoln
Jake Brooks
Jonathan and Carol Buchter
Bruce Burger
John and Patsy Burgess
Virginia and Thomas Burns

Catherine Burroughs
Todd Butler
Marité Butners
David Byrne and Kirsten Conner
Deb Caletti and John Yurih
Brent Campbell
Joan Campbell
Jim Cantu
Thom and Lani Caraway
Isabel Carrera Zamanillo
Carolyn Casey and Martin Waidelich
Carol and Steve Cassella
Gina Castillo
Xavier Cavazos
Enrique Cerna
John and Sallie Chaney
Andrew and Susan Chanse
Susan and Paul Chapin
Paul Chiocco and Doug McCravy
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Veronica Cook
Brian and Nicole Cooney
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Rebecca Craven
Thomas Crisp
Walter Croshaw
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Pati Dahmen
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Goodwin and Theodore Deacon
Robin Dearling and Gary Ackerman
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Elizabeth Dennis
Gerald and Patty Dicker
Lynn Dissinger
Wayne Dodge and Lawrence Kreisman
James Doolittle
Diane Douglas and Steve Perlmutter
Jane Dudley
David Durante and Mark Buchthal
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Tom and Margaret Easthope
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Karen and Tom Ellick
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Peter Erickson and Brigitte Bertschi
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Larry and Beth Farley
Mary and Michael Farrell
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Patricia Ferrell
Kathleen and Steve Flenniken
Chio Flores
Jane and John Floyd
Kevin Fox
Karen Fraser
Mark Fritz
Pam and Bruce Gallaher
Matt Gani and Jennie Shortridge
Steven Garfinkle
Janet Garrow
Lee Ann Gekas

Matthew Powers, Vianna Davila, Eli Sanders, and Knute Berger at one of Humanities Washington’s state of journalism Think & Drink events. Photo: David Haldeman.
“Once again through Humanities Washington Speakers Bureau, we were able to highlight the library as a safe place to have difficult conversions, especially in a time of political turmoil. These programs help display to the community that the library is not only focused on the items in our collection, but also on becoming a community meeting center. Also, by doing cultural presentations we have increased audience development towards this type of program.” —Librarian, Lacey Timberland Library
If we have inadvertently omitted you, please accept our apologies and contact us at (206) 682-1770.

“\textbf{I think your organization and mission is absolutely essential. It’s also fantastically executed in my opinion. You have great people working for you, and choose excellent speakers. I haven’t had a single negative experience connected to HW.}”

— Response to host survey conducted January 2018
PARTNERS

American Association of University Women –
   Anacortes and Seattle Chapters
Aberdeen Timberland Library
Albion Library
Anacortes Public Library
Anderson Island Community Clubhouse
Anderson Park
Arlington Library
Asotin County Library
Associated Students of the University of Puget Sound
Associated Students of Washington State
University Tri-Cities
Auntie’s Bookstore
Bainbridge Island Museum of Art
Bainbridge Public Library
Bates Technical College Central Campus
Benaroya Hall
Blue Earth Alliance
Blue Sky Education Project
Boundary Bay Brewing
Brewster Junior/Senior High
Bridge Park Retirement Community
Broadview Thompson K-8
Burke Museum
Burlington Edison High School
Burlington Public Library
Casa Latina
Cascade View Elementary School
Cashmere Public Library
Centilia Cultural Center
Central Elementary
Central Skagit Library
Central Washington University
Central Washington University Museum of
   Culture & Environment
Centralia College
Centralia College East
Chelan Public Library
Chimacum Elementary School
City of Long Beach
Clallam Bay Corrections Center Library
Clover Creek Elementary
Clover Park School District
Coastal Interpretive Center
Columbia Basin College
Common Area Maintenance
Concrete Theatre
Confluence Gallery & Art Center
Confluence Project
Country Inn
Coupeville Library
Covenant Shores Retirement Community
Curlew Public Library
Darrington Library
Daughters of the American Revolution,
   Karneetsa Chapter
Dayton Elementary School
Dayton High School
Dayton Memorial Library
Delany Building
Douglas County Historical Society
Dry Creek Elementary
Duvall Library
Eastern Washington University/ EWU in the High School
Eastside Preparatory School
Eatonville High School
Edmonds Library
Elliott Bay Book Company
Ephrata Public Library
Everett Community College
Everett Public Library
Fairwood Library
Fall City Elementary
Fall City Library
Federal Way Library
First United Methodist Church for Olympia,
   United Methodist Women
Fort Vancouver Regional Libraries
Foundry Vineyard
Freeland Library
Friends of Denny Ashby Library
Friends of Mukai
Friends of the Key Center Library
Fryelands Elementary
Garden Heights Elementary
Gilbert Cellars
Gonzaga University
Grand Coulee Public Library
Grant Elementary
Grass Lake Elementary
Green River College
Greenwood Senior Center
Harbor History Museum
Harrington Opera House Society
Harstine Island Community Club
Highline Historical Society
Horizon House
Hugo House
Ikebana International, Tacoma-Olympia Chapter 147
Issaquah History Museums
Issaquah Valley Elementary
Jefferson County Historical Society
Jefferson County Library – Port Hadlock
Job Carr Cabin Museum
Karshner Museum and Center for Culture and Arts
Kennewick High School
Kent Sister City Association
King County Library System
“I cannot say enough about the timeliness of Claudia as our Washington State Poet Laureate. Her grace and deep caring about poetry, language, and all people from diverse backgrounds and cultures are exactly what is needed at this time. She is a wonder and a true ambassador of poetry and of peace-making.”

—Merna Hecht, organizer, Vashon Books

CWCT Apprentices

Tiffany Chan
Courtney Elton
Andrew Finley
Lorane Denise Gamber
Emily Hillenbrand
Kate Lebo
Rohini Mathur
Colby Russell
Lakshmi Priya Sekhar
Clayton Tupper

CWCT Master Artists

Deepti Agrawal
Preetha Babu

Shawn Brigman
Denise Emerson
Lora Lea Misterly
Shui Ng
Nicholas Petrish
Ed Salerno
DJ Stull
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