IN 2019:

Prime Time Family Reading served OVER 1,400 PEOPLE — nearly 400 families — in 23 Washington counties, a growth of 18% over the previous year.

› 550 people attended “What Our Smartphones Are Doing to Our Minds,” a lecture at Gonzaga with renowned author Nicholas Carr.

› Poet Laureate Claudia Castro Luna launched “One River, Many Voices,” a series of readings and events along the Columbia River thanks to a $100,000 grant.

› Conducted the first Prime Time program in partnership with a county housing authority, serving residents of Pope Francis Haven in Spokane.

Our programs reached ALL 39 COUNTIES in Washington State.

› Launched a new public humanities fellows program for early-career humanities professionals who are passionate about developing humanities programs in their communities.

› Redesigned our flagship print magazine, Spark.

Photos: (Top) Prime Time Family Reading at the Oak Harbor Library. (Bottom) Speakers Bureau presenter Mayumi Tsutakawa at the Museum of Northwest Art, La Conner.
## IN 2019:

### We held 412 Speakers Bureau events, THE MOST IN OUR HISTORY

- Developed a new Prime Time curriculum to align with current diversity, equity, and inclusion standards.
- Implemented a preschool component to serve younger siblings of Prime Time participants.
- The Center for Washington Cultural Traditions concluded its Cultural Traditions field survey of the Yakima Valley, and began its survey of the Twin Harbors region.
- The Center’s Heritage Arts Apprenticeship program expanded to 15 pairs of master artists and apprentices, and with ArtsWA, held a business skills workshop for folk and traditional artists.

### Think & Drink events held included:

- One Click Away: Hate and the Internet
- Breaking News: The State of American Journalism
- The Speed of Deceit: The New Era of Online Lies and Misinformation
- Traditional Culture, Modern Tech (with the Center for Washington Cultural Traditions)

“Humanities Washington talks always improve our program quality and audience members are given the opportunity to engage in meaningful discussions with each other, taking them outside of media and into face-to-face interactions.” —Librarian, South Hill
By the Numbers
2019 Humanities Washington Stats

Program Attendance: 88,624

1,157 people attended 8 Think & Drink Events
8,365 children and families participated in 24 Family Reading Programs
14,383 people attended 412 Speakers Bureau Presentations
7,654 people participated in 90 Poet Laureate Events
45,357 people attended 30 Grant-Funded Events

173 cities and towns hosted events

Serving Washington Communities from Aberdeen to Yelm

Number of programs and events: 654
Number of partners and host organizations: 394
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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.

“The Prime Time program has been one of the most meaningful and rewarding opportunities I have experienced in the 10 years I have been a children’s librarian.” — Storyteller, Pierce County
Humanities Washington is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization in Washington State.

Financials

2019 Total Expenses:
$1,675,174

Programs
76%
$1,274,856

Fundraising
12%
$199,920

Administrative
12%
$200,398

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“So rich, potent, and relevant. Testimonials from audience were especially poignant. Complex, contradictory, and powerful."
—Think & Drink attendee, Town Hall
Individuals

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Photo: Speaker Tessa Hulls at the Wenatchee Library.
“I like to bring Humanities Washington presenters at least once a year and would love to invite them more often. The topics are rich and unique, the presenters are diverse, and they are always skilled at engaging the audience.”
—Staff member, Whatcom Museum, Bellingham
“The Prime Time Reading Program has positively impacted some of our most marginalized families. The program strengthened bonds between kids and their parents. Students in the Prime Time Reading program see themselves as readers and lovers of books now. They are beginning to read more fluently and more often. What more could we ask for? I give this program my highest endorsement.”

— Library Coordinator, Pierce County Library System
Communities Served in 2019