

How much did we do?

LITERACY PROGRAMS

Our literacy programs include Never Too Early, Connections, Humanities Camps, and Voices.

The programs serve low-income parents, childcare providers, at-risk middle school students, teen parents, adult basic education students, and men and women in Correctional Facilities.

171 events (including 28 in correctional facilities)

1,404 individuals took part in these events.

We distributed **8,936 free books** through these programs.

BROADCAST OUTREACH

Vermont Public Radio commentaries by Executive Director Peter Gilbert reached **10,000 to 14,000 listeners** every month.

Many of our **72 First Wednesdays talks** are broadcast by public access television channels across Vermont.

PUBLIC PROGRAMS

A total of seven kinds of programs, including Vermont Reads, First Wednesdays, and Speakers Bureau.

345 events in **127 different towns** across Vermont

19,857 Vermonters from a wide range of ages and backgrounds took part in these events.

We distributed **2,600 free books** through these programs.

OTHER PROGRAMS FOR SPECIFIC AUDIENCES

Veterans Book Groups: **49 veterans** in four book groups attended 31 total sessions.

Literature and Medicine: Humanities at the Heart of Health Care: **54 care providers** at four hospitals.

GRANTS

We distributed **\$40,000 to 21 Vermont non-profit organizations.**

How well did we do it?

In August, 2015, the Vermont Humanities Council received the report of a three-person National Endowment for the Humanities team that had examined us and our work earlier in the year. Such reviews are conducted every five years. The report concluded:

“Whether one looks at public appeal, the fulfilling of community needs, imaginative leadership, organizational effectiveness, or collaboration with other forces for humanity, the Vermont Humanities Council ranks among the best organizations in the nation, and the National Endowment for the Humanities can proudly point to it as exemplary of its national mission.”

Is anyone better off because of our work?

From a participant in our **Humanities Camps** (week-long summer day camps for at-risk middle school students):

“Humanities Camp helped me see myself differently as a learner. I used to think a lot of learning was boring, but this camp showed me learning can be fun and interesting.”

From a participant in our **Read With Me** literacy program:

“I learned that it is so important to read to my daughter. It is the best gift that I can give to her.”

From a female participant in one of our **Veterans Book Groups**:

“This group was fundamental to giving me a smoother transition into the civilian world.”

Programs at a Glance

| Program | Audience | Number Served in 2016 | Locations |
|---|---|--|--|
| Reading and Discussion | | | |
| VERMONT READS | | | |
| Brings Vermonters together for activities related to one book. (2016: <i>The Endurance: Shackleton's Legendary Antarctic Expedition</i> or <i>Shipwreck at the Bottom of the World</i> .) | General public and intergenerational audiences, as well as audiences at correctional facilities, literacy centers, and humanities camps | Estimated 5,631 people in 73 towns participated. VHC distributed more than 2,600 free books. | Schools, libraries, community centers, and other nonprofits statewide; author visits to schools and communities |
| LITERATURE AND MEDICINE: HUMANITIES AT THE HEART OF HEALTH CARE | | | |
| A hospital-based reading and discussion program open to all hospital and affiliated staff | Hospitals/health care staff | 54 people at four hospitals | Copley Hospital, Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital, Rutland Regional Medical Center, White River Junction Veterans Affairs Medical Center |
| READING AND DISCUSSION | | | |
| Led by a VHC-trained scholar, these discussions make connections between people, books, and ideas | General public and intergenerational audiences | 1,562 Vermonters took part in 131 discussions in 31 Vermont towns | Statewide, hosted by libraries or other nonprofits |
| VETERANS BOOK GROUPS | | | |
| Reading and discussion programs for veterans | Former service members, including one group of female veterans | 49 veterans participated in four book groups that met for a total of 31 sessions | White River Junction VA Medical Center (two groups), Burlington Lakeside Veterans Clinic, and the Veterans' Place in Northfield |
| ANNUAL FALL CONFERENCE | | | |
| A 1½ day conference that explores a topic in depth. (2016: Looking at Leadership through the Humanities.) | General public and teachers | 260 attendees, including 30 teachers | Held at University of Vermont's Dudley Davis Center |
| VERMONT PUBLIC RADIO COMMENTARIES | | | |
| Humanities-related commentaries by Peter Gilbert | General public | 10,000–14,000 listeners/episode (11 in 2016 ≈ 137,500 listeners) | On VPR, at vpr.net, and at vermonthumanities.org |
| Grants | | | |
| GRANTS TO COMMUNITIES | | | |
| Grants to non-profits for humanities programming | General public | 21 grants totaling \$40,000 and serving tens of thousands of Vermonters | Museums, libraries, and performing and community venues statewide |

| Program | Audience | Number Served in 2016 | Locations |
|---|---|---|---|
| Talks and Living History | | | |
| FIRST WEDNESDAYS | | | |
| Free public lectures featuring nationally renowned speakers in nine communities each month, October through May | General public within reach of nine regional centers | 7,184 people attended 72 talks at nine locations | Brattleboro, Essex Junction, Manchester, Middlebury, Montpelier, Newport, Norwich, Rutland, and St. Johnsbury |
| SPEAKERS BUREAU | | | |
| Speakers and living history presenters made available to nonprofit organizations for public lectures | General public | 4,329 attendees at 115 programs in 76 towns | Hosted at libraries and other community centers statewide |
| READING FREDERICK DOUGLASS | | | |
| Annual community participatory readings of Frederick Douglass's 1852 Fourth of July address. | General public | 20 events involved 613 participants of all ages | 20 towns around Vermont |
| IDEAS ON TAP | | | |
| A series exploring engaging topics in a casual setting | General public, including younger adult audiences | 278 people attended six events | ArtsRiot, a Burlington restaurant/bar and performance space |
| Humanities-Based Literacy | | | |
| NEVER TOO EARLY | | | |
| Early literacy professional development for childcare providers, and family literacy training for parents | Childcare providers and parents, especially low-income households and teen parents | 278 different providers and 279 different parents at 135 events, 14 of which were at correctional facilities. 6,519 free books distributed. | Childcare centers and home care settings, parent-child centers, Head Start, correctional facilities, and low-income family programs statewide |
| CONNECTIONS | | | |
| A reading and discussion program, with the Community High School of VT, the VT Dept. of Corrections, and community organizations | Corrections inmates and probationers, teen and adult literacy students, social service organization clients | 134 individuals served, and 36 group events held, including 14 in correctional facilities. 521 free books distributed. | Correctional facilities and probation and parole sites, social service organizations, and adult education centers statewide |
| HUMANITIES CAMPS | | | |
| Week-long summer day camps for at-risk middle-school students. The camps strengthen literacy skills, build positive peer groups, and nurture a love of reading. | At-risk middle-schoolers, ages 11 to 14 | 210 students in camps at 12 Vermont public schools. 886 free books distributed. | 12 schools statewide* |
| VOICES | | | |
| Professional development program for Adult Education and Literacy and other educators to facilitate book discussions; gift books for their students | Adult educators and students, including refugees and immigrants | 42 adult educators received training. 461 teachers and students (72 of whom were in correctional facilities) received 1,010 free books. | 18 adult education centers and prison/probation sites statewide |

* Brattleboro Area Middle School, Edmunds Middle School (Burlington), Fair Haven Grade School, Irasburg Village School, Northfield Middle/High School, Richford Junior/Senior High School, Riverside Middle School (Springfield), St. Albans City School, Stowe Middle School, Waits River Valley School, Williamstown Middle/High School, Windsor Schools



Program Participants 2016

| Participants | 2016 Totals | Humanities-Based Literacy Programs |
|---|--------------------|--|
| Adult education and other educators | 42 | Voices Training in how to facilitate book discussions |
| At-risk middle school students | 210 | Humanities Camps Week-long summer day camps |
| Childcare providers and low-income parents | 557 | Never Too Early Family literacy training |
| Corrections inmates and probationers, adult and teen literacy students, and social service organization clients | 134 | Connections Reading and discussion sessions |
| | 943 | |
| Participants | 2016 Totals | Public Programs |
| Adults | 1,562 | Reading and Discussion 131 book discussions in 31 towns |
| Adults | 4,329 | Speakers Bureau 115 public lectures hosted by local non-profits in 76 towns |
| Adults and students | 7,184 | First Wednesdays 72 talks at nine regional centers around Vermont |
| Adults and students | 278 | Ideas on Tap Six events at ArtsRiot in Burlington |
| Adults and students | 613 | Reading Frederick Douglass Twenty participatory readings around Vermont |
| Adults, students, Department of Corrections inmates and probationers, adult and teen literacy students | 5,631 | Vermont Reads Community activities related to one book |
| Community members and teachers | 260 | Fall Conference 1½ day conference at UVM's Davis Center |
| Veterans | 49 | Veterans Book Groups 31 sessions in four different book groups |
| Hospital staff | 54 | Humanities at the Heart of Health Care Reading and discussion groups in four hospitals |
| | 19,960 | |
| Contacts with public via media | 137,500 | Vermont Public Radio Commentaries 11 commentaries by Peter Gilbert |

Vermont Humanities Council

Approved 2017 Budget

| PROGRAM TOTALS | | Approved 2017 Budget |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Income | | |
| 4010 - Contributions Unrestricted | | 165,000.00 |
| 4020 - Contribution Restricted | | 145,000.00 |
| 4220 - NEH Grant | | 699,860.00 |
| 4230 - State Funds | | 217,959.00 |
| 4300 - Program Svc Fees & Book Sales | | 83,385.00 |
| 4700 - Temporarily Restricted | | 15,000.00 |
| 4900 - Miscellaneous Operating Income | | 2,000.00 |
| 4901 - Interest Income | | 42,720.00 |
| Total Income | | <u>1,370,924.00</u> |
| Expense | | |
| 5000 - Salaries | | 572,075.00 |
| 5100 - Benefits | | 170,000.00 |
| 6000 - Professional Fees | | 85,736.00 |
| 6050 - Honoraria | | 149,632.00 |
| 6100 - Supplies | | 10,110.00 |
| 6200 - Telephone | | 7,000.00 |
| 6300 - Postage and Shipping | | 31,020.00 |
| 6400 - Occupancy | | 23,000.00 |
| 6500 - Equip Maint & Rental | | 8,050.00 |
| 6650 - Books | | 70,896.00 |
| 6660 - Capital Improvements | | 5,000.00 |
| 6700 - Travel | | 37,519.00 |
| 6800 - Conferences, Conventions, Mtgs | | 52,090.00 |
| 6900 - Membership Dues | | 12,356.00 |
| 7000 - Awards | | 80,410.00 |
| 7300 - Miscellaneous | | 6,750.00 |
| 8000 - Printing & Publications | | 49,280.00 |
| Total Expense | | <u>1,370,924.00</u> |
| Net | Net Ordinary Income | <u>0.00</u> |