

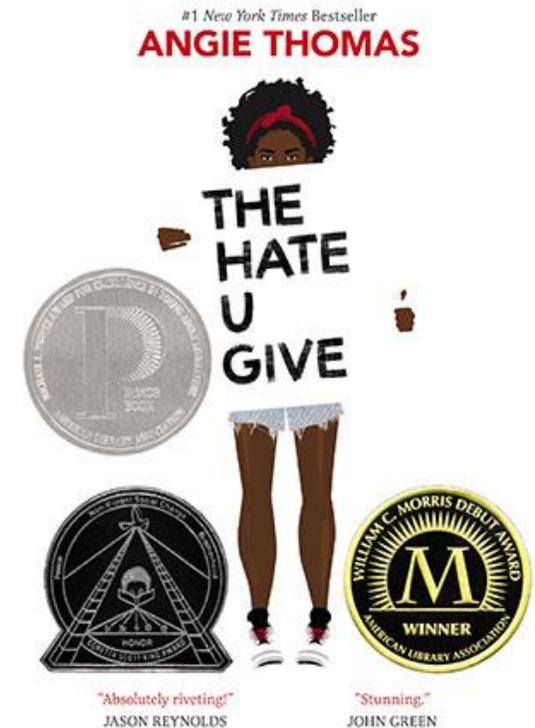
- ▶ WE WERE FOUNDED IN 1974
- ▶ WE ARE THE VERMONT AFFILIATE OF THE NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE HUMANITIES
- ▶ IN 2021, WE WILL ALSO BECOME THE VERMONT AFFILIATE OF THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS, THE VERMONT CENTER FOR BOOK
- ▶ WE WORK IN CLOSE PARTNERSHIP WITH THE VERMONT ARTS COUNCIL, THE VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF LIBRARIES, AND OTHER LYNCHPIN CULTURAL ORGANIZATIONS



Vermont Humanities

Key work from Vermont FY2020 and 2021

- ▶ Vermont Covid-19 Cultural Relief Grants with the Vermont Arts Council
 - ▶ All 14 Counties Represented with 123 grants
 - ▶ 71 of those to organizations with budgets under \$250,000/year
 - ▶ Additional support for BIPOC cultural workers
- ▶ Vermont Reads: The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas
 - ▶ To date, 67 community programs in process or complete
 - ▶ Beyond youth/adult projects
 - ▶ Includes Vermont State Employees, VT Interfaith Action, and more
- ▶ Fall Conference: Democracy 20/20
 - ▶ Almost 5000 participants to date in 13 virtual sessions
 - ▶ Curricular extension resources make many presentations “evergreen”
 - ▶ Part of the Seven Days Good Citizen Challenge





We support the state's goals on diversity, equity, inclusion, and access

Vermont Humanities helps build empathy, understanding, and trust across communities through multiple modalities, at many developmental stages, from the early years through adulthood.

Our work is community and Economic Development

- Humanities camps provide summer support for parents and children
- Early education training helps educators of young children earn a livable wage
- First Wednesdays Humanities Lectures bring Vermonters into our downtowns and village centers
- Cultural Engagement promotes strong ties in communities and builds social and economic capital



Plans for FY2021, 2022 and beyond

- ▶ **Increase regular grantmaking to \$100,000 or more**
 - ▶ Rapid response grants
 - ▶ Project grants
 - ▶ Partnership grants
 - ▶ Vermont Civics Collaborative
- ▶ **Continue to support community partners**
 - ▶ Sliding scale program fees
 - ▶ Technical assistance
 - ▶ Collaborative projects
 - ▶ Covid-19 Relief Programs





Impact

- During the pandemic, Vermont Humanities has served as a key leader in providing support and capacity building to the sector
- In normal years, tens of thousands of Vermonters participate in our programming, an excellent ROI given the size of our annual budget
- Vermont Humanities, with the cultural sector and creative economy more broadly, are key factors in educating for equity and inclusion

Gratitude

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Democracy 20/20

Vermont Humanities Fall Conference begins
August 19 with free online events.