



VERMONT
HUMANITIES

Scrappy and
Resilient in
2026

Our Mission: Using the humanities, we connect with people across Vermont to create just, vibrant, and resilient communities and to inspire a lifelong love of learning.

THE HUMANITIES COME TO LIFE THROUGH OUR CONNECTIONS WITH EACH OTHER. THEY HELP US ACHIEVE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE PAST, A STRONGER ANALYSIS OF THE PRESENT, AND A MORE HOPEFUL VISION FOR THE FUTURE



► 2025 challenged us to live our values more than any other time in our organization's history as the NEH, under the new administration, sought to reject the State Humanities Councils' very premise for being.

- Engagement
- Equity
- Community
- Partnership
- Humility
- Curiosity
- Excellence
- Relationships
- Bravery



Vermont Humanities works in six areas

- ▶ Community Leadership and Civic Engagement
- ▶ Vermont Reads
- ▶ Public Lectures and Discussions
- ▶ Early Literacy
- ▶ Grantmaking
- ▶ Climate Resilience and Adaption

COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

Vermont Humanities is broadly admired and seen as a leader in Vermont's cultural space, collaborating with the Vermont Arts Council and others to provide guidance, support and advocacy for the cultural sector





Vermont Reads

It's not just a book group, it's a movement.

Using great contemporary literature, people of all ages engage with their community to make a difference.

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PUBLIC LECTURES AND DISCUSSIONS

Our long-standing commitment to community engagement includes our Speakers Bureau, Zoom Lectures, and now, young adult and middle grade author residencies.



EARLY LITERACY

Our core early literacy programming, including the Vermont Early Literacy Initiative, Never Too Early, and Read With Me, is seen as essential to the fabric of Vermont communities. Hundreds of early educators receive valuable professional development towards accreditation every year.



Grantmaking

Vermont Humanities began as a grantmaking institution in 1974.

Over the last seven years, we have increased our support of community-based humanities project by 10-fold, supporting public humanities projects in all 14 Counties.





CLIMATE RESILIENCE AND ADAPTATION

Vermonters see the connections and intersectionality inherent in our work.

They have come out in droves to support **Vermont Reads: Gather** (about a boy who learns best in the woods) and **Vermont Reads: The Light Pirate** (about a girl who is adapting to the climate crisis)

Vermont Humanities was a leader in the flood recovery efforts in 2023 and 2024



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Gratitude for
51 Years and
for one year,
2025



We are grateful

Thank you for everything you do to keep the humanities thriving!

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