Georgia Humanities—an independent nonprofit affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities—has championed our state's history, literature, and culture for over 50 years. Through grantmaking and public programs, we empower local partners, support our state's schools, and bring communities together.

What We Do:

- **Invest in Local Communities**: Georgia Humanities invests in and sustains our state's cultural infrastructure through grants to museums, libraries, historical societies, and other nonprofit organizations.
- **Support K-12 Education**: Georgia Humanities provides resources for thousands of students and teachers each year through National History Day Georgia, an inquiry- and project-based curriculum that teaches research, analysis, and communication skills.
- **Preserve and Share Our State's Rich History**: Our award-winning New Georgia Encyclopedia is a free, accessible, and authoritative resource on Georgia's history and culture that reaches more than 1.9 million users each year in all 159 Georgia counties.
- **Promote Literacy and Lifelong Learning**: Georgia Humanities partners with public libraries for PRIME TIME Family Reading Time, a community literacy program. We also work with the UGA Press and Mercer University Press to produce new books about our state.
- **Celebrate the Lasting Impact of the Humanities**: Georgia Humanities, in partnership with the Office of the Governor and Georgia Council for the Arts, recognizes the community pillars and cultural leaders shaping our state through the Governor's Awards for the Arts and Humanities.

Check out our latest impact report to learn more
Grant Program

Our grants support cultural and educational programs for all Georgians such as walking tours, exhibitions, lectures, civic conversations, film festivals, and more. These programs bring people together and promote the meaningful exchange of ideas and perspectives. Over the last 5 years, we have given more than $2 million to organizations statewide that leverage matching funds to extend the reach and impact of programming in their local communities. For every dollar we spend, at least $4 is invested locally.

New Georgia Encyclopedia

The New Georgia Encyclopedia is a free digital resource featuring fact-checked and authoritative content on our state’s history and culture. It’s an essential resource for educators, journalists, tourists, and other curious people. Sustained in partnership with UGA Press, University System of Georgia/GALILEO, and UGA Libraries, the NGE reaches more than 1.9 million users each year in all 159 Georgia counties and every state in the nation.

National History Day Georgia

Students in grades 6-12 immerse themselves in hands-on research projects, gaining valuable critical thinking and communication skills. About 11,000 Georgia students participate each year. Teacher workshops and institutes are offered in the summer, and “Research Roundup” events connect students to resources at libraries, archives, and museums across the state. The program is run in partnership with LaGrange College.

PRIME TIME Family Reading Time

PRIME TIME is a community literacy program designed to help families bond around the act of reading and talking about books. Facilitated by Georgia Humanities in partnership with the Georgia Public Library Service, the program served 2,124 children and caregivers at 14 locations last year.
The humanities promote civic engagement, collaboration, and lifelong learning. In 2023, Georgia Humanities’ programs reached more than 17,000 Georgians and our resources were accessed by over 1.9 million people—enriching lives and strengthening communities statewide.

**Grantmaking**
Our grants support and sustain Georgia’s cultural institutions, including museums, historical societies, libraries, schools, and faith groups. Grants fund programs that bring people together to learn, connect, and address issues that matter in their communities.

- $74,000+ awarded
- 31 grants
- 5,580 participants

**New Georgia Encyclopedia**
Written by scholars and fact-checked by UGA Librarians, the encyclopedia is a digital, accessible, and reliable resource that makes Georgia's history and culture available to all.

- 2,300+ stories
- 1.9+ million users
- 5,600+ images
- 3.5+ million visits

**Know Your News**
Know Your News is a free digital resource including a media literacy guidebook, videos, and courses designed to increase information literacy and encourage civic participation.

- 90+ students attended workshops

**The Harvest Documentary**
Pulitzer Prize-winning Atlanta author Douglas Blackmon looks back on his experience as a member of the first class of Black and white children to attend all 12 grades together in Leland, Mississippi.

- 350 attended the premiere in Atlanta
- 30,000+ Georgians watched the film on PBS

**PRIME TIME**
PRIME TIME strengthens families and communities by promoting a love of learning, literacy, and leadership.

- 2,124 children and caregivers
- 14 statewide locations

**National History Day Georgia**
National History Day Georgia is a program designed to improve how teachers teach and students learn about history and civics.

- 11 contests across Georgia
- 11,000+ students and teachers

Supported by 200+ volunteers

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