

HUMANITIES IN THE 1ST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Who benefits from your support?



LOCAL COMMUNITIES

Your support delivers high-quality humanities programming to communities in your district and others throughout the state. For every dollar we spend, \$4 is invested locally.

FEATURED GRANT in SAVANNAH Flannery O' Connor Centennial Series

The Flannery O'Connor Childhood Home Foundation and Museum kicked off the centennial of the acclaimed Georgia author's birth with a panel discussion exploring faith, identity, and disability in O'Connor's work and the modern South. Panelists included Fordham University professor Angela Alaimo O'Donnell, Georgetown Jesuit scholar Mark Bosco, and retired Savannah State University professor Patricia West, drawing an audience of **120 participants**.



WE ALSO SUPPORTED:

- Smithsonian museum training in Brunswick
- National History Day Georgia's coastal region contest in Savannah
- Grants for a 250th celebration on St. Simons Island, lifelong learning lectures for senior citizens in Savannah, a community culture day on Sapelo Island, and a traveling exhibit at the Three Rivers Regional Library System

30 grants
totaling
\$161,000+
since 2021



“National History Day gives students the tools to ask deeper questions, research carefully, and present their findings creatively...It helps them become more thoughtful, informed citizens.”

— NATIONAL HISTORY DAY GEORGIA TEACHER



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FEATURED PROGRAM in MACON

Ocmulgee Rising

In April 2025, Georgia Humanities presented a daylong program featuring Joy Harjo, the first Indigenous U.S. Poet Laureate and a member of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. A morning poetry reading at Middle Georgia State drew nearly **500 students, senior citizens, and local residents**, followed by an afternoon guided tour of the Ocmulgee National Historical Park, bringing together poetry, music, and reflection at one of America's most significant landscapes.



WE ALSO SUPPORTED:

- Smithsonian museum training and capacity building in Dawson
- Exhibition on Georgia's Fall Line cities at the Columbus Museum
- Series exploring American identity through food at the Chattahoochee Valley Libraries
- National History Day Georgia regional competitions in Macon and Thomasville for 250+ students

33 grants totaling \$203,000+ since 2021



"As a National History Day Georgia educator, I have witnessed firsthand how the humanities empower students to find their voices, connect with the past, and make sense of the present."

— DR. AMANDA WEST, TEACHER IN THOMAS COUNTY



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HUMANITIES IN THE 3RD CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

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FEATURED PROGRAM in LaGRANGE National History Day State Contest

In April 2025, Georgia Humanities and LaGrange College co-hosted the annual National History Day Georgia state contest, where more than **500 students, teachers, and volunteers** gathered to showcase months of original historical research. National History Day challenges middle and high school students from across Georgia to think deeply, ask hard questions, and present their findings through exhibits, documentaries, performances, websites, and papers—building skills that extend well beyond the classroom.



WE ALSO SUPPORTED:

- Southern literary festival in Newnan
- Community event exploring Muscogee history at the University of West Georgia
- “Dial a Memory” local history project in Coweta County
- PRIME TIME literacy programs for children and parents at the Neva Lomason Memorial Library in Carrollton

21 grants
totaling
\$97,000+
since 2021



“My favorite moment was the reading and discussion. It brought me joy hearing the kids answer questions and witness them use their creativity.”

— PARENT PARTICIPANT, PRIME TIME FAMILY READING



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HUMANITIES IN THE 4TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

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FEATURED PROGRAM

National History Day Regional Contest

The 2025 National History Day Georgia South Metro Regional Contest drew more than **270 students, teachers, and volunteers** from DeKalb County and the surrounding areas. Our National History Day contests challenge middle and high school students to conduct original historical research. To do so, they must think deeply, ask hard questions, and present their findings through exhibits, documentaries, performances, and more. Top finishers advance to the state contest and, ultimately, the national stage.



WE ALSO SUPPORTED:

- 34th annual book festival at the Marcus Jewish Community Center of Atlanta
- Digital story map of Buford Highway, featuring oral histories with community members
- *Revival: Lost Southern Voices* literary conference from Georgia State University Perimeter College - Clarkston



15 grants
totaling
\$60,000+
since 2021

“We continue to expand and explore what it means to be Southern and what it is to have a voice—to be heard in multiple different ways.”

— DR. PEARL MCHANNEY, REVIVAL CONFERENCE ORGANIZER



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HUMANITIES IN THE 5TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

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FEATURED GRANT in ATLANTA

Amplify: City Planning, Historic Preservation, and Public Spaces

The Department of City Planning's fall 2025 author series brought together award-winning local writers for public readings exploring the intersection of historic preservation and storytelling. Featured authors included Jon Goode, Hannah Palmer, and Gene Kansas, in conversation about parks, landmarks, public spaces, and urban design.



WE ALSO SUPPORTED:

- America250 events from the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra and Oglethorpe University
- Juneteenth walking tours at Historic Oakland Cemetery and a historic driving tour of Southeast DeKalb
- *The Atlantian*, a historic prison newspaper produced by the nonprofit Common Good alongside more than 40 incarcerated individuals at FCI Atlanta
- Reading and discussion of *Queen Bess*, a play about pioneering aviator Bessie Coleman, at the Delta Flight Museum

69 grants
totaling
\$413,000+
since 2021



“There is no better way to teach about history and culture than storytelling.”

—JENNIFER KIMBALL, MANAGING DIRECTOR OF THÉÂTRE DU RÊVE, GEORGIA HUMANITIES GRANT RECIPIENT



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FEATURED GRANT in VININGS Nellie Mae Rowe Pocket Park

In 2025, Cobb Landmarks created a permanent outdoor exhibit and pocket park in Vinings honoring Nellie Mae Rowe, a visionary self-taught artist who transformed her home into a living work of art. During her lifetime, Rowe's drawings, sculptures, and found-object creations attracted visitors from across the country, and the permanent installation recently earned an award from the Georgia Association of Museums.



WE ALSO SUPPORTED:

- True Color Theater Company's youth monologue competition
- An exhibit on the history of Sandy Spring's Lost Corner Preserve
- Grants for capacity building and public programs in Douglasville, Chattahoochee Hills, and Atlanta
- PRIME TIME literacy programs for children and caregivers at the South Cobb Regional Library

5 grants
totaling
\$37,500
since 2021



"Prime Time has motivated me to apply the strategies utilized during read-alouds to capture the kids' attention and to have more discussions when reading to my children."

— PARENT PARTICIPANT, PRIME TIME FAMILY READING



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FEATURED GOVERNOR'S AWARDEE

Sasikala Penumarthy of Duluth

In 2025, Governor Brian Kemp recognized Sasikala Penumarthy, founder of the Academy of Kuchipudi Dance in Atlanta, with the Governor's Award for the Arts and Humanities, honoring her decades of work bringing Indian Kuchipudi dance to Georgia. Presented by the Office of the Governor, Georgia Humanities, and Georgia Council for the Arts, the award acknowledges Penumarthy's contributions as a performer, choreographer, and teacher who has shared this classical art form with students and audiences across the region.



WE ALSO SUPPORTED:

- National History Day Georgia kick-off event
- Local history scavenger hunt and geocache from Dahlonega Discovery Trails
- Atlanta Workshop Players' two-day youth art workshop in Roswell
- Film screening and conversation series from the African American Film and Arts Foundation



5 grants
totaling
\$36,000+
since 2021

"Through research, analysis, and storytelling, my students have explored complex issues, grappled with historical challenges, and developed empathy for people whose experiences differ from their own."

— NATIONAL HISTORY DAY GEORGIA TEACHER

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HUMANITIES IN THE 8TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

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FEATURED PROGRAM

Ocmulgee Rising

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WE ALSO SUPPORTED:

- America250 exhibition in Culloden and conference in Milledgeville
- Smithsonian training and capacity building in Perry
- Education and storytelling programs from the Maya Heritage Center in Tifton
- Southern literature film and lecture series at Georgia College & State University
- The Georgia Women of Achievement Ceremony at Wesleyan College



18 grants
totaling
\$80,000+
since 2021

“We believe that true change begins in communities and with individuals. Our work is not to teach from above, but to walk alongside children, families, and teachers to build a better future together.”

—DR. LILIA LIZAMA, MAYA HERITAGE CENTER, GEORGIA HUMANITIES GRANT RECIPIENT



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HUMANITIES IN THE 9TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

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FEATURED GOVERNOR'S AWARDEE

Union County Historical Society

In 2025, Governor Brian Kemp recognized the Union County Historical Society of Blairsville with the Governor's Award for the Arts and Humanities for their 50 years of historic preservation and cultural programming in North Georgia. Presented by the Office of the Governor, Georgia Humanities, and Georgia Council for the Arts, this prestigious award honors the Society's long-standing commitment to safeguarding the region's historic sites, curating exhibits on local history, and bringing North Georgia's cultural traditions to life through events and community programs.



WE ALSO SUPPORTED:

- Grants for public programs at Piedmont University, Northeast Georgia History Center, and Sautee Nacoochee Community Association,
- PRIME TIME literacy programs for children and families at the Banks County Public Library

5 grants
totaling
\$37,000+
since 2021



"Prime Time made reading and going to the library fun. Our children were always eager and excited every week...it encouraged them to continue to reflect on what they have learned and how it applies in their day to day life."

—PRIME TIME PARENT PARTICIPANT



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HUMANITIES IN THE 10TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

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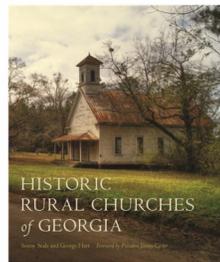
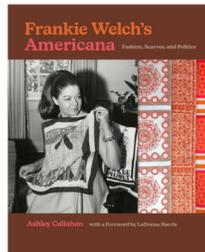
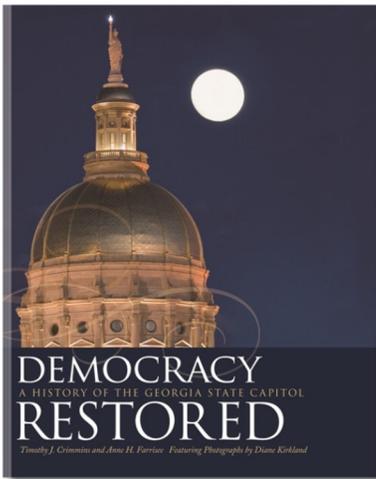
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FEATURED PARTNER in ATHENS

University of Georgia Press

For nearly 20 years, Georgia Humanities has partnered with the University of Georgia Press to support book publications vital to understanding the history and culture of Georgia, from illustrated histories of the State Capitol to stories of historic rural churches and the contributions of significant Georgians. The partnership reflects Georgia Humanities' broader commitment to lifelong learning and making the stories of Georgia's people and places accessible to readers across the state.



20 grants
totaling
\$113,000+
since 2021



“National History Day allows me to help students think critically about how the past shaped societies and encourages them to see history as something active and alive.”

—NATIONAL HISTORY DAY GEORGIA TEACHER

WE ALSO SUPPORTED:

- America250 events in Winterville
- Smithsonian museum training and capacity building in Eatonton and Hartwell
- National History Day Georgia regional student competitions in Athens and McDonough



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FEATURED GRANT in MARIETTA

Unsung Heroes

The Georgia Room at the Cobb County Public Library presented a traveling exhibit and lecture series on African American soldiers in the Civil War, visiting four local branches in fall 2025. The program drew on decades of research by local historian and author Brad Quinlin to restore to the historical record the long-overlooked contributions of African American soldiers during the 1864 Atlanta Campaign.



WE ALSO SUPPORTED:

- Smithsonian training and capacity building in Cartersville
- National History Day Georgia's regional student competition in Kennesaw
- Exhibits, lectures, and driving tours from Cobb Landmarks and Historical Society, History Cherokee, and Kennesaw State University

12 grants
totaling
\$68,000+
since 2021



"The humanities give students the tools to think critically, communicate clearly, and engage meaningfully with their world—skills that are not only essential for academic success but for active citizenship."

—NATIONAL HISTORY DAY GEORGIA TEACHER



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FEATURED GRANT in STATESBORO

More Than a Name

A new exhibit at Georgia Southern University honored the thirteen African American men from Bulloch County who died in service during the First World War, restoring their stories to the community's collective memory of those who made the ultimate sacrifice. The exhibit drew extensively on archival material and attracted more than **27,000 visitors** during its run from March through August 2025.



WE ALSO SUPPORTED:

- America250 reenactments, exhibits, and programs in Statesboro
- Smithsonian museum training and capacity building in Mount Vernon
- Digital Humanities camps and community writing workshops at Georgia Southern University
- National History Day Georgia's regional competition in Augusta for 179 students

20 grants
totaling
\$127,000+
since 2021



“The National History Day journey has expanded my students’ knowledge of history and opened doors to future academic and personal success, empowering them to dream big and strive for excellence.”

—NATIONAL HISTORY DAY GEORGIA TEACHER



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COMING SOON in JONESBORO

An Unseen Revolution

A Georgia Humanities-funded America250 program at the Clayton County Library will bring the American Revolution into the community through exhibits, panels, book displays, and multigenerational programming throughout 2026. The series aims to expand public understanding of the diverse perspectives and stories that shaped our nation's founding era.



WE ALSO SUPPORTED:

- National History Day Georgia student kick-off event
- Program and capacity building grants for Clayton County Library in Jonesboro and Aurora Theatre in Lawrenceville

3 grants
totaling
\$15,000
since 2021



“Many started with little confidence, but by working through the stages of the National History Day contests—county, regional, and state—they sharpened their academic abilities and learned to believe in themselves.”

— NATIONAL HISTORY DAY GEORGIA TEACHER



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HUMANITIES IN THE 14TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

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FEATURED PROGRAM

Prime Time Family Reading

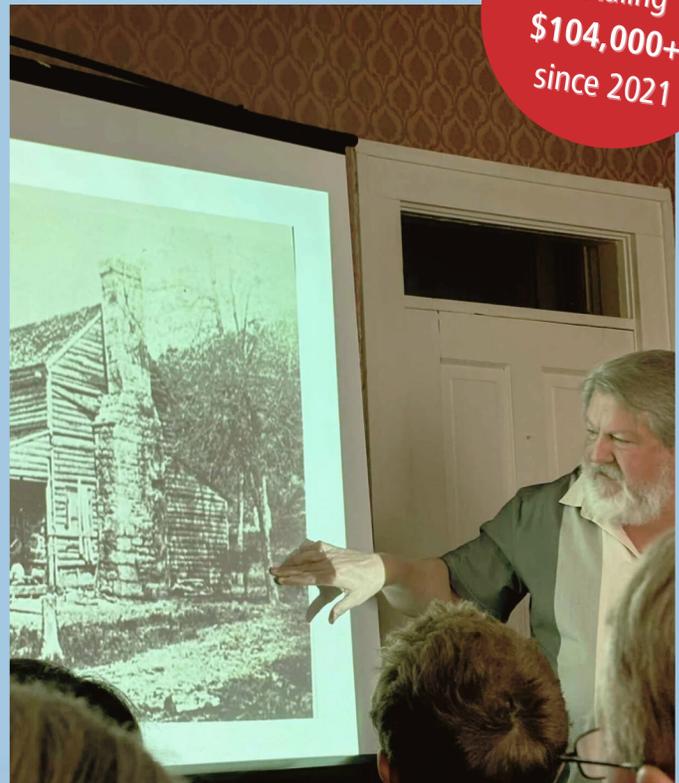
Presented by the Georgia Public Library Service, this six-week family literacy program for children and caregivers was held at the Walker and Dade county libraries in 2025. The program not only improves reading skills but also fosters strong family bonds. One parent shared: "Prime Time has helped bring back the joy I used to feel and the patience I used to have reading with my family again."



WE ALSO SUPPORTED:

- An exhibit and lecture on the history of Moravian Missions at the Funk Heritage Center in Waleska
- A podcast from the Coosa River Basin Initiative
- Solar Audio Box museum tours at the Walker County African American Historical and Alumni Association in Chickamauga

14 grants
totaling
\$104,000+
since 2021



"The Funk Heritage Center is grateful for the opportunity to participate in this grant program...it has aided us in the furtherance of our mission."

— JEFF BISHOP, DIRECTOR OF THE FUNK HERITAGE CENTER,
GEORGIA HUMANITIES GRANT RECIPIENT



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