



# Georgia Humanities

## Funding the Humanities Strengthens Our Communities

**Georgia Humanities**—an independent nonprofit affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities—has championed our state's history, literature, and culture for 55 years. Through grantmaking and public programs, we empower local partners, strengthen civic life, 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 supports thousands of students and teachers each year through National History Day Georgia, a hands-on, project-based curriculum designed to improve how teachers teach and students learn about history and civics.
- **Preserve and Share Our State's Stories:** Our award-winning *New Georgia Encyclopedia* is a free and trusted resource on Georgia's history and culture that reaches more than 2 million users annually across all 159 Georgia counties.
- **Promote Literacy and Civic Engagement:** Georgia Humanities partners with public libraries on literacy programs and convenes communities for dialogue with leading scholars and authors through The Georgia Circuit, our new statewide speakers bureau.
- **Bring World-Class Resources to Rural Georgia:** Through our partnership with the Smithsonian Institution, Georgia Humanities delivers Museum on Main Street traveling exhibitions to small towns and rural communities, building organizational capacity and creating new opportunities to explore the issues that matter most.
- **Celebrate the People, Places, and Ideas that Define Us:** Georgia Humanities honors the individuals and organizations that strengthen our state through the Governor's Awards for the Arts and Humanities and supports communities commemorating our shared history through America250.

We're proud to serve communities across Georgia! For more information about our programs and impact, please visit [georgiahumanities.org](https://georgiahumanities.org).

# 2025 Impact

## By the Numbers

The humanities promote civic engagement, collaboration, and lifelong learning. In 2025, Georgia Humanities reached more than **115,000** Georgians through live programming, and our resources were accessed by over **2 million** people—improving lives and strengthening communities statewide.

**100,000+**

Georgians participated in a grant-funded program

**2.2+ million**

visitors to our digital New Georgia Encyclopedia

**423**

schools, museums, libraries, nonprofits, and more partnered to bring our programs to life

**258**

children and caregivers read together during PRIME TIME in 6 communities statewide

**15,000+**

students, teachers, and volunteers participated in National History Day Georgia

**10**

new recipients of the Governor's Awards for the Arts and Humanities

**16**

authors and experts joined The Georgia Circuit, our statewide speakers bureau

**7**

rural communities selected to host the Smithsonian Museum on Main Street

**138%**

increase in gifts, diversifying our funding and reducing reliance on federal dollars

**33**

new grants to Georgia-based organizations to support cultural and educational programming

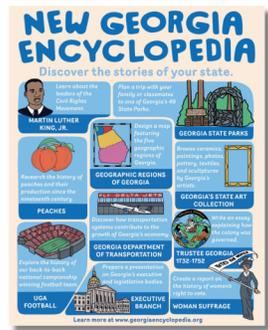


# Statewide reach. Local impact.



## Grant Program

Our grants support **cultural and educational programs for all Georgians**, such as historical 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 \$1.5 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, \$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 students, 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 **2.2 million users each year** in all **159 Georgia counties** and every state in the nation.

## Smithsonian Museum on Main Street

Our Museum on Main Street program brings **Smithsonian exhibitions to small towns** across Georgia, providing access to high-quality cultural experiences and inspiring community investment. Through interactive displays, local programming, and educational resources, Museum on Main Street engages residents of all ages in conversations about history, identity, and civic pride. In 2026, **Voices and Votes: Democracy in America** visits seven Georgia communities: Eatonton, Hartwell, Cartersville, Mount Vernon, Brunswick, Dawson, and Perry for the Georgia National Fair.



## National History Day Georgia

Students in **grades 6-12** immerse themselves in **hands-on research projects**, gaining valuable critical thinking and communication skills they need for careers and college. About **15,000 Georgia students** participated last year. Teacher 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.

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## America250

Georgia Humanities proudly serves on Governor Kemp's **Georgia US250 Commission**, helping to lead the state's commemoration of the nation's 250th. Our programs will **connect local communities to the American story** all year long: *Voices and Votes: Democracy in America* visits seven Georgia communities; Porch Songs, Public Voices celebrates Georgia's musical heritage and folklife traditions in three towns; the Georgia Circuit brings speakers exploring **revolutionary ideas** to communities across the state; and special grants support **locally driven programs** exploring the promise and potential of American democracy.



## Books and Documentaries

In partnership with the University of Georgia Press and Mercer University Press, Georgia Humanities supports the publication of books that **share Georgia's rich history and culture**. And we work with local filmmakers to fund documentaries that **bring our state's stories to life**. One recent program, *Ocmulgee Rising*, brought former U.S. Poet Laureate Joy Harjo to Georgia's Ocmulgee Mounds National Historical Park for a place-based literary reading and tour, drawing more than **500 students and community members** to engage with stories inspired by this historic landscape.

## Literacy and Lifelong Learning

**Civic life grows stronger when communities come together.** Our new Georgia Circuit speakers bureau connects audiences statewide with authors, scholars, and culture bearers, sparking meaningful conversations. We also bring families together through PRIME TIME Family Reading, which **strengthens bonds and builds literacy skills** — serving **258 children and caregivers** at 6 locations last year in partnership with the Georgia Public Library Service.



## Governor's Awards

The Governor's Awards for the Arts and Humanities honor individuals and organizations who contribute to the **civic and cultural vitality of Georgia**. Presented in partnership with the Georgia Council for the Arts and the Office of the Governor, we honored **10 new recipients** last year for their excellence and leadership in communities ranging from Blairsville to Savannah.