At a Glance 2014

With an emphasis on strengthening what connects rather than divides us, the Minnesota Humanities Center uses the resources and unique perspective of the humanities to meet our mission: to build a thoughtful, literate, and engaged society. Our relationship-based approach to humanities programming brings into public life the stories and experiences of people and communities that have been missing or marginalized. The Humanities Center is meeting real needs of Minnesota communities through our Education Strategy and the Veterans’ Voices program.

Education Strategy

Professional development and resources for educators remained major focuses this year. This work was guided by our Education Strategy that recognizes schools as human communities and is focused on the future of education and inclusion of all cultures.

767 educators participated in professional development opportunities, including the BdotE Field Trips, our foundational workshop Increase Engagement Through Absent Narratives, and public events like An Evening With Minnesota Original through our 4pt partnership.

789 people from 10 Minnesota host communities participated in Toward a More Perfect Union conversations about the U.S. Constitution.

Our award-winning exhibit, Why Treaties Matter, toured to seven K-12 schools and college campuses and one library and was viewed by 10,790 people.

Veterans’ Voices

Our Veterans’ Voices program made remarkable strides when Governor Dayton signed into law legislation designating October as Veterans’ Voices Month. The Humanities Center will take a leadership role, developing resources that help Minnesotans talk and learn about military culture and Veteran experiences.

The Veterans’ Voices program held 15 events attended by 487 people.

30 Veterans from 26 Minnesota communities were honored at the 2014 Veterans’ Voices Award Ceremony.

During FY 2014, Always Last: A Meditation on War traveling exhibit stopped at two hosts sites and was viewed by 510 people. This exhibit will visit Minnesota host sites on an 18-month, statewide tour (in partnership with Western Nevada College).
Minnesota Humanities Center Statewide

Exhibits, Events, Programs, Grants
Fiscal Year 2014

- Education Strategy Programs and Events
- Why Treaties Matter Exhibit Site
- Toward a More Perfect Union Host Site
- Veterans’ Voices Awardees, Always Lost Exhibit Site, and Events
- Grants
Did You Know? FY 2014 Fun Facts

Our full service Event Center hosted 9,494 people at 324 events, retreats, and meetings.

The Saint Paul Public School district committed 57 educators from 13 schools who participated in our Culturally Responsive and Absent Narratives Cohort.

An audit by the Minnesota Office of the Legislative Auditor affirmed the Minnesota Humanities Center’s responsible stewardship of the Arts and Cultural Heritage Funds.

We reached thousands of Minnesotans through social media and our new Minnesota Humanities Center blog that was started in August 2014 was viewed by approximately 500 people each month.

81 media stories were written and/or produced about our Veterans’ Voices program in 2014.

Nearly 800 online resources were included in the Absent Narratives Resource Collection.
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