Minnesota Humanities Center
House Legacy Committee Hearing
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Building a thoughtful, literate, and engaged society.
About Us

We believe that the humanities help foster greater empathy, compassion, dignity, and understanding among people.

Our Work

- workshops
- lectures
- discussion forums
- traveling exhibits
- field trips
- retreats
- professional development for educators and community leaders
- 1,000+ multimedia tools
Legacy Appropriation Funding
FY2018-2019

Veterans’ Voices
“Why Treaties Matter”
K-12 Education

Total = $2,195,000 (over two years)

Veterans’ Voices

Amplifies Minnesotan’s military Veteran experiences through storytelling, literature, workshops, and the Veterans’ Voices Award.

FY2018-2019:
• 27 events
• 18 communities
• 1,436 attendees
• 145 Veterans Voices Awardees from 83 communities since 2013.
2019 Veterans’ Voices Programs

**America’s Secret War Educator Toolkit** — A new inclusive curriculum that recognizes plurality over a singular narrative. Brings to light untold stories that make Minnesota's history and identity more complete.

**Veterans’ Voices Educator Salon, Duluth & St. Paul** — Will remain in St. Paul and expand to Duluth to allow more educators to interact with Veteran’s content using our Absent Narratives Approach™.

**Warrior Writers Workshops** — Focused on greater Minnesota: Duluth, Granite Falls, Minneapolis, St. Cloud, and Winona.

**Veterans’ Voices Award Ceremony** — Re-envisioned to center on the voices of Veterans and highlight the transformative power of the humanities.

“Why Treaties Matter”

A nationally recognized, award-winning, traveling exhibit made in partnership with the Minnesota Indian Affairs Council and the Smithsonian’s National Museum of the American Indian.

FY2018-2019:
- 14 tour stops and events
- 10 communities
- 10,420+ attendees
- 3 more stops scheduled
- On permanent display at the State Capitol
2019 “Why Treaties Matter” Host Sites

In addition to the 3 hosts sites already visited in 2019

**Century College** (March 2019) — White Bear Lake

**East Site Freedom Library** (March 2019) — St. Paul

**Park Rapids Area Schools** (May 2019) — Park Rapids

**More 2019 tour stops TBA**

Now on permanent display on 3rd floor of Minnesota State Capitol

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**K-12 Education**

Builds on our nearly 50-year education history through workshops and experiences that examine the manifold cultures alive across Minnesota.

**FY2018-2019:**

- 89 events
- 24 communities
- 3,110+ attendees
- 600+ educational resources distributed
2019 K-12 Education Programs

**Increase Engagement Through Absent Narratives** — Quarterly workshop that introduces our approach to community engagement through voices or stories that are left out or marginalized.

**Learning from Place: Bdote** — Daylong workshop, offered five times per year, spent visiting local Twin Cities sites that are significant to Dakota people and learning about them from Dakota perspectives.

**Teaching Bdote** — Opportunity for educators who have been on a Bdote trip to receive additional support on how to share the experience with their students.

**2019 Educator Institute** — Annual weeklong experience that immerses participants in our proven approach to increasing student engagement through absent narratives.
Legacy Pass-Through Appropriations

Due to our responsible fiscal management, MHC enjoys the opportunity to be the fiscal agent for a variety of other government and community organizations. We value our role in making Minnesota stronger through pass-through grants management.

- Somali Community and Museum Grants
- Wheel & Cog Children’s Museum of Hutchinson
- Children’s Discovery Museum
- Minnesota Children’s Museum
- Children’s Museum of Southern Minnesota
- Duluth Children’s Museum
- Rondo Commemorative Plaza
- Governor’s Council on Developmental Disabilities
- City of St. Paul Dept. of Recreation
- Minnesota Civic Youth
- Learning Law and Democracy Foundation
- YMCA Minnesota Youth in Government

$2,957,000

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Testifiers

Leanne Akemann – High School Social Studies Teacher, Northeast Range School

Amy K. Hamlin – Associate Professor of Art History, St. Catherine University

Lindsey Erdmann – Marine Corps Veteran, 2017 Veterans’ Voices Awardee

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