ANNUAL REPORT 2019

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IN 2019:



Prime Time Family Reading served OVER 1,400 PEOPLE — nearly 400 families —in 23 Washington counties, a growth of 18% over the previous year.

- > 550 people attended "What Our Smartphones Are Doing to Our Minds," a lecture at Gonzaga with renowned author Nicholas Carr.
- > Poet Laureate Claudia Castro Luna launched "One River, Many Voices," a series of readings and events along the Columbia River thanks to a \$100,000 grant.

Conducted the first Prime Time program in partnership with a county housing authority, serving residents of Pope Francis Haven in Spokane.



Our programs reached ALL 39 COUNTIES in Washington State.

> Launched a new public humanities fellows program for early-career humanities professionals who are passionate about developing humanities programs in their communities.



Redesigned our flagship print magazine, Spark.





Photos: (Top) Prime Time Family Reading at the Oak Harbor Library. (Bottom) Speakers Bureau presenter Mayumi Tsutakawa at the Museum of Northwest Art. La Conner.

IN 2019:



We held 412 Speakers Bureau events, THE MOST IN OUR HISTORY

- Developed a new Prime Time curriculum to align with current diversity, equity, and inclusion standards.
- > Implemented a preschool component to serve younger siblings of Prime Time participants.

- > The Center for Washington Cultural Traditions concluded its Cultural Traditions field survey of the Yakima Valley, and began its survey of the Twin Harbors region.
- > The Center's Heritage Arts Apprenticeship program expanded to 15 pairs of master artists and apprentices, and with ArtsWA, held a business skills workshop for folk and traditional artists.

- > Think & Drink events held included:
- One Click Away: Hate and the Internet
- Breaking News: The State of American Journalism
- The Speed of Deceit: The New Era of Online Lies and Misinformation
- Traditional Culture, Modern Tech (with the Center for Washington Cultural Traditions)

"Humanities Washington talks always improve our program quality and audience members are given the opportunity to engage in meaningful discussions with each other, taking them outside of media and into face-to-face interactions." —Librarian, South Hill





Photos: (Top) "Traditional Culture, Modern Tech" Think & Drink event in Yakima at Gilbert Cellars. (Bottom) Dylan Sanidad, Heritage Arts Apprenticeship program participant, dances while wearing a mask he made during one of David Boxley's workshops.



Program Attendance:



1,157 people attended 8 Think & Drink **Events**

children and families

24 Family Reading

participated in

Programs



cities and towns hosted events

people attended

412 Speakers Bureau

Presentations

Number of programs and events: Serving Washington Communities from

Aberdeen to Yelm



people participated in 90 Poet Laureate **Events**

Number of partners and host organizations:



45,35 / people attended 30 Grant-Funded **Events**

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PROGRAMS



FAMILY READING uses storytelling and discussion to explore cultural and ethical themes in children's literature and emphasizes the importance of families reading together.



THINK & DRINK brings hosted conversations on provocative topics and new ideas to pubs and tasting rooms around the state.



GRANTS assist local organizations in creating opportunities for their community to come together to discuss important issues using the humanities.



WASHINGTON STATE POET LAUREATE builds awareness and appreciation of poetry – including the state's legacy of poetry – through public readings, workshops, lectures, and presentations throughout the state. Managed in partnership with ArtsWA.



SPEAKERS BUREAU draws from a pool of leading cultural experts and scholars to provide free conversational lecture events for community partners to offer local audiences throughout the state.



CENTER FOR WASHINGTON
CULTURAL TRADITIONS is a new
effort to amplify our state's rich, diverse living cultural
treasures through research and special programming.
Managed in partnership with ArtsWA.

"The Prime Time program has been one of the most meaningful and rewarding opportunities I have experienced in the 10 years I have been a children's librarian." —Storyteller, Pierce County

Financials

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2019 Total Expenses: **\$1,675,174**

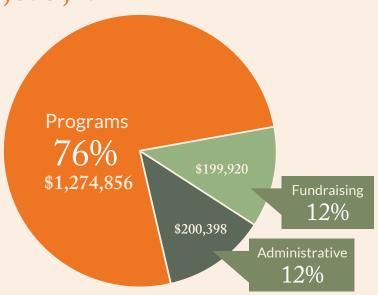


Photo: Bellevue College professor Eric Davis, University of Washington Professor Anna Lauren Hoffmann, Facebook's Lindsay Blackwell, and the ACLU's Shankar Narayan at "One Click Away: Hate at the Internet," a Think & Drink event at Town Hall Seattle



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"So rich, potent, and relevant. Testimonials from audience were especially poignant. Complex, contradictory, and powerful."

—Think & Drink attendee, Town Hall

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Photo: Speaker Tessa Hulls at the Wenatchee Library.



Photo: Professors Marnie Ritchie and Johann Neem at a Think & Drink event in Tacoma.

"I like to bring Humanities Washington presenters at least once a year and would love to invite them more often. The topics are rich and unique, the presenters are diverse, and they are always skilled at engaging the audience."

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"The Prime Time Reading Program has positively impacted some of our most marginalized families. The program strengthened bonds between kids and their parents. Students in the Prime Time Reading program see themselves as readers and lovers of books now. They are beginning to read more fluently and more often. What more could we ask for? I give this program my highest endorsement."

— Library Coordinator, Pierce County Library System

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