



## Your Support Made A Difference

Thank you to everyone who has sent an email, made a call, clicked to donate, or liked and shared on social media over the past few weeks. We are grateful to announce that because of your support we are now able to continue three of our signature programs!

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Since 1987, we have hosted a [summer teacher institute](#) for K-12 humanities educators to receive professional development training. Over the years, hundreds of teachers from every Idaho county have participated. This summer, 26 teachers and 10 scholars will convene at the Idaho State Museum in Boise for a week to prepare to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence.



Once again, the IHC will be able to bring the Smithsonian's [Museum on Main Street](#) program to rural communities around Idaho! *Voices and Votes*, an exhibit based on a major exhibition at the Smithsonian's National

Museum of American History, will visit Rupert, Moscow, Coeur d'Alene, and Priest River. Since 2020, over 17,000 Idahoans have seen a Smithsonian exhibit in Idaho because of this program.

The IHC values the important work of K-12 humanities educators across our state! We recognize their outstanding work with an annual award for three teachers. We are excited to announce this year's winners: [Angela DeLeon Guerrero](#) from Liberty Elementary School in Boise, [Tiffanie Bird](#) from Moscow Middle School, and [James Lauritsen](#) from Madison High School in Rexburg.

Without your donations and support, these programs would not be happening this year! If you still want to give to see more IHC programs restart, visit us at [www.idahohumanities.org](http://www.idahohumanities.org).



# VOICES AND VOTES DEMOCRACY IN AMERICA



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "J. Bringhurst".

Johanna Bringhurst  
Idaho Humanities Council Director of Programs

## Thank You

### Double the Impact

Thank you for your donations during Idaho Gives! We raised a record amount this year because of you. We also learned during Idaho Gives that we would receive a generous grant



from the Federation of State Humanities councils with support from the Mellon Foundation that provides \$200,000 in stabilization funding for every humanities council and allows us to match up to \$50,000 for additional funding. All of your donations will have **double the impact** because of this matching grant. The timely support of the Mellon Foundation, partnered with your generous support will allow us to continue to fight for the humanities in Idaho.

[Learn More](#)

## Happening Now



### Take a Hike with the Humanities

Join us to get outdoors with a reading inspired by the beauty of this land. Each week, your friends at the IHC will share a reading to help you make the most of your outdoor adventures! We hope you will take a moment to capture a photo or some thoughts and share them with us on our social media or via email.

This week we are reading *Wilderness Letter* by Wallace Stegner, the "Dean of Western Literature."

[Learn More](#)

# VOICES AND VOTES DEMOCRACY IN AMERICA

The Smithsonian is back in Idaho! The Museum on Main Street exhibit *Voices & Votes* kicks off its Idaho tour in Rupert.

**Rupert**  
*Historic Wilson Theatre*  
July 11- August 15

**Moscow**  
*University of Idaho*  
August 22 - October 3

**Coeur d'Alene**  
*Museum of North Idaho*  
October 11 - November 29

**Priest River**  
*West Bonner Library*  
December 6 - January 9

## Context Podcast Digital Collection

Exploring Idaho Through the Humanities



The University of Idaho Special Collections and Archives recently added our *Context* podcast episodes to their digital archive. The *Context* digital collection preserves over 100 recorded conversations with humanities scholars, capturing their research, reflections, and ideas from 2020 to 2024.

Each episode includes a transcript and subject tags, allowing you to find topics and episodes that fit your interests!

[Listen Now](#)

## We Need to Hear From You

### Impact of the Humanities in Idaho

Help the IHC gather information to show the impact of the humanities in Idaho. We are looking for stories that highlight the reach of the Idaho Humanities Council in your community. We want to know how grant funding, programs, and opportunities offered by the IHC have supported you and your organization.



[Share Your](#)

# It's Time to Fight for the Humanities

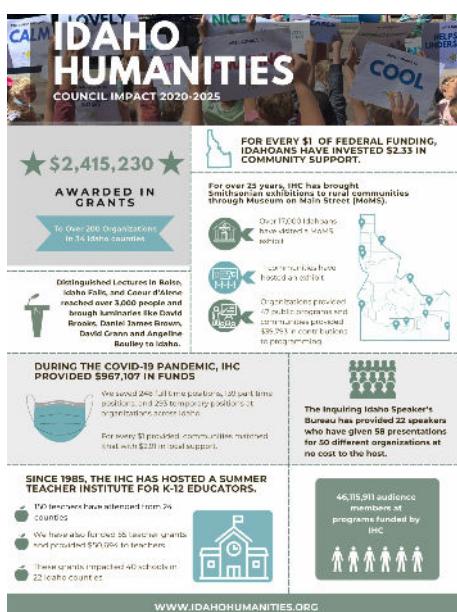
## What's Happening?

On April 2, the Department of Governmental Efficiency (DOGE) canceled hundreds of National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) grants nationwide—including those supporting the Idaho Humanities Council—putting critical cultural programs across our state at risk. These cuts are illegal. The money was appropriated by Congress, as it has been on a bipartisan basis for more than 60 years.

Since 1973, IHC has funded requests amounting to \$8,226,572 in grants and awards provided to Idaho organizations and educators. We have supported 587 organizations in every county and reached countless individuals. Since 2020, IHC has hosted a total of 745 live and virtual programs attended by 47,581,935 people and our grant recipients have conducted 2,617 programs.

The NEH is IHC's largest funder. Our organization was created 53 years ago to distribute NEH funds to public humanities projects in communities all over Idaho. The loss of NEH funding has had a devastating impact on our ability to serve our communities. Without this funding, we will remain unable to provide grant support. As a result of this loss of funding, our grants program remains suspended until further notice and all but a few programs are on pause.

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More



## Why Does It Matter?

The Idaho Humanities

### FIGHT FOR THE HUMANITIES

#### Toolkit



NOW AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE

## How Can I Help?

Congress needs to act, and we need the public's help to show them that this is a priority. We are asking everyone to contact their

Council plays a crucial role in our state by providing programming and grants across the state with Federal dollars.

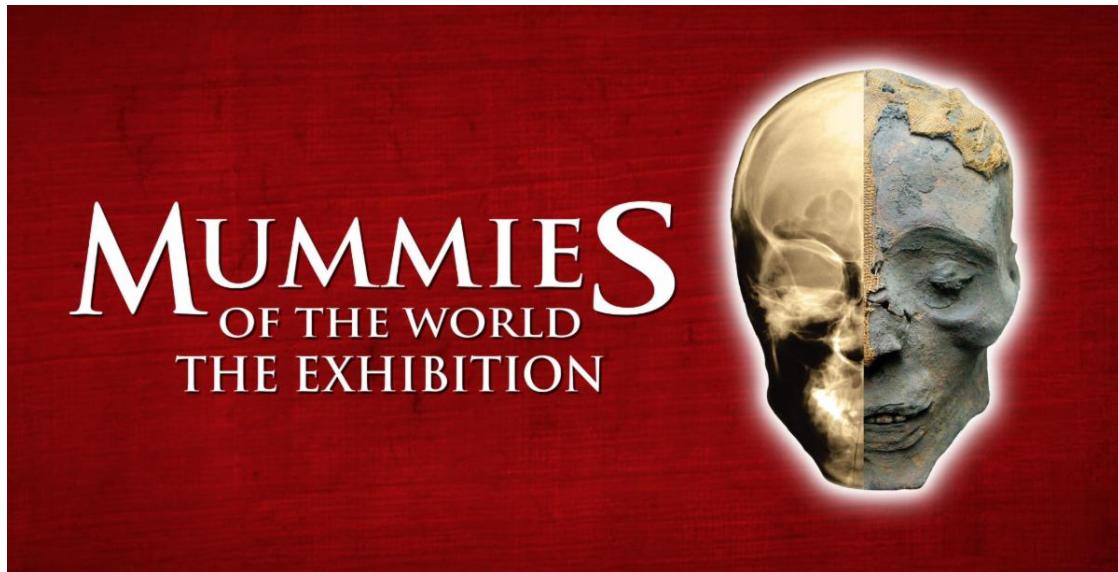
It takes a network of organizations locally, regionally, and nationally to sustain our cultural heritage. The average American pays about \$.60 a year for services that enhance the quality of life in communities and generate a large economic return and local jobs. This is less than the cost of a postage stamp, or the TAX on a coffee! Generous donors chip in, but nothing can replace the foundational support of the Federal Government for NEH, NEA, and the Institute of Museum and Library services.

congressional representatives today; it takes only a couple of minutes but could profoundly influence decisions about restoring this vital funding and ensuring funding in subsequent years through congressional budgeting processes.

We have created advocacy materials to help you advocate for the humanities in Idaho. These materials are available on our website. They include:

- A script for calling/messaging your representatives
- Data sheet with information about our impact
- Printable infographic about our work
- Social Media graphics about the work and impact of the Idaho Humanities Council

## Grant Highlight



## New Exhibit at the Museum of Idaho

Our grant program remains suspended at this time. The IHC is unfortunately no longer accepting applications for grants until further notice. In the meantime, we will continue to highlight programs previously funded by the IHC.

Last October, the IHC Board of Directors awarded the Museum of Idaho a grant to bring *Mummies of the World: The Exhibition* to Idaho Falls. Come face-to-face with one of the largest collections of real mummies and related artifacts ever assembled. The exhibit is a rare chance to experience and learn from real mummies from South America, Europe, and Ancient Egypt at the Gem State's largest humanities and science center.

You can learn more about the exhibit and visiting the Museum of Idaho by going to their [website](#).

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