

MARYLAND HUMANITIES COUNCIL

Opening eyes. Opening ears. Opening minds.









ANNUAL REPORT 2012

The Maryland Humanities Council is a private, educational charitable organization that stimulates and promotes informed dialogue and civic engagement on issues critical to Marylanders. Through collaborations with local partners in every county and Baltimore City, we offer the humanities both for their inherent pleasure and for their tremendous power to transform. Thank you for joining us on this journey.

On the cover, clockwise from left: Grant-funded Maryland Historical Society project, Baltimore; National History Day, College Park; Letters About Literature, Baltimore; One Maryland One Book, Towson.



Letters About Literature, Baltimore



Let's Be Shore, Practicing Democracy, Easton



One Maryland One Book and Baltimore Book Festival, Baltimore

Changing People's Lives through the Humanities Every Single Day

The Maryland Humanities Council (MHC) experienced tremendous growth in 2012. This was possible through the extraordinary generosity of people like you: engaged, committed individuals who stepped up to provide financial support and attend MHC events.

Thanks to your belief in what we do, we expanded the number of programs we offer, the number of events we hold, the number of local organizations who collaborate with us, and the number of communities we reach.

We invite you to look back at the highlights of almost 700 free events. You will find people reading, talking, listening, and learning as part of MHC programs at schools, libraries, VFW halls, museums, parks, hospitals, and historic sites. You helped us reach nearly 700,000 Marylanders this past year through in-person activities, television and radio broadcasts, and online.

Thank you for continuing to support the humanities in Maryland. Together we can open eyes, open ears, and open minds.

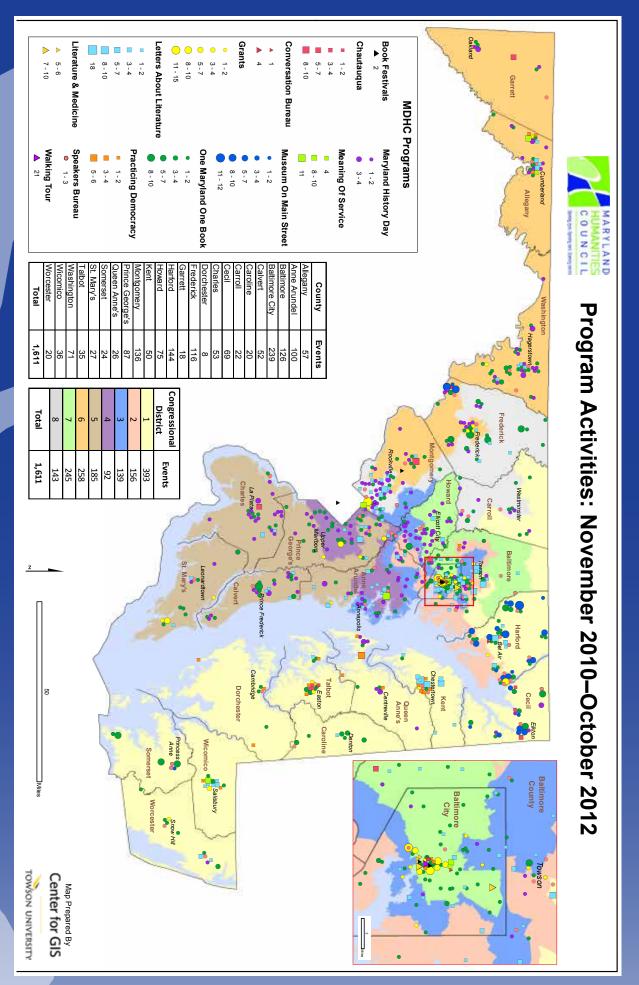


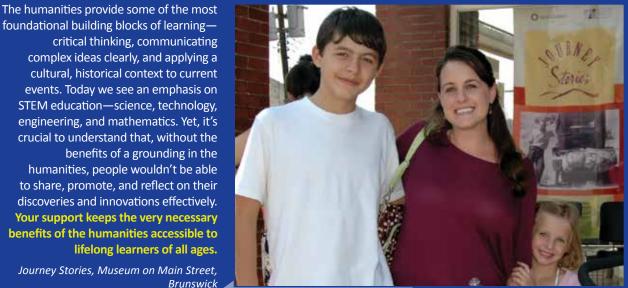
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foundational building blocks of learningcritical thinking, communicating complex ideas clearly, and applying a cultural, historical context to current events. Today we see an emphasis on STEM education—science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. Yet, it's crucial to understand that, without the benefits of a grounding in the humanities, people wouldn't be able to share, promote, and reflect on their discoveries and innovations effectively. Your support keeps the very necessary benefits of the humanities accessible to lifelong learners of all ages.

Journey Stories, Museum on Main Street, **Brunswick**



We've all been profoundly moved by a favorite novel, short story, poem, or play. Imagine writing a letter to your favorite author, sharing how his or her work made an impact on your outlook and life. That is just what several thousand Maryland 4th – 10th graders do each year for Letter t Literature, a national competition. Maryland's finalists are honored each spring, along with a dedicated educator who employs the program effectively in the classroom. The Sarbanes family—Baltimore City Public Schools' Michael Sarbanes (far left), former Senator Paul Sarbanes (middle left), and Congressman John Sarbanes—are staunch supporters of the program and are on hand to personally congratulate winners.

Letters About Literature, Baltimore

Our beloved Chautaugua and Speakers Bureau give audiences of all ages an opportunity to discover more fully history's overlooked or forgotten moments or take a deeper look at intriguing events of the past or present. Chautaugua's actor-scholars present substantive, fact-based monologues as historical figures, such as President James Madison (right). Then they delve deeper into their storehouse of knowledge by engaging in in-character Q&A with audiences. These robust conversations stir much curiosity and debate and attract faithful audience who return year after year. Speakers Bureau includes dozens of compelling scholarly presentations and living history performances hosted by community organizations statewide.

Chautauqua, La Plata



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One Maryland One Book brings thousands of Marylanders together in vibrant discussion at hundreds of events throughout the state. It also brings authors to visit communities large and small each fall, inspiring readers of all ages. From Hagerstown to Huntingtown, Elkton to Easton, and points in-between, award-winning Canadian writer Steven Galloway (left) provoked much soul-searching with his inspired-by-true-events story of a city under siege and the resilience of the human spirit in the face of terror. The Cellist of Sarajevo touched readers of all ages.

One Maryland One Book, Towson



One Maryland One Book, Elkton



Maryland History Day provides budding student researchers with tutorials, mentoring, and an opportunity to present their original research on a truly astounding breadth of topics. For the third year running, more than 18,000 Maryland middle and high school students across 17 counties participated, devoting an average of 70 hours to their projects. A study by our partners at National History Day has found that participants outperform their peers on state assessments not just in social studies, but in reading, science, and mathematics too! Our elected officials (left) understand the vital importance of this kind of humanities programming and often help honor Maryland's finest young historians.

Maryland History Day, Baltimore

The humanities help us explore our humanity. Anyone can experience them and everyone "does them." You are "doing" the humanities if you talk about the last time the Orioles were in a pennant race (that's sports history!) What distinguishes the humanities programming offered by MHC every year is that we seek to bring diverse audiences together to share stories and consider alternative points of view. We define diversity much more broadly than just gender or ethnicity. We believe it also includes age, education, economic means, and sociopolitical perspective. Your support helps us honor diversity in all its forms and connect people from Maryland's extraordinarily complex communities.

Conversation Bureau, Baltimore





Maryland History Day, Baltimore



With our **Grants** program, MHC is able to support humanities programming at organizations large and small throughout Maryland. We place particular importance on the ability to engage new, diverse audiences when awarding funds. Our grantees often leverage the "seal of approval" that an MHC grant bestows to secure necessary additional funding. A full list of 2012's grantees can be found on page 11. Youth in Harford County (right) learned how to collect oral histories at the Hosanna School Museum as a companion project to the *Journey Stories* exhibition on display in their community.

> Grant-funded Hosanna School Museum project, Darlington



When different generations come together to engage with the humanities, everyone benefits. Particularly profound is the impact on youth when they witness adults setting an example of careful consideration of other points of view or when their own humanities scholarship is recognized by parents and others.

Our awards ceremonies for Letters About Literature and Maryland History Day, as well as the Maryland History Day recognition in the Maryland Senate and House of Delegates, can inspire students for years to come and provide crucial networking opportunities.

Letters About Literature, Baltimore



Maryland History Day, Baltimore



When concerned individuals come together to practice respectful, civil dialogue around divisive issues, progress is possible. MHC makes great effort to ensure that multiple viewpoints are given voice and consideration at our discussion-based events. **Practicing Democracy's** Let's Be Shore

project was able to bring business, agriculture, public policy, academic, and environmental interests together to share, listen, learn, and empathize with diverse perspectives. The conversation continues online at www.letsbeshore.org.

Let's Be Shore, Practicing Democracy, Salisbury

for the knowledge we gain from their exploration. They are also of tremendous social value, preparing us to be responsible, engaged citizens. Your support helps us strengthen communities by employing the humanities to create safe spaces for open, respectful discussion of complex and divisive issues.



Chautauqua, Germantown

The humanities are treasured



Our annual summer series of Chautauqua living history performances explores pivotal moments in history, such as the War of 1812. The interactive Q&A period between audiences and both the character and the scholar allow for a deeper examination of motives, trends, and contemporary relevance. Entertaining musical and dramatic performances, such as one by the 257th Army Band (left), precede each show. This increases engagement and strengthens bonds between communities and regional art<u>ists.</u>

Chautauqua, Easton



Our collaboration with the Smithsonian, Museum on Main Street, brings the immense resources of this national treasure to small communities throughout Maryland. Journey Stories visited Harford, Cecil, Frederick, Somerset, and Prince George's Counties. The Harford County Public Library and Harford County Department of Community Services explored the storied past of Route 40, locals' love affair with cars, and food on the move in a companion exhibit (right) and presented more than 70 related events.

Journey Stories, Museum on Main Stree Abingdo

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Our award-winning **Practicing Democracy** program offered a series of dialogue events that played out in person and online throughout the Lower, Middle, and Upper Shore. *Let's Be Shore* urged residents to consider the interrelation of land use, water quality, and economic development. Participants shared their perspectives on the unique character of the Eastern Shore.

Let's Be Shore, Practicing Democracy, Salisbury

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Video documentaries, audio interviews, and photographs of iconic Eastern Shore scenes spurred stories and discussion across boundaries of age, ethnicity, profession, geography, and education. In Wicomico County, MHC collaborated with Salisbury University's Institute for Public Affairs & Civic **Engagement and Sustainable** Delmarva to bring more than 120 concerned residents together to respond to diverse viewpoints offered in video portraits produced by awardwinning filmmaker Doug Sadler.

Let's Be Shore, Practicing Democracy, Chestertown



Journey Stories brought together the Brunswick Branch of the Frederick County Public Library and the Brunswick Railroad Museum to collaborate on a striking complementary local exhibit. Scenes from the town's history filled the panoramic windows of the historic Kaplon Building, recalling the muchbeloved Christmas tableaux from when the building housed a thriving department store. In addition, the arrival of Journey Stories helped jumpstart long-held plans for the Brunswick Visitor Center, now housed in the Museum.

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Journey Stories, Museum on Main Street, Brunswick

The Maryland Humanities Council is able to serve every corner of the state thanks to our amazing local partners. The following is just a partial list of the hundreds of educational, historical, and cultural organizations that help bring the humanities to your community.

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Baltimore County

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Garrett County Public Schools Garrett Lakes Arts Festival Ruth Enlow Library

Harford County

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Statewide

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Talbot County Academy Art Museum Avalon Foundation Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum Chesapeake Film Festival Historical Society of Talbot County Pocket Media Group Shore Health System Talbot County Free Library Talbot County Public Schools

Washington County

Unitarian Universalist Church of Hagerstown Washington County Board of Education Washington County Free Library Washington County Public Schools

Wicomico County

Edward H. Nabb Research Center for Delmarva History and Culture, Salisbury University PACE: Institute for Public Affairs and Civic Engagement Salisbury University Ward Museum of Wildfowl Art Wicomico County Public Schools Wicomico Public Library

Worcester County Worcester County Library Worcester County Public Schools Worcester Preparatory School

2012 Grant Awards

Allegany County Appalachian Independent One Vision/Many Voices \$8,000

Baltimore City B&O Railroad Museum Lincoln's Train Trips \$6,800

Baltimore Choral Arts Society "Land of the Free" Choral Conversation \$1,200

CENTERSTAGE Community Engagement Programs for *The Whipping Man* \$7,900

Directing Dissent Directing Dissent \$7,000

Maryland Historical Society Living History Outreach \$9,000

University of Baltimore Foundation West Meets East: Chinese Films in America \$1,200

The Walters Art Museum The African Presence in Renaissance Europe: Our History/Whose History \$9,000

Baltimore County University of Maryland, Baltimore County: Center for Art, Design & Visual Culture For All the World to Hear: Stories from the Struggle for Civil Rights \$8,000

<u>Calvert County</u> Calvert Library Scholars Talk About Lincoln: The Constitution & the War \$500

Calvert Marine Museum Society Distance Learning at the Calvert Marine Museum \$2,500

<u>Caroline County</u> Adkins Arboretum Exploring Nature's Role in the Underground Railroad Audio Tour \$8,000 Harford County Harford County Public Library Journey Stories Programming \$5,000

Hosanna School Museum Lost and Found: The Forgotten Communities of Aberdeen Proving Ground (Journey Stories Youth Oral History Project) \$1,200

Prince George's County Laurel Historical Society Tasting Laurel: A Program Series \$500

University of Maryland: Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center Fortune's Bones: The Manumission Requiem \$9,000

<u>St. Mary's County</u> Historic St. Mary's City Foundation Race and Representation \$900

<u>Talbot County</u> Academy Art Museum Juneteenth Celebration \$1,200

<u>Wicomico County</u> Ward Museum of Wildfowl Art Maryland Masters: Edwin Remsberg's Portraits of Maryland Traditions \$1,200 Grants Awarded in Fiscal Year 2012: 19 totaling \$86,900

Total Community Match: \$510,008

Innovative humanities projects at the local level benefit from our **Grants** program, receiving vital support up to \$10,000 that is typically leveraged three to one.



Grant-funded Hosanna School Museum project, Darlingtor

In order to keep our hundreds of annual program offerings free and accessible to audiences, the Maryland Humanities Council relies almost exclusively on our donors for annual operating support. Contributors of \$1,000 or more are members of our Leadership Circle. We offer our sincerest appreciation to the following organizations and individuals for their generous financial support during our fiscal year 2012 (November 1, 2011–October 31, 2012).

We make every effort to provide accurate acknowledgement of our contributors. We appreciate your patience and assistance in keeping our list current. To advise us of corrections, please call 410-685-4183.

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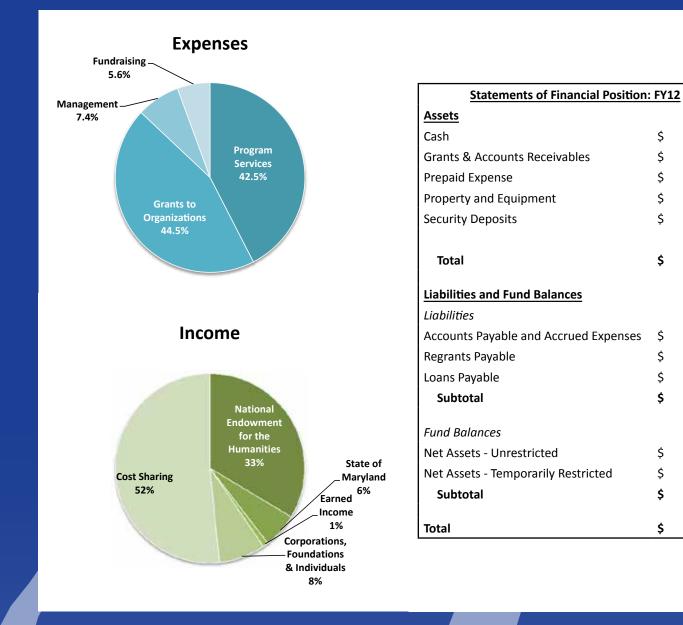
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Letters About Literature, Baltimore







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