INDIANA HUMANITIES BOARD MEMBER
The Honorable Jonathan Weinzapfel, Chancellor, Ivy Tech
Community College Southwest/Wabash Valley regions; former
Mayor of Evansville

BOARD RETREAT
In fall, 2015 our board and staff held a two-day staff retreat in
New Harmony. Our meetings were at Thrall’s Opera House and
New Harmony Inn, and we took a tour of the historic downtown
and explored Harmonie State Park.

ALL-IN
Inspired by the state’s bicentennial, ALL-IN is a competition that
encourages Hoosiers to learn more about Indiana, connect with their communities and imagine ways to make
our state even better. Individuals around the state have accepted the challenge to go ALL-IN. In addition,
Indiana Humanities provides funds, training and other resources for ALL-IN
Block Parties to help organizatons bring the community together for a unique
way to think, read talk and do. Block Parties were awarded to the following
organizations in your district:

- Corning Heritage Center
- The Literacy Center, Evansville
- Parke County Bicentennial Committee

VETERANS BOOK GROUPS
A Veterans Book Group program by Indiana Humanities, in partnership with the Maine Humanities Council and 11 other
state humanities councils across the country, was created to promote understanding of the military experience and to
support returning veterans. In your district, participants included members of the Veteran’s Support Group at the
Evansville State Hospital.

NEXT INDIANA BOOKSHELF
The Next Indiana Bookshelf is a collection of 13 titles that encourage Hoosiers
to think, read and talk about the present and future of Indiana. Organizations
selected to receive a set in your district include:

Washington Carnegie Public Library
Bloomfield Eastern Greene County Public Library
Evansville Vanderburgh Public Library
Jasper Public Library
NOVEL CONVERSATIONS
Novel Conversations is a free lending library for books clubs. Participants from your district include:

Alexandrian Public Library
Bloomfield Eastern Green County Public Library
Evansville State Hospital
Evansville-Vanderburgh County Public Library
Fort Branch Public Library
Jasper-Dubois County Library, Birdseye/Dubois/Ferdinand/Jasper
Knox County Public Library
Linton Public Library
Owen County Public Library
Owensville Carnegie Public Library
Rockville Correctional Facility
Shoals Public Library
Sullivan County Public Library
SWIRCA & More
Washington Carnegie Public Library
Westminster Village, Terre Haute

As part of the Novel Conversations Speakers Program, Indiana Humanities received support from The Glick Fund, a fund of Central Indiana Community Foundation to provide stipends to authors to travel around Indiana to speak at public libraries. In your district, the Evansville-Vanderburgh County Public Library, North Park Branch, hosted Michael Shelden on June 20, 2015 and the Jasper-Dubois County Public Library hosted Norbert Krapf on March 16.

COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS
Knox County was one of four regions selected to host a Community Conversation on a critical issue in the community. The Community Conversation focused on how to foster conversations between organizations and to generate new ideas on how to sustain and grow the tourism industry based on the rich history of Vincennes/Knox County.

GRANT WORKSHOP
Indiana Humanities hosted a grant workshop at the Ivy Tech Community College campus in Evansville. Dozens of people attended the information session about how to write a successful proposal and to learn about other various funding opportunities from Indiana Humanities.

RECENT GRANTS AWARDED
“Be the Change” Film and Speaker Series
CANDLES Holocaust Museum and Education Center, Terre Haute - $2,000
A six-program series, running September 2015 – April 2016, features survivors of the Holocaust and genocide, as well as people who worked to rescue victims and change attitudes.

Historic Riverside Video Walking Tour
City of Evansville, Dept. of Metropolitan Development, Evansville - $2,000
A walking tour brochure of the Historic Riverside Neighborhood will use QR codes to connect to video productions on the history and architecture of the district. The videos will be researched and produced by students at Reitz High School.

Peters-Margedant House Educational Materials
University of Evansville, Evansville - $2,000
This project will produce a video and photographic documentation of the 1935 Peters-Margedant House, a prototype of Usonian design by Wes Peters, a close associate of Frank Lloyd Wright.

**Art and Literature of John James Audubon**  
**University of Southern Indiana, Evansville - $1,661**  
This grant supported a public lecture on Oct. 1, 2015 by art historian Lucy Winters Durkin, who discussed Audubon’s *Ornithological Biographies*. Durkin uses an interdisciplinary approach to examine the literary contributions of Audubon, her great-great-great-grandfather.

**Celebrating 200: Terre Haute’s Emerald Necklace**  
**Vigo County Public Library, Terre Haute - $2,000**  
The Vigo County Public Library will install the Emerald Necklace exhibition, a collection of restored maps and blueprints designed for the city of Terre Haute by renowned landscape architect, George Kessler. The Emerald Necklace exhibition, named for the connecting design of the urban parks Kessler integrated into his plan for Terre Haute, will be a featured component of the celebration for Indiana’s Bicentennial and the city of Terre Haute’s 200th anniversaries in 2016. The exhibit will be installed in August, 2016, and programs will run Sept.-Oct. 2016.

**TESTIMONIALS**

“This publication [funded by a Historic Preservation Education Grant] is a cornerstone of our efforts to get the residents of the [Washington Avenue] neighborhood as well as the citizens of the city to see that the architecture here is one of the greatest assets the neighborhood has and can be a starting point for neighborhood revitalization.”  
Dennis Au, City of Evansville

“We realize that many school systems face tough budget issues and while professional development is important, it costs the school to hire a substitute for the day. The grant made it possible to offer a limited number of stipends on a first come first served basis. Many teachers attended who might not have been able to do so without the grant funding.”

Leslie Townsend, Director, Historic Southern Indiana

[This workshop for 3rd and 4th grade teachers focused on Indiana’s Historic Pathways, a state scenic byway that tells the story of early settlement, migration and transportation in southwestern Indiana.]