

INDIANA HUMANITIES

Humanities Initiative Grants Awarded – September 2015

TOTAL: \$24,836

Buffalo Trace Educational Boxes

Grantee: Indiana Historic Pathways, Inc., Jeffersonville

Award: \$2000

Description: The project will create educational boxes designed for 4th grade teachers in the eight-county area that is crossed by Indiana's Pioneer era roadway - the Buffalo Trace - which connected Clarksville on the Ohio River with Vincennes on the Wabash River. Each Buffalo Trace Box is designed to teach about the history of this early roadway and the lives of early explorers and pioneer settlers. (Jan. 2016, box delivery; Jan.-May 2016, classroom pilot)

Hoosier Women at Work Conference

Grantee: Indiana Women's History Association, Indianapolis

Award: \$2000

Description: The Indiana State Library, the Indiana Historical Bureau, and the Indiana Women's History Association will host a women's history symposium in March 2016 in Indianapolis. The conference will provide attendees with an opportunity to learn about women's contributions to Indiana's history and encourage a statewide community to work to ensure access to Indiana women's history. (March 26, 2016)

OASIS Bicentennial, Bi Generation Project

Grantee: Indianapolis OASIS, Indianapolis

Award: \$1600

Description: OASIS will provide programs throughout 2016 that focus on convening multiple generations to study, learn and celebrate ways their family cultures fit into the rich fabric of Indiana's 200-year history. The program will engage ethnically diverse students in the OASIS Intergenerational Program and their families. (Jan.-Dec., 2016)

Against the Odds

Grantee: Middlebury Community Public Library, Middlebury

Award: \$2000

Description: A scholar-led reading/discussion series for adults will use the "Let's Talk About It" model for theme-based book discussions. The series for this fall is titled "Against the Odds." (Oct. 13, Nov. 10, Dec. 1, 2015)

Monroe County @ Work

Grantee: Monroe County History Center, Bloomington

Award: \$2000

Description: The Monroe County History Center will sponsor a public lecture/conversation series addressing the changing nature of work in Monroe County since its founding in 1818. This program will complement the Center's new exhibit, "Monroe County @ Work," which explores the history of local people's workplaces and experiences. (Fall 2015 to Spring 2016)

The Beverly Shores Stories Project

Grantee: Porter County Museum, Valparaiso

Award: \$2000

Description: The Porter County Museum and the Beverly Shores Museum & Art Gallery will work together to collect oral histories from Beverly Shores residents past and present, year-long work that will culminate in two exhibitions and several programs discussing what it means to live in community. (July & Aug. 2016, exhibits; July-Dec. 2016, programs)

20th Anniversary Signature Event: A Conversation with David Brooks

Grantee: IUPUI (The Polis Center), Indianapolis

Award: \$1000

Description: The Spirit & Place Festival will host New York Times op-ed columnist David Brooks in a conversation with Matthew Meyer Boulton, President and Professor of Theology at Christian Theological Seminary, about Brooks' bestselling book *The Road to Character* (2015). (Nov. 8, 2015)

Celebration of *The Grapes of Wrath*

Grantee: Storytelling Arts of Indiana, Indianapolis

Award: \$2000

Description: This program will create and facilitate six opportunities that will encourage Hoosiers to think, read, talk and experience *The Grapes of Wrath* by John Steinbeck. Three different means of engagement will be used to attract Hoosiers to this program; reading & discussion, watching the movie, and hearing Steinbeck's words out loud via storytelling. (Feb.-Mar., 2016)

Fall Fest 2015 Slammin Rhymes Challenge IX

Grantee: Indianapolis Public Library Foundation, Indianapolis

Award: \$2000

Description: The Indianapolis Public Library will host "Fall Fest 2015/ Slammin' Rhymes Challenge IX - Still I Rise" in honor of Maya Angelou. Fall Fest is an annual event for the community that particularly targets African-American teenagers through presentations in a variety of areas, including literature, poetry and other performing arts. (Nov. 21, 2015)

Art and Literature of John James Audubon

Grantee: University of Southern Indiana, Evansville

Award: \$1661

Description: This grant will support a public lecture by art historian Lucy Winters Durkin, who will discuss creative and rhetorical strategies in Audubon's *Ornithological Biographies*. Durkin uses an interdisciplinary approach to examine the literary contributions of Audubon, her great, great, great grandfather. (Oct. 1, 2015)

Celebrating 200: Terre Haute's Emerald Necklace

Grantee: Vigo County Public Library, Terre Haute

Award: \$2000

Description: 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 the State of Indiana

and the City of Terre Haute's 200th anniversaries in 2016. (Aug. 2016, exhibit installed; Sept.-Oct. 2016, programs)

Indiana's Changing Culture: Celebrating 200 Years

Grantee: Indiana University (WFIU Public Radio), Bloomington

Award: \$1995

Description: WFIU Public Radio plans to produce four one-hour themed documentary pieces titled "Indiana's Changing Culture: Celebrating 200 Years" for radio broadcast over the course of the Bicentennial year. The themes are Labor, Land, Literature and Transportation, as told through in-depth and personal interviews and stories with experts, scholars, and everyday people. Short segments will be released via podcast and online every two weeks, culminating in a long-form radio special aired quarterly. (Jan.-Dec. 2016, broadcasts)

The Indiana Way

Grantee: WFYI Public Media, Indianapolis

Award: \$1000

Description: WFYI is producing a three-part series based on Jim Madison's new book. The new television series is designed to spur a better understanding of the past, using the state's history as a framework for better understanding where we are headed. (Spring 2016)

From Under the Cloud: A One-Woman Show

Grantee: Indiana Medical History Museum, Indianapolis

Award: \$1580

Description: A historical dramatization of Anna Agnew's memoir of mental illness in the 19th century will be preceded by a lecture by Kathleen Brian of the Smithsonian Institution. (Apr. 2016)