



World of Wonders
Community Read
Informational Webinar

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humanities

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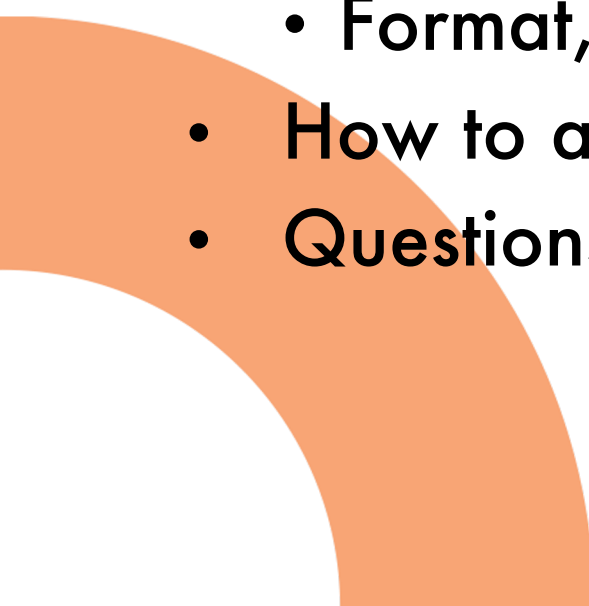


Welcome!

Who We Are

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Agenda

- What is Indiana Humanities?
 - Information about our new thematic initiative: Unearthed
 - Information about One State / One Story
 - Introduce Community Read
 - Format, program ideas, requirements & resources, timeline
 - How to apply
 - Questions?
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What is Indiana Humanities?

Indiana Humanities is...

- Statewide nonprofit
- Support and produce public humanities programs
- Humanities: history, literature, philosophy, ethics, civics, art history, world languages & cultures, religious studies and more
- Local partner of the National Endowment for the Humanities
- www.indianahumanities.org



What We Do...

Grantmaker

- Offered monthly: \$3,000 grants for public humanities programs
- Larger grants offered semi-annually
- Research fellowships
- www.indianahumanities.org/grants



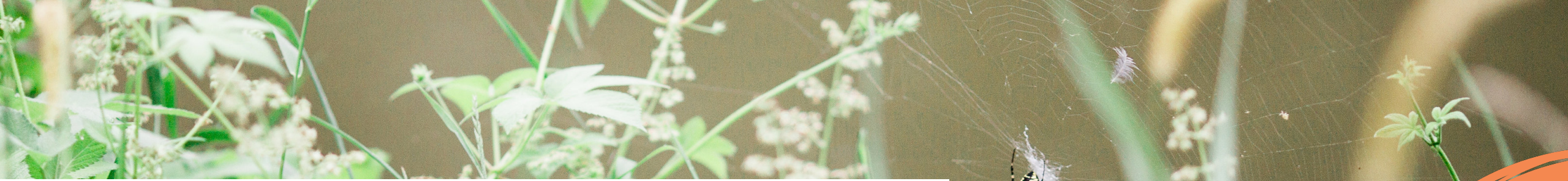
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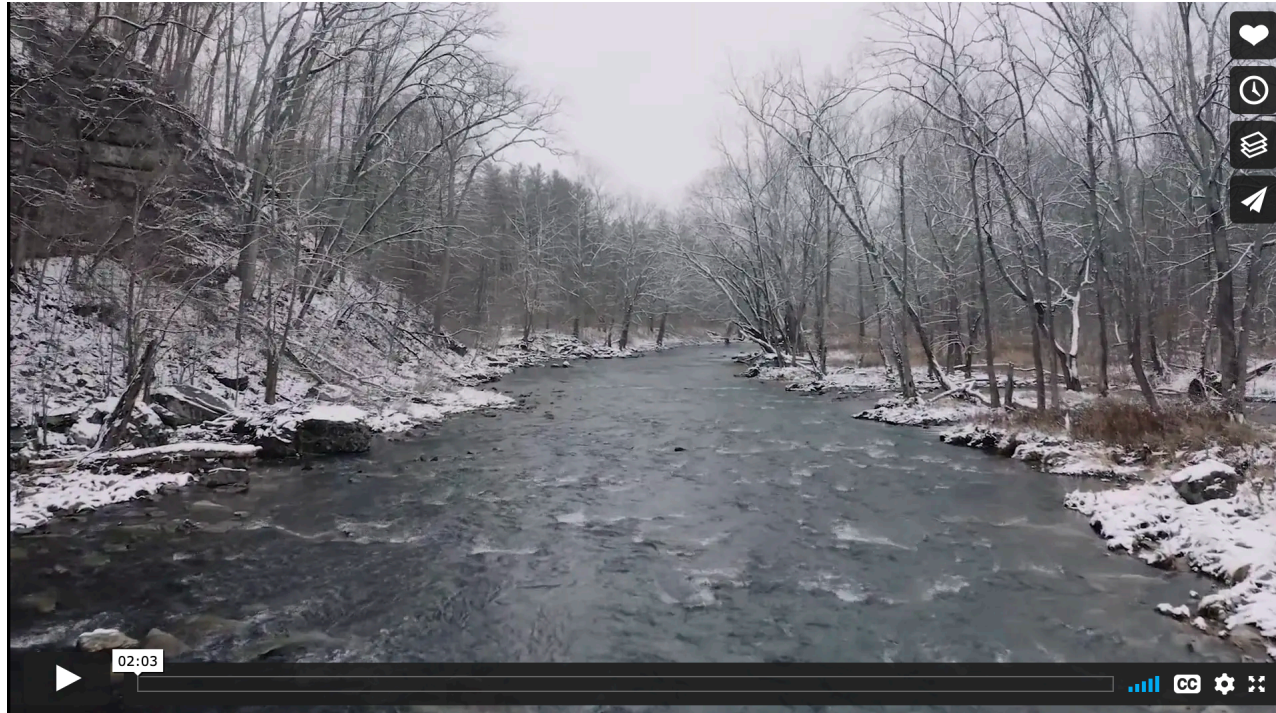
- Develop Indiana Humanities-led programs such as INconversations, Campfires, Chew on This, One State / One Story, Novel Conversations, Historic Bar Crawl and more...



What is Unearthed ?



Unearthed



<https://vimeo.com/557643285>



Guiding Questions

- What does Hoosier environmental history reveal about Indiana's landscape and its people today?
- How can the humanities help us understand our relationship with the natural world?
- How does our understanding of nature affect our actions towards the environment?
- How is environmental change impacting our understanding of humanity's legacy? Are we being good ancestors?



Programming

- Campfires
- Water/Ways
- Speakers Bureau
- One State/One Story
- Waterways Films & Tour
- *How to Survive the Future* Podcast
- And more!

Environmental Humanities Speakers Bureau

- Ecology particularly watershed connections
- Food systems
- Climate change (philosophy)
- Indigenous history and culture
- Wilderness

- Environmental racism (NWI & Central Indiana)
- Representation (literature, poetics, painting & more)
- Indiana's particular environmental history
- Theology/spirituality
- And more



Environmental Humanities Speakers Bureau



- Host a speaker, for free, in your community
- Stipends are still available! (First-come-first-served)
- Indiana Humanities pays speaking fee (\$400), your organization covers travel/lodging needs
- Browse the catalog and apply: <https://indianahumanities.org/environmental-humanities-speakers-bureau/>




Novel Conversations

- Free, statewide lending library for book clubs
- Curated an Unearthed collection of book sets
- View the collection and learn more about Novel Conversations: <https://indianahumanities.org/news/unearthed-novel-conversations-collection/>



What is One State / One Story?

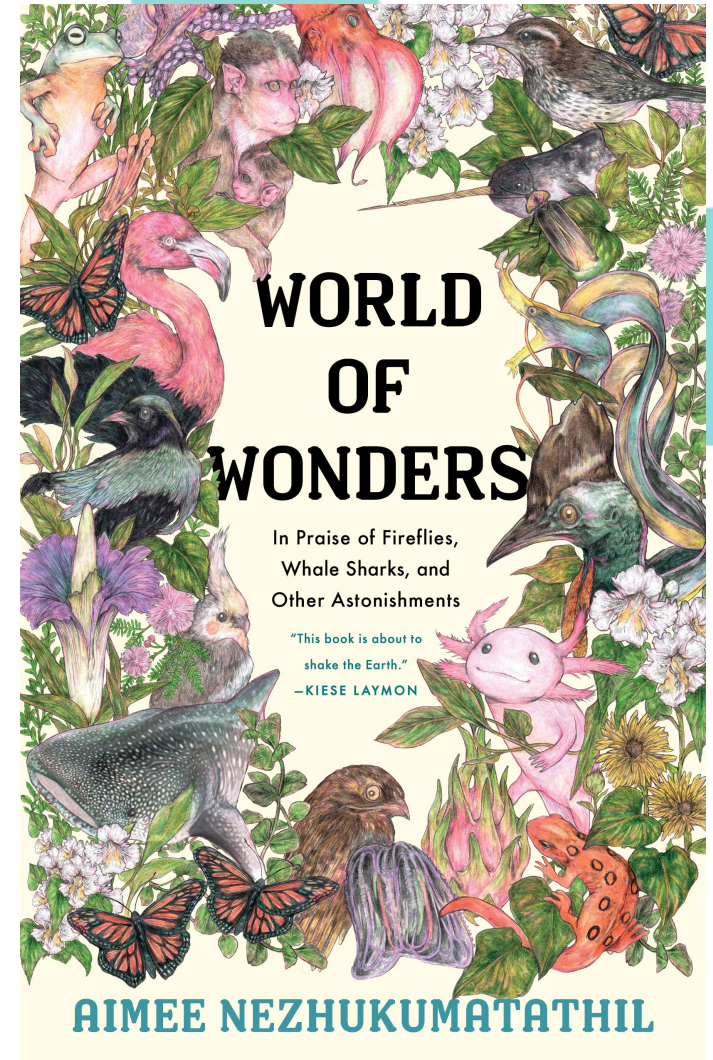
- Statewide read program
- Past statewide reads: *Frankenstein* (2018); *The Year We Left Home* (2020)
- Programs to activate community reading and conversation
- Author tour in the fall of the program year



**One State / One Story:
World of Wonders**

World of Wonders

- a collection of essays about the natural world, and how it can teach, support, and inspire us
- connects her experiences as a woman of color living in America with the creatures and plant-life around her
- moves between the curiosity as well as the beauty of the more-than-human and the perspective she receives from that same natural world



Aimee Nezhukumatathil

- Born in Chicago; attended Ohio State; awarded a creative writing fellowship at the Univ of Wisconsin – Madison
- English and creative writing professor at the University of Mississippi
- Poetry fellowship with the NEH; Guggenheim Fellow in poetry



Big Questions

- How do we shape the environment and how does the environment shape us?
- How do human perspectives affect our understanding of the more-than-human world?
- What plants and animals have you related to or had special relationships with?
- How do our relationships with nature affect our actions towards the natural world?



Community Read Program

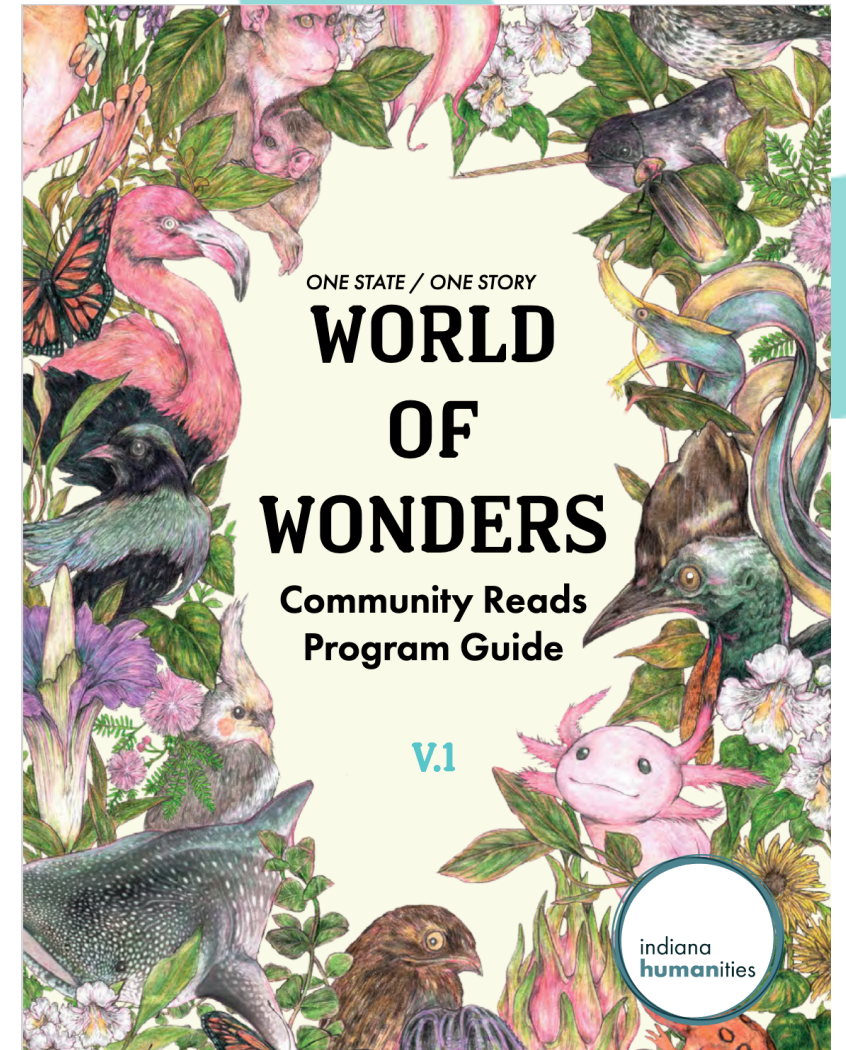
What is the Community Read?

- Series of three programs about *World of Wonders*
- One of the three programs is a book discussion
- Hosted by libraries, schools, civic organizations & other nonprofits
- Programs occur during 2022



Resources

- \$750 grant
- 30 copies of *World of Wonders*
- Program Guide with tips, resources & requirements
- Bookmarks
- Posters
- Social media toolkit and graphics
- And more fun swag!



Funding

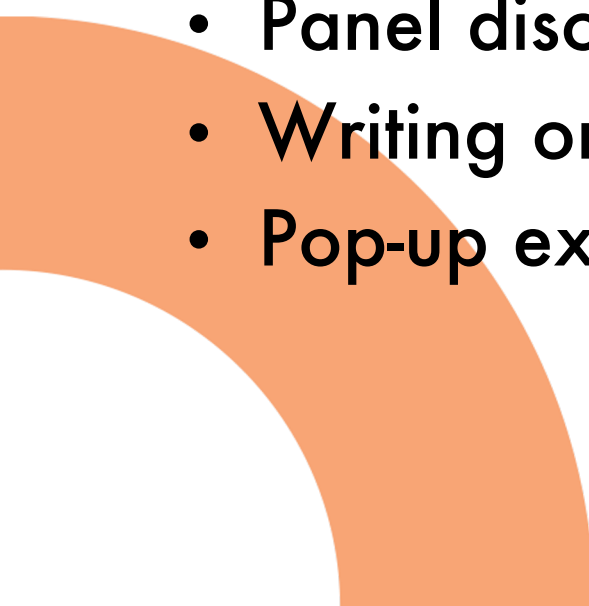
\$750 to support program expenses

- Scholar or book discussion leader payment
- Materials for activities
- Film or ebook licenses
- Marketing or promotional materials
- Space rental
- Food & drink (up to 10%)
- Staff time (up to 10%)
- More books!

Requirements

- Host three programs during 2022
- One program must be a book discussion
- Signed agreement letter and DUNS number
- Submit event calendar to receive first 90% of grant
- Plan and execute three events
- Submit final report to receive final 10% of grant

Community Read Program Options

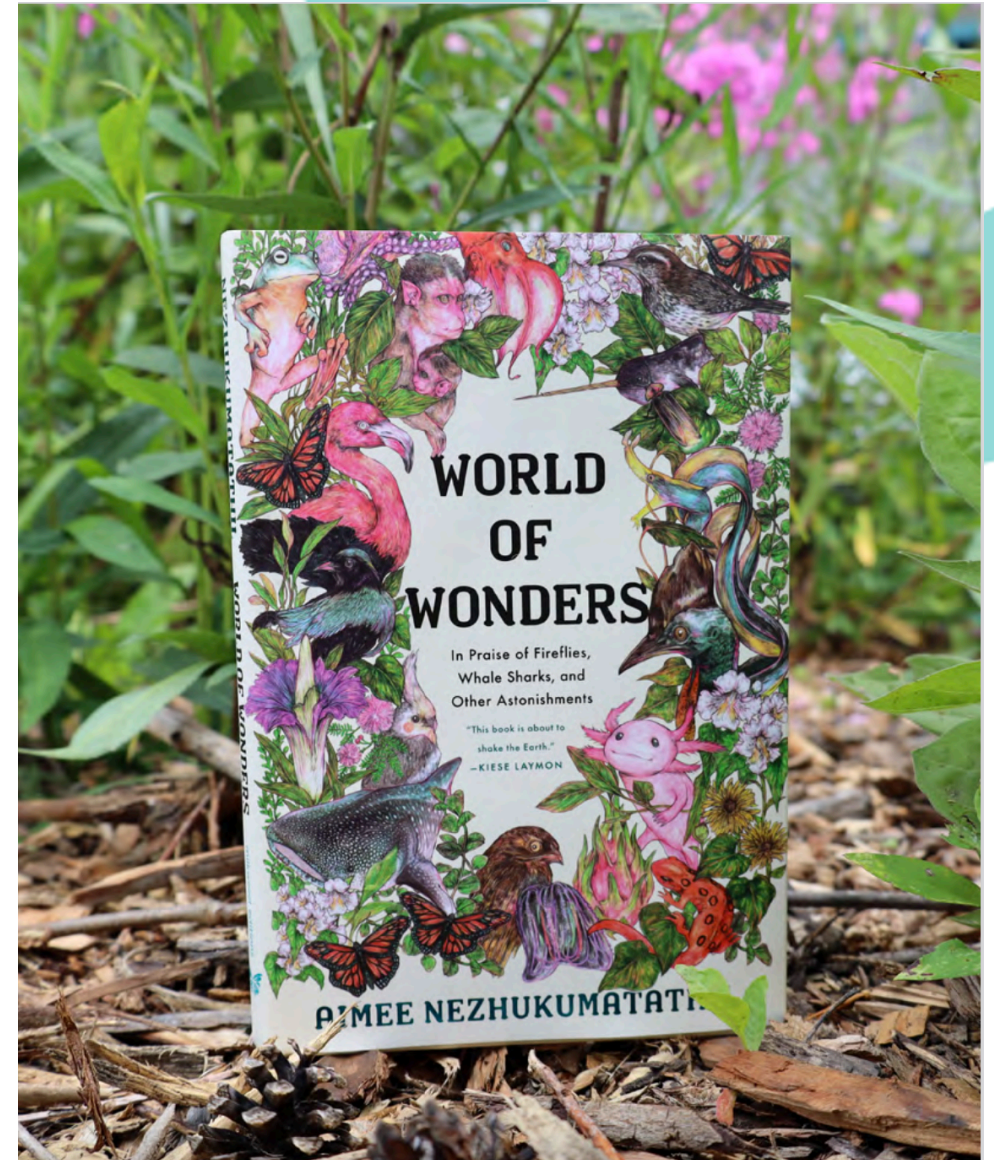
- Film screening
 - Speakers Bureau talk from IH catalog
 - Read-alike series
 - Community conversation
 - Panel discussion
 - Writing or art-making activity tied to the themes of the book
 - Pop-up exhibit
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How to apply...

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- Read through the Community Read program guide
- Gather your team & brainstorm
- Develop proposed programs / activities
- Develop brief budget draft
- Fill out the application form by **Oct. 1, 2021**





LEU Credit

To get LEU credit...

- Direct message Sam using the chat box
- Include your full name and email address
- We will email you the certificate by the end of the week
- Any other questions? Email Sam
(sopsahl@indianahumanities.org)



Next steps...



Upcoming Dates

- October 1: Application deadline
- October 22: Application decisions announced
- Early December: Training webinars
- January 2022: Programs begin
- September 2022: Author tour with Aimee Nezhukumatathil!



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