

## MISSION

Arizona Humanities builds a just and civil society by creating opportunities to explore our shared human experiences through discussion, learning and reflection.



*The Ellis-Shackelford House,  
home of Arizona Humanities*

The Humanities are areas of study that examine human culture. Arizona Humanities supports opportunities to explore, share and experience literature, history, philosophy, art, music, religion, archaeology and other areas. The humanities inspire, engage and enrich us; they teach us about the varied cultures in our state, our country and the world.

**Over the last 40 years, Arizona Humanities has supported public programs that promote understanding of the human experience with cultural, educational, and non-profit organizations across Arizona. How do we do this?**

- Provide **grants** and resources for high-quality public humanities programs
- Offer entertaining and informative **speakers** through the AZ Speaks program
- Bring Smithsonian Museum **exhibitions** to rural communities
- Encourage family **reading** through literacy programs that engage children and parents
- Support **veterans** from all eras with writing workshops, book and film discussions
- Engage people in **conversations** about important issues facing our communities



## VETERANS PROGRAMS

Arizona Humanities brings together communities of veterans and their families for thoughtful reflection and meaningful discussion.

“It was valuable to hear the stories of other veterans and the program made me feel valued as a veteran myself. It renewed my interest in being part of the ‘voice of veterans’ both in public discourse and written communication.” - Veterans Book Discussion Participant

## AZ SPEAKS

We encourage audiences to think, learn and connect with diverse and engaging scholars who travel across Arizona.

## FAMILY LITERACY

We inspire families and children to read and learn together through reading programs and distributing free books at family-friendly events.

“Before this program I would have to fight with my son to sit down and read a book...Now he is excited about reading and he’ll read as much he can before bed, put a bookmark in the book and then continue the next day.” - Family Reading Program Parent

## SMITHSONIAN MUSEUM EXHIBITIONS – MUSEUM ON MAIN STREET

We engage rural audiences with high-quality exhibitions that explore a community’s own history, culture, and people.

## GRANTS

We award grants to organizations to engage diverse audiences with the history and culture of our state.

“The *Day in the Life* program allowed children to experience the work and games of Yavapai and pioneer youngsters...educating children about cultures different from their own and about 19<sup>th</sup> century life and history.” - A Day in the Life Youth Program - Sharlot Hall Museum, Prescott

## CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

We create safe environments for participants to think critically and share dialogue through Authors Nights, community conversations, and more.