

PROGRAMS

AZ Speaks

AZ Speaks serves the Arizona community by providing a diverse selection of experts and scholars from a variety of humanities/disciplines who deliver entertaining and informative presentations on a wide range of humanities topics. Speakers deliver presentations to local non-profits, libraries, educational institutions, K-12 schools, governmental and tribal entities. AZ Speaks is an affordable way for organizations to engage their community and is free for the public. AH covers the cost of honorarium and travel for scholars, allowing host sites to easily book quality programs for their communities. AH has continually grown this program to meet the needs of communities and to reflect the depth and richness of Arizona.



Author + Talk

Authors Nights provide opportunities for lively discussions with local and national authors on a variety of humanities topics and subjects. These programs are free to the public and encourage an environment of learning, reflection, and conversation. Author's Nights can occur anywhere throughout the state but are most often hosted at the Ellis-Shackelford House. AH is dedicated to continuing to develop this program by providing an author-led small group conversation for those who have read the book prior to the public reading, with the goal of engaging the community in a deeper and meaningful way.



Literacy

Arizona Humanities *Hop, Skip & Jump into Reading* programs provide the opportunity for local Arizona children and families to engage with young adult authors, hear exciting stories, participate in singalongs, learn illustration techniques and receive free books. AH is expanding *Hop, Skip & Jump into Reading* programs to rural communities, to encourage communities statewide to view reading as an activity filled with movement, drawing, and cadence. This program is free and open to the public.



FRANK Talks

The latest AH initiative, FRANK Talks, will launch in summer 2016 with the Arizona State Libraries Records and Archives. FRANK Talks provide thought-provoking, scholar-facilitated discussions in rural libraries where the audience does the talking, giving people the chance to put important issues into context, weigh facts and consider different points of view on important issues facing our communities, state, nation and world. The goal of FRANK Talks is to inspire people to practice the skills of citizenship and civil dialogue by creating a conversation about current issues in a safe environment. AH will expand FRANK Talks to new host sites, and will add new topics as the program grows. This program is free and open to the public.



FRANK Talks are named to honor Lorraine W. Frank, the founding Executive Director of Arizona Humanities. During her tenure from 1973 to 1989, she elevated public discourse and understood that engaging communities in dialogue was critical to democracy and the life of our state. Lorraine W. Frank passed away in 2005, and in 2015 she was inducted into the Arizona Women's Hall of Fame.

National Poetry Month

Arizona Humanities celebrates National Poetry Month during the month of April by providing free programs and workshops across the state celebrating local Arizona and national poets. These programs encourage the reading of poetry, inspire people to write poetry, and engage communities to participate and learn various forms of poetry. All programs and workshops are free and open to the public.



Poet Orlando White

Smithsonian Exhibition Museum on Main Street - *Water/Ways*

The upcoming two year partnership between Arizona Humanities, the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service and Arizona State University seeks to explore Arizona's water by bringing the Museums on Main Street *Water/Ways* exhibit to Arizona. This exhibit is specifically designed for small and rural communities and explores the relationship between people and water. Twelve rural sites will be selected to host the exhibit from 2018-2020, with each location designing their own programs around water, to contribute to the exhibit. AH will also create and promote water focused programming in conjunction with the exhibit's run in Arizona. All programs are free and open to the public.



Veterans Programming

Arizona Humanities' veterans programs directly support veteran communities through book discussions, writing workshops, film discussions, photography projects and more. AH partners with veterans groups to explore the humanities with veterans, and we are dedicated to building programming with the goal of allowing veterans to engage in discussion, learning, and reflection.



Image from Debt of Honor film by Ric Burns

Humanities Awards

Each year Arizona Humanities honors individuals, organizations, and businesses for their contribution and advancement of the humanities. Through an online nomination process, members of the community can submit nominations and letters of support to highlight outstanding contributions to the humanities and cultural life in Arizona. Nominees and award recipients are recognized at an annual awards event.

The three award categories are:

- Dan Shilling Public Humanities Scholar Award
- Juliana Yoder Friend of the Humanities Award
- Humanities Rising Star Award



Rivka Rocchio, 2015 Humanities Rising Star Award Recipient