



HUMANITIES KANSAS

Call for New and Returning Book Discussion Leaders Deadline: December 20, 2022

Humanities Kansas (HK) invites humanities professionals who love to discuss good books, engage with big ideas, and travel across Kansas to lead book discussions. Apply now to serve as a discussion leader for the TALK (Talk About Literature in Kansas) program.

About HK's TALK Program

HK's TALK program explores topics important to Kansans through literature. The humanities help us understand what it means to be human — to seek connections with people and place. Talk About Literature in Kansas book discussions draw on our diverse literatures to help us see more clearly who we are as people and define ideas that will shape a future worthy of generations to come.

TALK Book Discussions are

- Designed for out of school adult audiences.
- Hosted by libraries, historical museums, senior centers, and other nonprofit organizations.
- Driven by captivating stories and group conversations.

Discussion Leaders Qualifications

Preference will be given to applicants that fit within at least one of the following categories:

- ☐ Professionals who teach, research, and/or write in a humanities discipline.
- ☐ Individuals with an advanced degree or in the process of obtaining one, such as a M.A. or Ph.D., in a humanities discipline.
- ☐ Individuals with facilitation experiences beyond the formal classroom setting.
- ☐ Traditional culture bearers. Scholarship and knowledge gathering are defined differently in different cultures, and HK respects such diversity of training and preparation.

In addition, all discussion leaders **must**

- ☐ live in-state.
- ☐ commit to 1-year in the catalog, renewable for another second year.
- ☐ be willing to give presentations online and/or travel across Kansas to give presentations in-person.
- ☐ be responsive to email communications and enjoy public speaking.
- ☐ agree to attend a mandatory orientation either in-person or online (date to be determined).

How to Apply

Please note the selection process is competitive and not every submission will be selected.

Submit the online application form: https://form.jotform.com/Humanities_Kansas/discussion-leader.

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How does the TALK program work?

HK's TALK program engages Kansans who love to read and discuss stories and ideas that build strong communities. Here's how the TALK program works at a glance:

- An in-state nonprofit organization invites discussion leaders to lead a book discussion in their community. Organizations will contact the discussion leader directly. HK loans copies of the books to the organization and the discussion leader. Discussion leaders manage their own schedules and can accept or decline an invitation to lead a book discussion.

- After the discussion leader and organization confirm event details such as date, time, location, and book, the sponsoring organization requests financial support from HK to cover the discussion leader's honoraria and travel for in-person and online events. Discussion leaders receive:
 - \$250 for presentations conducted online
 - \$300 for presentations done in-person traveling up to 200 miles one way
 - \$500 for presentations done in-person traveling over 201 miles one way
- Discussion leaders will be listed in HK's TALK catalog and website.

Questions?

Contact Abigail Kaup, Program Officer, at abigail@humanitieskansas.org or (785) 357-0359.

About Humanities Kansas

Humanities Kansas is an independent nonprofit leading a movement of ideas to empower the people of Kansas to strengthen their communities and our democracy. Since 1972, HK's pioneering programming, grants, and partnerships have documented and shared stories to spark conversations and generate insights. Together with partners and supporters, HK inspires all Kansans to draw on history, literature, ethics, and culture to enrich their lives and serve the communities and state we all proudly call home. Visit humanitieskansas.org.

