



# HUMANITIES KANSAS

Stewardship Report for the Honorable Jake LaTurner  
Congressional District 2, Kansas  
Report Dates: FY 20 District 2 (November 1, 2019 - October 31, 2020)

Number of Public Events: 179  
Council Funding: \$265,005.77  
CARES Act Funding: \$159,804.00  
Attendees: 309,826  
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Humanities Kansas is a non-profit that connects communities with history, traditions, and ideas to strengthen civic life.

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The **Culture Preservation and Humanities For All Grants** support unique, one-of-a-kind community-created programs that engage Kansans in opportunities to examine our history, heritage, traditions, literature, civics, values, and other human experiences.

Fort Scott	<b>Life in a Jar Foundation</b> "African American Suffragists: Kansas Heroes for Equality" Exhibition, book discussions, and events celebrating the work of Kansans Carrie Hughes and Mamie Dillard, strong advocates for women's suffrage and African American equality.	\$2,230
Holton	<b>Jackson County Historical and Genealogical Society</b> "Reflections: Jackson County's Response to COVID-19" Oral history interviews documenting the experiences of Jackson County residents during Covid-19.	\$1,000
Iola	<b>Bowlus Fine Arts Center</b> "Taking Southeast Kansas History Online" Website and interactive map of Allen and Woodson Counties featuring geo-tagged articles that correspond to sites of historical significance. The website and articles will feature the site's history, a photo gallery, and recorded interviews of people connected to place.	\$10,000
Lawrence	<b>Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area</b> "Portals to the Past" Online presentations by historical reenactors designed to provide history organizations with programming during the Covid-19 pandemic.	\$1,000
Lawrence	<b>Watkins Museum of History</b> "Earth Day 50th Birthday Party" An all-day virtual event to commemorate the 50th anniversary of Earth Day.	\$1,000
Neodesha	<b>City of Neodesha</b> "Connecting Our Community" Online discussions titled "Kansas Health: Past to Present" about issues surrounding Kansas health and healthcare.	\$1,000
Sabetha	<b>Mary Cotton Public Library</b> "Covid-19! The Mask of Fear or New Beginnings?" Online video interviews with Sabetha residents as they experienced the impact of COVID -19 during the summer of 2020.	\$500
Topeka	<b>ARTSConnect</b> "We Read Frederick Douglass: Topeka Poets & Community Leaders Perform Online Reading of "What to the Slave Is the Fourth of July?" Online community reading of the 1852 speech by Frederick Douglass, wherein he critiqued the American values of liberty, citizenship, and freedom that excluded enslaved people.	\$1,500

Topeka	<b>Greater Topeka Partnership</b> "A Seat at the Table" Facilitated small group conversations about race, history, equity, and current events.	\$1,301
Topeka	<b>Kansas Oral History Project, Inc.</b> "Oral Histories from 1960-2010: How the Legislative Culture Changed" Oral history project with Kansas state legislators who served from 1960 to 2010.	\$3,500
Topeka	<b>Topeka Collegiate Commons</b> "Celebrating Diversity & Sesame Street: An Evening with Sonia Manzano" Public presentation with author and actress, Sonia Manzano, examining powerful perspectives on diversity and the need for inclusion.	\$2,000
Topeka	<b>Topeka Genealogical Society</b> "2020 Heartland Family History Conference " A two-day conference exploring cultural diversity and historical context of the Central Plains region.	\$2,000
Topeka	<b>Topeka Youth Project, Inc.</b> "Weekly Youth Live Stream" Weekly Facebook Live interviews with youth in Topeka talking about contemporary issues.	\$1,000
Topeka	<b>Washburn University</b> "2020 WIFI Film Festival " A series of films and discussions on the theme of "Citizenship and Suffrage" in commemoration of the centennial anniversary of the 19th amendment that extended voting rights to women.	\$2,729
<b>Special Projects</b> are HK initiatives or one-time projects that involve unique collaborations designed for special opportunities.		
Lawrence	<b>Mini-Moccasins, Inc</b> "Making Lawrence That Place (3rd Annual Young Professionals Powwow)"	\$3,987
Mayetta	<b>Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation</b> "Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Wisdom Keepers Oral History Project"	\$5,000
Lawrence	<b>Watkins Museum of History</b> "FREE History: Online Historical Presentation Series"	
Topeka	<b>Humanities Kansas</b> "Big Idea 2020" Essays and online discussions from humanities scholars highlighting fresh scholarship in American history, literature, and culture.	\$3,500
Topeka	<b>Humanities Kansas</b> "Break for Ideas" Online presentations and discussions about rural topics inspired by the "Crossroads: Change in Rural America" initiative.	\$600
Topeka	<b>Humanities Kansas</b> "Humanities Hotline" A toll-free phone hotline featuring short stories about Kansas history, literature, and ideas presented by humanities experts from across the state.	\$900
Topeka	<b>Humanities Kansas</b> "Story Chasers 2020" An online Instagram project to crowdsource microstories about 21st century Kansas and Kansans.	\$128
Topeka	<b>KTWU TV Washburn University</b> "Sunflower Journeys 2019"	\$10,000
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<b>Speakers Bureau Community Resource Funds</b> support Kansas history presentations and discussions and are available for use statewide.		
Baldwin City	<b>Friends of the Baldwin City Library</b> "The Long Road to Women's Suffrage in Kansas" by Aaron Barnhart, Diane Eickhoff	\$300
Basehor	<b>Basehor Community Library</b> "The Long Road to Women's Suffrage in Kansas" by Aaron Barnhart, Diane Eickhoff	\$300

Chanute	<b>Chanute Public Library</b> "Railroaded: The Industry That Shaped Kansas" by Leo E. Oliva	\$500
Eudora	<b>Eudora Area Historical Society</b> "Online Program - Free Did Not Mean Welcome" by Carmaletta M. Williams	\$250
Eudora	<b>Eudora Area Historical Society</b> "Railroaded: The Industry That Shaped Kansas" by Leo E. Oliva	\$500
Franklin	<b>Miners Hall Museum</b> "Red State: Socialism and the Free Press in Kansas" by Matthew Thompson	\$300
Fredonia	<b>Wilson County Historical Society</b> "Kansas Legends and Folktales" by Jim Hoy	\$300
Fredonia	<b>Wilson County Old Iron Club</b> "Ruralpreneurs: Tumbleweeds and Talents in Kansas Communities" by Ron Wilson	\$300
Garnett	<b>Garnett Public Library</b> "The Amazon Army" by Linda O'Nelio Knoll	\$300
Garnett	<b>NSDAR - Four Winds Chapter</b> "The Amazon Army" by Linda O'Nelio Knoll	\$300
Garnett	<b>NSDAR - Four Winds Chapter</b> "Transforming the Commonplace: Seed Portraits, Hair Wreaths, and Butter Sculptures" by Erika Nelson	\$500
Gridley	<b>Gridley Branch of Coffey County Library</b> "Researching Your Home and the People Who Lived There" by Diana Staresinic-Deane	\$300
Independence	<b>Independence Public Library</b> "Online Program - Grimm for Grownups" by Priscilla Howe	\$250
Lawrence	<b>Jayhawk Breakfast Rotary Club &amp; Ecumenical Ministry</b> "The Murder of Emmett Till" by Dave Tell	\$300
Lawrence	<b>Kansas Authors Club</b> "The Murder of Emmett Till" by Dave Tell	\$300
Lawrence	<b>Kansas Farmers Union Foundation</b> "Four Horsemen and a Sage" by John Burchill	\$300
Lawrence	<b>New Generation Society of Lawrence</b> "Online Program - William Allen White and the KKK in Kansas: "A Real American Goes Hunting"" by Beverly Olson Buller	\$300
Lawrence	<b>New Generation Society of Lawrence</b> "Railroaded: The Industry That Shaped Kansas" by Leo E. Oliva	\$500
Lawrence	<b>University of Kansas Humanities Program</b> "The Dockum Drugstore Sit-In" by Prisca Barnes	\$300
Lawrence	<b>University of Kansas Humanities Program</b> "They Changed My Name/Cambiaron Mi Nombre" by José Faus	\$300
Lawrence	<b>Watkins Museum of History</b> "Online Program - Flour Power" by Gene Chávez	\$250
Leavenworth	<b>Friends of Leavenworth Public Library</b> "Dial-A-Speaker - Moment by Moment: Family History Writing Workshop" by Kim Stanley	\$50

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Leavenworth	<b>Leavenworth Public Library</b> "The Harlem Renaissance" by Lemuel Sheppard	\$300
Lebo	<b>Lebo Branch of Coffey County Library</b> "Researching Your Home and the People Who Lived There" by Diana Staresinic-Deane	\$300
Osawatomie	<b>Marais des Cygnes Chapter DAR</b> "The Kansas Industrial Farm for Women" by Laura Phillippi	\$300
Oskaloosa	<b>Jefferson County Historical Society</b> "If These Walls Could Talk: Kansas Murals" by Dave Loewenstein	\$300
Oskaloosa	<b>Oskaloosa Public Library</b> "Foam on the Range" by Isaias J. McCaffery	\$300
Ottawa	<b>Franklin County Historical Society / Old Depot Museum</b> "Online Program - The Long Road to Women's Suffrage in Kansas" by Aaron Barnhart, Diane Eickhoff	\$250
Paola	<b>Paola Free Library</b> "Veterans Memoir Writing Workshop" by Al Ortolani	\$300
Paola	<b>United Methodist Men</b> "The Kansas City Monarchs in Our Hometown" by Phil S. Dixon	\$300
Parsons	<b>Parsons Public Library</b> "The Harlem Renaissance" by Lemuel Sheppard	\$300
Parsons	<b>Parsons Public Library</b> "William Allen White and the KKK in Kansas: "A Real American Goes Hunting"" by Beverley Olson Buller	\$300
Pittsburg	<b>Pittsburg Public Library</b> "Tasting the Past: Exploring Kansas Food Memories" by Louise Hanson	\$300
Pittsburg	<b>Pittsburg State University</b> "The Long Road to Women's Suffrage in Kansas" by Aaron Barnhart, Diane Eickhoff	\$300
Tonganoxie	<b>Tonganoxie Community Historical Society</b> "Politics on the Platform: Woman Suffrage at the Chautauqua" by Sarah Bell	\$300
Tonganoxie	<b>Tonganoxie Public Library</b> "Grimm for Grownups" by Priscilla Howe	\$250
Topeka	<b>Topeka &amp; Shawnee County Public Library</b> "Grimm for Grownups" by Priscilla Howe	\$300
Topeka	<b>Topeka Genealogical Society</b> "Moment by Moment: Family History Writing Workshop" by Kim Stanley	\$300
Topeka	<b>Washburn University</b> "Online Program - Poet Laureate of Kansas: May Our Voices Ring True" by Huascar Medina	\$300
Troy	<b>Doniphan County Historical Society</b> "Fresh Produce: Kansas's Orchardists, Market Growers, and Truck Farmers" by Cindy Higgins	\$300

**Talk About Literature in Kansas Community Resource Funds** support book discussions on topics relevant to Kansans and are available for use statewide.

Atchison	<b>Atchison Public Library</b> "Beyond the Border: Latino Immigration Experiences" <i>Antonio's Gun and Delfino's Dream: True Tales of Mexican Migratio</i> by Sam Quinones presented by Dennis Etzel Jr. <i>I Am Not Your Perfect Mexican Daughter</i> by Erika L. Sánchez presented by Miranda Ericsson Kendall <i>The House of Broken Angels</i> by Luis Alberto Urrea presented by Anne Hawkins	\$900
Baldwin City	<b>Friends of Baldwin City Library</b> "Women Around the World" <i>Like Water for Chocolate</i> by Laura Esquivel presented by Nicolas Shump <i>None to Accompany Me</i> by Nadine Gordimer presented by Anne Hawkins	\$900
Baldwin City	<b>Friends of the Baldwin City Library</b> "Online Program - Native American Mysteries" <i>Online Program - Dance Hall of the Dead</i> by Tony Hillerman presented by Sara W. Tucker <i>Online Program - DreadfulWater Shows Up</i> by Hartley Goodweather presented by Randee Baty <i>Online Program - The Ghost Walker</i> by Margaret Coel presented by Thomas Prasch	\$750
Baldwin City	<b>Friends of the Baldwin City Library</b> "The Great Plains Spirit" <i>Great Plains</i> by Ian Frazier presented by Rosemary Kolich <i>O Pioneers!</i> by Willa Cather presented by Rachel Waltner Goossen <i>The Bones of Plenty</i> by Lois Hudson presented by Deborah E. Peterson	\$900
Basehor	<b>Basehor Community Library</b> "Between Fences" <i>Farewell to Manzanar</i> by J. W. Houston & J. D. Houston presented by Sara W. Tucker <i>Fences</i> by August Wilson presented by Deborah E. Peterson <i>The Tortilla Curtain</i> by T. C. Boyle presented by Gene Chávez	\$900
Basehor	<b>Basehor Community Library</b> "The Civil War" <i>The March</i> by E.L. Doctorow presented by Rosemary Kolich <i>The Red Badge of Courage</i> by Stephen Crane presented by Gene Chávez	\$900
Chanute	<b>Chanute Public Library</b> "It's a Hard Knock Life" <i>Orphan Train</i> by Baker Kline presented by Rosemary Kolich <i>The Chaperone</i> by Laura Moriarty presented by Kevin J. Rabas <i>The Light Between Oceans</i> by M.L. Stedman presented by Miranda Ericsson Kendall	\$900
Leavenworth	<b>Leavenworth Public Library</b> "Between Fences" <i>Fences</i> by August Wilson presented by John Edgar Tidwell <i>Online Program - Farewell to Manzanar</i> by J. W. Houston & J. D. Houston presented by Sandra Wiechert <i>The Tortilla Curtain</i> by T. C. Boyle presented by Gene Chávez	\$900
Parsons	<b>Parsons Public Library</b> "After the Fact" <i>Station Eleven</i> by Emily St. John Mandel presented by Trish Reeves <i>The Hate U Give</i> by Angie Thomas presented by Rosemary Kolich <i>The Things They Carried</i> by Tim O'Brien presented by Randee Baty	\$900
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Tonganoxie	<b>Tonganoxie Public Library</b> "Online Program - The Modern Family" <i>Online Program - Family Man</i> by Elinor Lipman presented by Rosemary Kolich <i>Online Program - LaRose</i> by Louise Erdrich presented by Rosemary Kolich <i>Online Program - The Burgess Boys</i> by Elizabeth Strout presented by Rosemary Kolich	\$750

Tonganoxie	<b>Tonganoxie Public Library</b> "That's Funny: Books That Make Us Laugh" <i>The Egg and I</i> by Betty MacDonald presented by Rosemary Kolich	\$250
Topeka	<b>Aldersgate Village</b> "Award Winners" <i>Charming Billy</i> by Alice McDermott presented by Thomas Prasch <i>Cold Mountain</i> by Charles Frazier presented by Rachel Waltner Goossen <i>Gilead</i> by Marilynne Robinson presented by Sandra Wiechert	\$900
Topeka	<b>Aldersgate Village</b> "Friends and Neighbors" <i>The Beautiful Things that Heaven Bears</i> by Dinaw Mengestu presented by Anne Hawkins	\$900
Topeka	<b>Brewster Place Retirement Community</b> "After the Fact" <i>Station Eleven</i> by Emily St. John Mandel presented by Miranda Ericsson Kendall <i>The Hate U Give</i> by Angie Thomas presented by Rosemary Kolich <i>The Things They Carried</i> by Tim O'Brien presented by Dennis Etzel Jr.	\$900
Topeka	<b>Brewster Place Retirement Community</b> "Growing Up American" <i>Sag Harbor</i> by Colson Whitehead presented by Thomas Prasch <i>Tender at the Bone</i> by Ruth Reichl presented by Sara W. Tucker <i>The Catcher in the Rye</i> by J. D. Salinger presented by Thomas Prasch	\$900
Topeka	<b>Topeka &amp; Shawnee County Public Library</b> "Literature with Kansas Connections" <i>Heartland: a Memoir of Working Hard and being Broke in the Richest Country on Earth</i> by Sarah Marsh presented by Sara W. Tucker <i>Not Without Laughter</i> by Langston Hughes presented by Thomas Prasch <i>The Center of Everything</i> by Laura Moriarty presented by Dennis Etzel Jr.	\$900
Topeka	<b>Topeka &amp; Shawnee County Public Library</b> "Online Program - Ghost Stories" <i>Online Program - The Graveyard Book</i> by Neil Gaiman presented by Daniel Eells <i>Online Program - The Haunting of Hill House</i> by Shirley Jackson presented by Sara W. Tucker <i>Online Program - The Woman in Black</i> by Susan Hill presented by Dennis Etzel Jr.	\$750
Topeka	<b>Topeka &amp; Shawnee County Public Library</b> "Westering" <i>A Lady's Life in the Rocky Mountains</i> by Isabella L. Bird presented by Rachel Waltner Goossen <i>The Grapes of Wrath</i> by John Steinbeck presented by John Edgar Tidwell <i>The Last Cattle Drive</i> by Robert Day presented by Sara W. Tucker	\$900

**Museum on Main Street** is a partnership between the Smithsonian Institution and the Humanities Kansas to provide traveling national exhibitions to small town Kansas.

Independence	<b>Independence Public Library</b> "Crossroads: Change in Rural America"	\$2,000
Iola	<b>Allen County Historical Society</b> "Crossroads: Change in Rural America"	\$2,000

**CARES Act Relief Grants** supported Kansas cultural organizations experiencing distress due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Atchison	<b>Amelia Earhart Birthplace Museum</b>	\$1,500
Atchison	<b>Atchison Amelia Earhart Foundation</b>	\$8,400
Atchison	<b>Atchison Public Library</b>	\$9,595
Chanute	<b>Martin &amp; Osa Johnson Safari Museum</b>	\$7,500
Coffeyville	<b>Coffeyville Historical Society</b>	\$8,240
Coffeyville	<b>Coffeyville Public Library</b>	\$3,750
Effingham	<b>Effingham Community Library</b>	\$3,134
Eudora	<b>Eudora Area Historical Society</b>	\$521
Franklin	<b>Miners Hall Museum</b>	\$4,540
Hiawatha	<b>Brown County Historical Society</b>	\$3,500
Holton	<b>Jackson County Historical and Genealogical Society</b>	\$1,292
Horton	<b>Horton Public Library</b>	\$4,991
Independence	<b>Independence Public Library</b>	\$10,000
Independence	<b>Little House on the Prairie Museum</b>	\$10,000
Lawrence	<b>Douglas County Historical Society</b>	\$7,730
Lawrence	<b>Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area</b>	\$5,000
Lawrence	<b>Haskell Indian Nations University Foundation</b>	\$4,430
Lawrence	<b>Lawrence Public Library Friends &amp; Foundation</b>	\$7,500
Lawrence	<b>University Press of Kansas</b>	\$5,000
Linwood	<b>Linwood Community Library</b>	\$5,810
Ottawa	<b>Franklin County Historical Society / Old Depot</b>	\$5,850
Ottawa	<b>Museum Ottawa Library</b>	\$10,000
Pleasanton	<b>Trading Post Historical Society</b>	\$3,179
Richmond	<b>Richmond Public Library</b>	\$4,338
Sabetha	<b>Mary Cotton Public Library</b>	\$4,963
Tonganoxie	<b>Tonganoxie Community Historical Society</b>	\$3,986
Tonganoxie	<b>Tonganoxie Public Library</b>	\$7,500
Topeka	<b>Kansas Historical Foundation</b>	\$10,000
Topeka	<b>Shawnee County Historical Society</b>	\$1,480

**Sunflower Journeys** is a television series featuring the stories of Kansas, past and present.

Topeka	<b>KTWU TV Washburn University</b> "Sunflower Journeys - All Things Outdoors"
Topeka	<b>KTWU TV Washburn University</b> "Sunflower Journeys - Along for the Ride"
Topeka	<b>KTWU TV Washburn University</b> "Sunflower Journeys - Central Kansas"
Topeka	<b>KTWU TV Washburn University</b> "Sunflower Journeys - Exploring the Chautauqua Hills"
Topeka	<b>KTWU TV Washburn University</b> "Sunflower Journeys - Exploring the Glacial Hills"
Topeka	<b>KTWU TV Washburn University</b> "Sunflower Journeys - Heritage Tourism"
Topeka	<b>KTWU TV Washburn University</b> "Sunflower Journeys - History Lessons"
Topeka	<b>KTWU TV Washburn University</b> "Sunflower Journeys - Learning Opportunities"
Topeka	<b>KTWU TV Washburn University</b> "Sunflower Journeys - Remote Places"
Topeka	<b>KTWU TV Washburn University</b> "Sunflower Journeys - Southeast Kansas"
Topeka	<b>KTWU TV Washburn University</b> "Sunflower Journeys - The Smoky Hills"
Topeka	<b>KTWU TV Washburn University</b> "Sunflower Journeys - Theatrical Arts"