

10 WAYS HUMANITIES PROGRAMS BENEFIT KANSANS

1 Build Community

- “The number one legacy of the “Between Fences” Smithsonian exhibit is new alliances with community groups.” (Larned)
- “Chautauqua brought out the spirit of cooperation among community volunteers, businesses, and civic organizations and helped establish connections that will be fruitful into the future.” (Baldwin City)



2 Encourage Kansans to Learn Together

- Each year KHC funds more than 250 TALK book discussions
- Since 2001, 793 grants and 1800 programs have been awarded to public libraries, totaling \$508,739 and serving 42,800 Kansans.
- Speakers Bureau & History Alive! annually serve an average of 16,000 Kansans hosted by 300 local civic and service organizations.



3 Serve Rural & Urban Communities

- Annually KHC funds over 650 programs in 150 communities.
- 58% of KHC programs occur in towns of less than 20,000.

4 Create Public and Private Partnerships

- KHC sponsored Smithsonian Traveling Exhibits increase museum attendance and retail sales, while forming alliances between tourism and cultural organizations.
- For 23 years, KHC has planned and sponsored Chautauqua, funded with federal, state, and private dollars.

5 Enliven Quality of Life

- “Without KHC support, we could not offer our community book discussions, or bring Smithsonian exhibits, or have interesting speakers.” (Garden City)
- “KHC programs help our minds to grow.” (Glasco)
- “Local people said the Smithsonian exhibit and programs were the best event ever staged in our town.” (Paola)

6 Extend Local Resources

- “We have a limited budget. KHC grants make possible our history and heritage projects.” (Goodland)
- “We’re fortunate to have KHC as a primary source of funds. Without KHC many nonprofits wouldn’t be able to conduct needed programs.” (Arkansas City)
- “For small communities without major resources, there is nothing better than KHC.” (Newton)

7 Promote Kansas History and Heritage

- Speakers Bureau talks tell how things were in our state, while programs on contemporary topics offer visions of the future.
- For 19 years, KHC has provided major grants to public television’s Sunflower Journeys about our state’s history and people.
- Stories from the Dust Bowl, a documentary made with a KHC major grant recounts the Dirty Thirties.
- Heritage Grants to Solomon Valley Heritage Alliance, 24 towns on Hwy 24, Glasco to Hoxie, identify common themes for heritage tourism.



8 Stimulate Local Economies

- “Area motels were filled and business boomed for restaurants and shops.” The annual Buster Keaton Celebration, Iola, attracts visitors from 51 Kansas towns, 23 states, 4 foreign counties. Total attendance: 3,650.
- “The Oscar Micheaux Film Festival was an uplifting program and made good economic sense.” (Great Bend)
- “The Santa Fe Rendezvous, Larned, boosted sales in motels, restaurants, and gas stations.” Visitors from 9 states and 44 Kansas towns attended.

9 Preserve Historical Resources

- “KHC is a vital resource for small museums.” (Marysville)
- Since 2001, KHC has awarded 68 Heritage Grants totaling \$201,538 to help preserve local history and cultural resources.



10 Foster Mutual Respect & Ethnic Identity

- Latina Girl Scouts collect migration stories from parents and grandparents to learn more about themselves and others. (Emporia)
- “Our research and oral histories raise consciousness about who Kansas-Americans are in the 21st century.” (Kansas African Studies Center)
- “Plattdiütsch’ language classes for young and old offered by The Low German Heritage Society of Washington & Marshall counties revitalize cultural heritage and stimulate formation of Low German museum.

