

THE NEH PROVIDES LIFELONG LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES FOR DIVERSE AUDIENCES



The National Endowment for the Humanities creates educational opportunities for adults of all ages and backgrounds, ensuring that, wherever you are in the United States, you have the opportunity to explore humanities ideas and themes, whether through television and radio or personal interaction.

THE NEH HELPS VULNERABLE ADULTS ENGAGE IN CRITICAL THINKING AND DIALOGUE.

Through a series of NEH grants, People & Stories/Gente y Cuentos has brought literature-based discussion programs to residential treatment facilities, prisons, homeless shelters, libraries, and senior centers across the country. Programs encourage participants to read from a broad selection of literature, introducing them to their literary and cultural heritage while encouraging them to reflect upon and discuss the ideas they encounter.

THE NEH BRINGS LIFELONG LEARNING PROGRAMS TO VETERANS.

Auburn University's NEH-funded *Dialogues on the Experience of War* program encouraged veterans and community members to reflect upon and learn about war through literature and history. Veterans had the opportunity to process their experiences while using the histories of World War I and the Vietnam War as a starting point. All participants engaged with literary works like the World War I memoir *Scarlet Fields* and Tim O'Brien's *The Things They Carried*, a work of fiction.

THE NEH BRINGS LIFELONG LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES TO RURAL AREAS.

With NEH support, the Brigham City Library in Brigham City, Utah, has brought lifelong learning programs to its region since 1987. The library has hosted exhibitions, reading groups, and lectures focused on Lewis and Clark, Abraham Lincoln, Alexander Hamilton, John Steinbeck, the Civil Rights Era, and World War I. With people traveling as far as 90 miles each way to attend the events, the library's programming has helped make Brigham City a cultural hub for Northern Utah.

THE NEH SUPPORTS COMMUNITY EDUCATION THROUGHOUT THE NATION.

By funding the production of radio and television documentaries, the NEH ensures that Americans of all ages have access to lifelong learning through quality educational television and radio. NEH-funded programs include popular podcasts *Radio Diaries* and *BackStory*, as well as documentaries like Ken Burns's *The Vietnam War* and Nancy Buirski's *The Loving Project*.

"[NEH funding] helps us do adult education in a fun way—the events are important for building a community that can understand what is going on in our world." — Sue Hill, Librarian, Brigham City Library



"[The program] provided a comfortable place to start a discussion. The texts helped start a conversation and gave us a reason for being together."

— Mary Hamilton, veteran and discussion group leader, *Dialogues on the Experience of War*