

THE NEH SUPPORTS HUMANITIES PROGRAMS FOR THE NATION



The NEH's impact can be felt throughout the United States. Through direct grants to organizations around the country, the NEH supports initiatives with national reach and of national importance, including broad-scale public programs and projects that preserve our nation's heritage and make historical collections widely available.

THE NEH SUPPORTS PROGRAMS THAT BRING US TOGETHER AS A NATION.

Grants to partner organizations, such as the American Library Association, the Gilder-Lehrman Institute, and the Folger Shakespeare Library, allow for the development of programs that reach every state. These programs encourage Americans to learn more about the past, engage in dialogues about the present, and become the wise, critical thinkers necessary for a functioning democracy.

THE NEH PRESERVES NATIONALLY-SIGNIFICANT COLLECTIONS AND LOCALLY-IMPORTANT STORIES.

The NEH supports rigorous graduate programs in preservation and conservation, ensuring that our cultural heritage will be protected for generations. Graduates of NEH-funded preservation programs have preserved virtually all of our national treasures, including the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution, as well as the treasured belongings of people who have lost their homes and livelihood to natural disasters.

THE NEH MAKES NATIONALLY-SIGNIFICANT COLLECTIONS WIDELY AVAILABLE.

With NEH funding, the University of South Carolina has digitized more than 8,000 Fox Movietone newsreels published between 1919–1934 and 1942–1944 and made them publicly available. Visitors to the Moving Image Research Collections can view the first coverage of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, watch Babe Ruth hit a home run, or see the U.S. Postal Service's first experiments with air mail.

NEH funding has helped the Massachusetts Historical Society digitize the papers of John and Abigail Adams and their family, making everything from John Adams's notes on the Boston Massacre trials to Abigail Adams's famous "Remember the Ladies" letter freely available and accessible. Other NEH-funded projects have digitized George Washington's letters, the journals of Lewis and Clark, and the collected papers of Walt Whitman, Willa Cather, and many others.

THE NEH SUPPORTS NATIONALLY-SIGNIFICANT RESEARCH.

NEH-funded archeological digs have uncovered the original Jamestown settlement, the original settlement at Plymouth, and the history of slavery at Thomas Jefferson's Monticello.

Through a grant to Saint Luke's Mid America Heart Institute, a team of anthropologists, archaeologists, biologists, and medical doctors created a database of radiological scans taken from mummies and found that ancient peoples around the world suffered from heart disease—a major medical discovery with modern implications.



"We're working with anthropologists, biologists, folks that understand the cultural context. To prove that mummies had these medical diseases, we had to get with people who knew what their lives were like."



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— Randall Thompson, Cardiologist, Saint Luke's Mid America Heart Institute