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NHC wants to know what Nebraskans are thinking

The Nebraska Humanities Council wants Nebraskans to suggest humanities programming they would like the NHC to focus on in the next five years. A survey seeking this information is available online, and a series of statewide public meetings will begin in May and last throughout the summer.

The survey is available through April 30 on the NHC's website at www.nebraskahumanities.org. Details of meeting times and places will be posted there, or you may e-mail nhc@nebraskahumanities.org for more information.

The humanities council has supported educational programs in Nebraska for 35 years, and as it looks to the future, it seeks advice on how best to serve the public. The following program descriptions may help respondents when they are asked to rank NHC programs.

Speakers Bureau provides easy and inexpensive access to humanities programs by authors, historians, scholars, and other experts.

Chautauqua brings historical figures to life every summer through a week of educational entertainment.

Prime Time Family Reading Time is a reading and discussion program in libraries, primarily for low-income, low-literacy families with children ages six to 10.

Capitol Forum on America's Future encourages high school students to learn about and discuss policy options on international issues that affect Nebraska.

Museum on Main Street is a collaboration with the Smithsonian to bring exhibits like "Barn Again!," "Yesterday's Tomorrows," "Key Ingredients" and "Between Fences" to rural audiences.

The Nebraska Book Festival brings together hundreds of adults and children to celebrate all aspects of books and the enjoyment and educational value of reading and writing.

The Governor's Lecture in the Humanities brings a national speaker to Nebraska every year and raises funds for the council's statewide programs.

Humanities Desk is a collaboration with NET Radio and KIOS on a weekly radio segment that explores humanities events and topics in Nebraska.

The Grant Program provides mini, major, and media grant funding to non-profit organizations across the state.

E.N. Thompson Forum speakers are simulcast from Lincoln to multiple locations across the state.

Cultural Encounter Kits help 4th through 8th grade students better understand the immigrant experience.

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