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NHC to conduct public meeting May 22 in Norfolk

The Nebraska Humanities Council will present a town hall meeting May 22 at the Norfolk Public Library, 305 N. Fifth St.

In its 35th year of providing educational programs statewide, the NHC has scheduled a statewide series of seven public meetings through August where the public can help assess current programming and shape humanities programming for the next five years.

At the Norfolk meeting, NHC Executive Director Jane Renner Hood and Program Officers Beth McQueen and Mary Yager will briefly describe programming currently offered by the council, followed by discussion with attendees of which programs are most important to them individually and to the community as a whole, as well as what other types of programs they would like to see the NHC offer in the community and statewide.

Input from the seven communities will be compiled and reported back to participants in the fall.

Among current NHC programs are Prime Time Family Reading Time, a reading and discussion program, for low-income, low-literacy families; Capitol Forum on America's Future, which encourages high school students to learn about and discuss policy options on international issues that affect Nebraska; Chautauqua, which brings historical figures to life every summer through a week of educational entertainment; Museum on Main Street, a collaboration with the Smithsonian Institution to bring exhibits to rural audiences; the Nebraska Book Festival, an annual celebration of literature, books, reading and writing; "Humanities Desk," a collaboration with NET Radio and KIOS Radio on a weekly radio segment that explores the humanities in Nebraska; and a speakers bureau that provides humanities programs by authors, historians, scholars and other experts.

Remaining town hall meetings:

- June 5, Omaha, 4-5 p.m., Swanson Public Library, 9101 W. Dodge Road
- June 19, Valentine, 4-5 p.m., Valentine Public Library, 324 N. Main St.
- June 25, Falls City, 4-5 p.m., Chautauqua tent, Stanton Lake Park, West 25th Street
- July 2, Hastings, 3-4 p.m., Quality Inn, 2205 Osborne Drive East
- August 9, Scottsbluff, 1-2 p.m., location to be announced

For more information about the town hall meetings, contact the Nebraska Humanities Council office at (402) 474-2131 or nhc@nebraskahumanities.org.

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