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“Picturing America” goes to 173 schools, libraries in state

The Nebraska Humanities Council (NHC) is pleased to announce that 173 schools and libraries in Nebraska have received “Picturing America” from the National Endowment for the Humanities, in cooperation with the American Library Association.

This important initiative helps tell the story of our country through great American artwork and allows students and the public access to American history and culture in a creative, new way. “Picturing America” provides large, high-quality reproductions of 40 selected masterpieces, along with a resource guide and lesson plans. These materials are designed to enhance the study of American history, social studies, language arts, literature and civics.

The reproductions include paintings and photography. Among them are “The Midnight Ride of Paul Revere” by Grant Wood, “The Sources of Country Music” by Thomas Hart Benton, a photograph of Abraham Lincoln by Alexander Gardner, and “Freedom of Speech,” which Norman Rockwell created for The Saturday Evening Post.

To date, more than 26,000 K-12 schools and public libraries nationwide have received “Picturing America.”

Additional K-12 schools and public libraries that are interested in receiving “Picturing America” may apply through Oct. 31 at www.picturingamerica.neh.gov. The previous recipients also are listed on the website.

In conjunction with this effort, the Nebraska Humanities Council will make “Picturing America” available on loan to schools and libraries that have not been awarded the collection and to such other nonprofits as historical societies, museums, senior centers, and other cultural and community centers. The “Picturing America” collection will be loaned for eight-week periods during 2009. The recipient organizations will receive up to two free NHC Speakers Bureau programs to complement the materials.

More information about the materials and the application to borrow the on-loan collection of “Picturing America” is available at www.nebraskahumanities.org, or contact the NHC at (402) 474-2131 for the application. The application deadline for this special NHC program is Dec. 31.

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