



**New Hampshire Humanities Council
WHAT IS NEW HAMPSHIRE READING
Request for Proposals: Contemporary Literature**

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The New Hampshire Humanities Council seeks to fund community book discussions and book-based programs that include contemporary literature (including non-fiction).

The Humanities Council offers funds to pay for:

- a scholar to research and design a multi-book series
- 30 copies of each book
- facilitators to lead the discussions
- promotion
- optional related special events, like an author's visit

A library, school, community organization, or an ad hoc group can apply for a grant.

The applying organization must match the amount requested from the Humanities Council with at least 10% cash spent on the project and the rest in in-kind donations. For example, if you requested \$1,000 from the Humanities Council, your organization would need to offer at least \$100 cash and the remaining value of donations such as a librarian's time in planning, providing meeting space, and having volunteers provide refreshments.

At the conclusion of your community series, we request donation of the books to the NH State Library's Book Bag for future loan to book groups at public libraries.

Mini-Grants and Major Grants

Working with a non-profit group, you can design a program for your community or school and receive up to \$1,500 through a mini-grant or over \$1,500 for a major grant. All programs must be free and open to the public. Full instructions and application forms are available at

<http://www.nhhc.org/apply-for-a-grant.php>.

DEADLINES:

Mini-grant proposals are accepted the first of every month (except July). Applications must be submitted at least 8 weeks prior to the start of your program.

Upcoming deadlines for major grants proposals:

Draft due July 1, final due August 1, for projects to begin no sooner than Nov. 2007.

Draft due Oct. 1, final due Nov. 1, for projects to begin no sooner than Feb. 2008.

Please contact the Humanities Council at 224-4071 to discuss your project idea – a required step for a major grant proposals and strongly recommended for mini-grant proposals.



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