



The New Hampshire Humanities Council at a glance...

The New Hampshire Humanities Council nurtures the joy of learning and inspires community engagement. Our mission is to offer essential opportunities for discovery, self-reflection and lifelong learning by fostering civil discourse and bringing ideas from the humanities to the people of New Hampshire.



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Civic Reflection

...rediscovering democracy in community conversations on topical social issues

In 2007 the Humanities Council launched **Shifting Ground: Religion & Civic Life in America**, a two-year initiative encouraging thoughtful, respectful discussions and new insights into the church/state divide. In its first year, the project included a national conference, three public addresses, and seven 6-week forums in communities across the state, including a forum just for legislators.

More than 200 healthcare professionals at eight NH hospitals took part in **Literature & Medicine**. This facilitated reading and discussion project promotes care for the caregiver, patient empathy, team building, enhanced communication skills, and increased job satisfaction.

Community Grants

...responding to community interests and needs

In 2007 the Humanities Council provided \$77,000 for 10 major grants and 14 mini grants. These funds enabled community-based humanities programs such as living history performances by Andrew Carnegie, a conference on poetry and teaching, Manchester's revival of the work and life of Grace Metalious, and public radio features on New England writers.

Through our **Humanities to Go** speakers bureau we supported more than 250 programs in 196 communities, reaching more than 10,500 NH citizens.

Connecting people
with ideas

Education

...supporting the teaching of the humanities in public schools, K - 12

In 2007 the Humanities Council funded three professional development summer institutes for teachers and four teacher workshops. Subjects ranged from ethics to poetry, from Classics to American history. In addition, the Council conducted its own workshops for teachers on the history of voting rights in America.

The Humanities Council is in the second year of a two-year pilot program, **Courage To Teach**. The goal of this district-focused project is to transform public schools through humanities-based professional development.

Literacy

...promoting family literacy and the joy of reading

Last year the Humanities Council funded 131 **What is New Hampshire Reading** book discussions. Ninety discussion groups drew 1,160 participants.

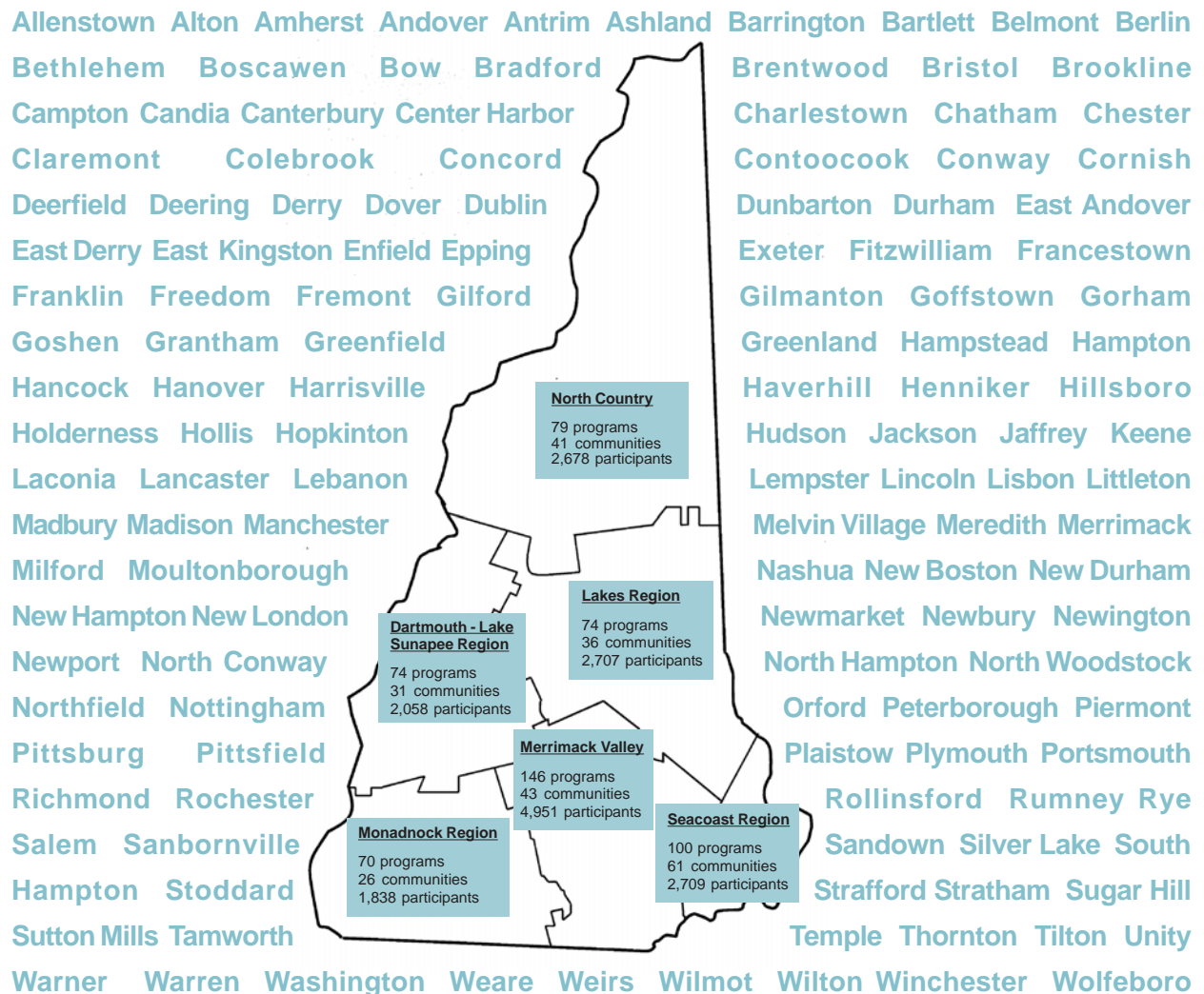
Four communities hosted our **Connections** book discussions in 2007. These facilitated programs encourage adult new readers to experience the joy of reading; to discuss books in a stress-free atmosphere with a community of other new readers; and to read with and to their children. Programs reached 335 adult new readers and those who speak English as a second language.

The New Hampshire Humanities Council:

- ◆ offers more than 1,000 free public programs and broadcasts each year to the citizens of the Granite State
- ◆ promotes life-long learning, reflection and civil discussion — all rare commodities these days
- ◆ is not a state agency
- ◆ receives 50% of its funding from the National Endowment for the Humanities
- ◆ raises the remaining 50% of its funding from corporations, foundations and individuals like you

Your gift to the Annual Fund makes our programs possible.

Our programs reach towns and cities in every region of the state...



... plus broadcasts on New Hampshire Public Radio, New Hampshire Public Television and public access television stations in Andover, Bedford, Chester, Concord, Derry, Exeter, Manchester and Weare — and coming soon to Nashua and Portsmouth.