



Humanities Council Visits Lewisburg

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Charleston – The program committee of the West Virginia Humanities Council meets in Lewisburg on Friday, March 17, at the Greenbrier County Public Library. The Humanities Council, the state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities, serves West Virginia through grants and direct programs in the humanities.

The Humanities Council budgets nearly \$700,000 for grants and programs each year. The program committee recommends funding decisions to the board of directors. The 21-member committee includes 10 members drawn from the Council’s board of directors, and 11 citizen members who represent education and the general public.

The program committee meets three times yearly at locations throughout West Virginia. “Our work is about supporting communities and it’s important to visit the communities that benefit from our programs,” Humanities Council executive director Ken Sullivan said. “Certainly we have a long history in Lewisburg, and it’s a real pleasure to be going back.” Sullivan pointed out that the Humanities Council board and committees have met in Lewisburg many times.

In 2016, the Humanities Council provided six *History Alive* presentations in Lewisburg, including Harriet Tubman at Lewisburg Elementary School and Chief Cornstalk at the North House Museum. Humanities Council grants are supporting a traveling Robert C. Byrd exhibit,

which visited the Greenbrier Valley Visitors Center last fall, and the Greenbrier Historical Society's upcoming "Native American Heritage Gathering."

For more information about the West Virginia Humanities Council and its programs visit www.wvhumanities.org or call 304-346-8500.

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