On Wisdom and Vision: Humanities Organizations in Illinois during COVID-19

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Public humanities organizations have faced — and created — profound change throughout the pandemic.

Introduction

In September 2021, Illinois Humanities provided 254 organizations COVID-19 Emergency Relief and Recovery Grants. $1.4 million was awarded in grants but requests totaled more than $3.6 million.


At a time when the impacts of COVID-19 continued to devastate communities around the state, awards supported public humanities organizations that are historically bypassed by traditional funding streams due to geographic location, size, or capacity. This snapshot provides an overview of the usage and impacts of the 2021 COVID-19 Emergency Relief and Recovery dollars distributed by Illinois Humanities. This report addresses: Where did the dollars go? What are some of the circumstances in which these organizations have been operating during the pandemic?

The data in this snapshot, along with ongoing conversations with grantee partners and local and national research, underline the following:

- Public humanities organizations are playing critical and unique roles in making their communities healthier, more connected and more resilient;
- Grantee partners want to give more attention to equity and inclusion and to work in less isolation from one another;
- Illinois Humanities’ emergency relief and recovery funding did not come close to meeting the magnitude of grantee partners’ financial needs.

Summary of 2021 Grant Awards

The March 2021 report, On Wisdom and Vision: State of Humanities Organizations in Illinois During COVID-19, illuminated notable disparities, particularly in terms of the lack of access to funding for rural-serving organizations, and the organizational capacities of public humanities organizations overall.
As Illinois Humanities geared up to double the amount of relief and recovery dollars available, we refined our application and review rubric through a more explicit equity-driven lens; we increased outreach modes; and we worked to reduce barriers to applicants. In addition, we asked applicants to share auxiliary data on leadership and staff demographics. Finally, thanks to the support of an anonymous donor, Illinois Humanities increased the funds available for non-Cook County based organizations by $250,000.

To see a complete list of the organizations funded by Illinois Humanities with COVID-19 Emergency Relief and Recovery support, turn to the end of this report or click here. An interactive map of grantees is available here. For additional information about the COVID grants, see the fact sheet here.

About the data in this snapshot

This snapshot summarizes information about the Illinois Humanities relief grants distributed to 254 unique grantee partners in 2021. This snapshot comprises of application data in addition to contextual data from local and national sources.

Summary of grant awards

Illinois Humanities received 556 eligible applications from across Illinois for 2021 COVID-19 Emergency Relief and Recovery Grants. 46% of eligible applicants received grants. $3.65 million in funds were requested; funds distributed totaled $1.4 million.
Out of 254 grantee partners:

- **68%** have budgets of less than $300K
- **62%** are outside of Cook County
- **60%** serve communities of color
- **54%** received their first-ever grant award from Illinois Humanities
- **42%** are located in rural areas

**How were grants distributed geographically?**

Grantee partners serve residents living in all 18 Congressional districts. Recipient organizations are located in 72 of Illinois 102 counties. 96 (38%) of grantee partners are located in Cook County, and 158 (62%) outside Cook County.

214 organizations received General Operating grants totaling between $5,000-10,000 each; 44 received Project Grants at $5,000 each.

**Why public humanities matter particularly during the pandemic**

According to a report from Culture Track (a national online survey of audience behaviors, attitudes, motivations, and barriers to cultural participation, which has been conducted by LaPlaca Cohen since 2001), respondents to the 2021 survey described that, in addition to struggling more financially, their emotional state had worsened, “with more people feeling disconnected sad, or angry.” However, “Respondents are more likely to feel arts [and cultural] organizations are important a year into the pandemic — this is especially true for BIPOC communities... Arts and culture organizations can play a role in community healing and recovery, even as they navigate their own organizational rebound.”

As health disparities and income losses continue to fall harder on BIPOC groups and rural communities, and financial recovery is uneven across race and ethnicity, access to free, opportunities that public humanities organizations provide — a chance for participants to have fun,
learn something new, relax, connect with others
and broaden their perspectives — is more urgent
than ever. Furthermore, humanities organizations
play a critical role in documenting and
strengthening the resilience of their communities
by producing oral histories, curating local archives,
creating virtual historic walking tours, producing
documentary films, and designing curricula.

Grantee Partners included:

- **Cultural and ethnic centers** such as
  the American Indian Center in Chicago

- **Literature and literacy organizations**
such as The Midwest Writing Center in
  Rock Island

- **History organizations** such as the Delavan
  Community Historical Society

- **Museums** such as the Rockford Art Museum

- **Community media groups** such as Hypertext
  Magazine & Studio in Chicago

- **Libraries and archives** such as the Vespasian
  Warner Public Library District in Clinton

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Grantee partners by organization type

- History organizations
- Libraries and Archives
- Cultural and Ethnic organizations
- Media, Journalism, and Documentary organizations
- Humanities museums
- Literature organizations
- Education organizations
- Arts-based organizations
- Humanities Education
- Civic and Community Engagement
- Consortium, Alliances, Collectives of above-named groups
Demographics of grantee partner leadership and communities served

The 2021 grant applications asked applicants to include demographic data on staff and leadership, as well as information about communities served. Amongst grantee partners, 39% self-identify as having Black, Indigenous, and/or Person of Color (BIPOC) leadership. In addition, nearly 60% of organizations (59.8%) serve communities of color. According to the United States Census Bureau Census Bureau, the racial composition of the population of Illinois is approximately 62% White and 38% BIPOC.2

- **59.8%** of grantees identified themselves as serving BIPOC communities (152 out of 254 grantees)

- **39.3%** grantees self-identified as having BIPOC leadership (95 out of 242 grantees)

- **35.18%** of organizations have more than 50% BIPOC staff (89 out of 254)
Grantee partners in context

When grantee partners were mapped against demographic, geographic, and pandemic data, there is significant overlap between the humanities organizations who applied for relief grants in Illinois and the geographic locations and communities who were disproportionately affected by COVID-19. A majority of grantee partners (65.4%) are situated in regions that faced economic duress prior to the pandemic, with more than 35% of households in these zip codes experiencing poverty.

Illinois has nearly 13 million residents, the median age is 39, and nearly 12% of people are living below the poverty line. Of the state’s population, 62% of Illinoisans are White; 19% are Hispanic; 12% are Black, 6% are Asian, 1% are Native/Indigenous, and less than 1% are Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander. According to United Way, 35% of Illinois households struggle to afford basic needs. Such households are located throughout the state.

Grants were distributed throughout the state. The Chicago “collar counties” received fewer funds per resident due to a smaller number of applications. There was an increase of approved grants to the “95 other counties” category due to a private fund dedicated to grant opportunities to organizations outside of Cook and the “collar counties.”

According to the United State Census Bureau, 88.5% of Illinoisans live in urban areas and 11.5% live in rural areas. Cook County is home to 42% of the state’s population.

108 grantee partners are in rural areas (42.69%). According to the Census Bureau, 88.5% of Illinoisans live in urban areas and 11.5% live in rural areas. This cycle, grantee partners self-indicated whether they are located in rural or urban areas. 143 partners (56.3%) identified as located in urban areas and 111 partners (43.7%) as located in rural areas.

Grants by location

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Sources: US Census Bureau 2018, Illinois Humanities data.
Organizations & community poverty levels

Percent of households below the ALICE poverty threshold (by ZIP code)

- < 10%
- 10 to 20%
- 20 to 30%
- 30 to 40%
- 40 to 50%
- 50 to 60%
- > 60%


Grantee Partners in urban & rural areas

- Organization in rural area
- Organization in urban area
- Urban areas defined by Census Bureau

Sources: US Census Bureau 2019, Illinois Humanities data.
$1.4 MILLION IN GRANTS. 60%+ GRANTEES OUTSIDE COOK COUNTY.
Relief and Recovery for the Humanities in Illinois.

$1.4 MILLION IN GRANTS
254 ORGANIZATIONS
Relief and Recovery for the Humanities in Illinois

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Conclusion

As income losses continue to fall harder on BIPOC groups and rural communities, and financial recovery is uneven across race and ethnicity, access to free, opportunities that public humanities organizations provide — a chance for participants to have fun, learn something new, relax, connect with others and broaden their perspectives — is more urgent than ever.

The data in this snapshot, along with ongoing conversations with grantee partners, and supported by national research, underline the following1:

- Public humanities organizations in Illinois serve communities hit hard by COVID-19 and which were under economic distress prior to the pandemic
- Public humanities organizations are playing critical and unique roles in making their communities healthier, more connected and more resilient
- Grantee partners want to give more attention to equity and inclusion and to work in less isolation from one another
- The emergency relief and recovery funding by Illinois Humanities did not come close to meeting grantee partners’ financial needs

Continuing support is needed to ensure that our state’s humanities organizations can do what they uniquely do: preserve, promote and produce free educational and cultural resources that strengthen our collective civic fabric. Emergency relief and recovery grantmaking during COVID-19 has significantly impacted the ways in which Illinois Humanities thinks about its role as a funding intermediary, program provider and partner. We are working to 1) increase our capacity to support statewide peer-to-peer learning, technical assistance, and partnership infrastructure for grantee partners and 2) to look at the ways in which an equity lens, paired with data, could help inform and shape our grantmaking priorities. In 2022 we will provide facilitation training, skill development workshops, peer-skill share opportunities and, critical community building throughout these endeavors.

We are more convinced than ever that bringing people together in conversation and collaboration with one another powerfully amplifies the impacts of humanities organizations.
We are also asking a new set of questions which, we hope, in partnership with like-minded funders, programmers, policy makers, and researchers, can help inform efforts to build and strengthen the public humanities sector in Illinois.

• How might we strategically leverage our role as a statewide organization to bring visibility to the ecosystem of Illinois’ public humanities organizations?

• How can we most impactfully bolster grant making with capacity and community building?

• How do we tell stories that illustrate the ways in which humanities organizations are helping — and bringing value to — their communities and the state overall during the pandemic (and beyond?)

Equitable recovery from COVID-19 must include the cultural sector. Humanities organizations provide relief, restoration, and community well-being. Illinois will not be able to restore our diverse communities without these organizations doing what they do best: strengthening our civic fabric.

As we work to better envision a robust, equitable cultural
infrastructure with strong humanities organizations accessible to all Illinois residents — other questions begin to emerge: How does broadband (or the lack thereof) impact organizations’ abilities to deliver on their missions? What will the long-term impacts of COVID-19 have on the health and well being of humanities’ organizations and the communities they serve?

Finally, given the preponderance of public humanities organizations serving communities of color and communities that were under economic duress even prior to the pandemic, how might these organizations best be supported to serve in inclusive, holistic ways.

In Illinois, we have an opportunity to invest in the role and value of public humanities organizations; in doing so we will be better able to imagine and to build a healthier, more connected, and equitable state.
About Illinois Humanities

Illinois Humanities, the Illinois affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities, is a statewide nonprofit organization that activates the humanities through free public programs, grants, and educational opportunities that foster reflection, spark conversation, build community, and strengthen civic engagement. We provide free, high-quality humanities experiences throughout Illinois, particularly for communities of color, individuals living on low incomes, counties and towns in rural areas, small arts and cultural organizations, and communities highly impacted by mass incarceration. Founded in 1974, Illinois Humanities is supported by state, federal, and private funds.

Learn more about Illinois Humanities at ilhumanities.org and on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and LinkedIn @ILHumanities.

Credits & acknowledgments

Deep thanks to each and every organization that applied for funding. Your efforts — which were undertaken during an acutely challenging time — contribute to a better understanding of the humanities ecosystem in Illinois.

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Grantee partner list
Organized by grant type

General operating support
Listed by organization name, county and city

826CHI, Cook, Chicago
Abe Lincoln Project, Pike, Pittsfield
African-American Cultural & Genealogical Society of Illinois, Macon, Decatur
Al Raby Foundation, Cook, Chicago
American Indian Association of Illinois, Cook, Chicago
American Indian Center, Cook, Chicago
Anne West Lindsey District Library, Williamson, Carterville
Aurora Fire Station Preservation Corp DBA Aurora Regional Fire Museum, Kane, Aurora
Ballet Folklorico de Chicago, Cook, Chicago
Belleville Public Library, St. Clair, Belleville
Benton Public Library District, Franklin, Benton
Black Alphabet, Cook, Chicago
Black Lunch Table, Cook, Chicago
BlackCapsule.Z Anthology Corp., Cook, Riverdale
Borderless Magazine NFP, Cook, Chicago
Bourbonnais Public Library, Kankakee, Bourbonnais
Bronzeville / Black Chicagoan Historical Society, Cook, Chicago
Buffalo Grove Park District — The Raupp Museum, Cook, Buffalo Grove
Bunker Hill Public Library District, Macoupin, Bunker Hill
Bushnell Public Library, McDonough, Bushnell
Calumet City Public Library, Cook, Calumet City
Carlinville Public Library, Macoupin, Carlinville
Carrier Mills-Stonefort Public Library District, Saline, Carrier Mills
Caseyville Public Library District, Cook, Chicago
Cedarville Area Historical Society, Stephenson, Freeport
Centralia Area Historical Society, Marion, Centralia
Changing Worlds, Cook, Chicago
Chicago Blues Museum, Cook, Chicago
Chicago Cultural Alliance, Cook, Chicago
Chicago Independent Radio Project, Cook, Chicago
Chicago Korean Dance Company, Cook, Rolling Meadows
Chicago National Brewseum, Cook, Chicago
Chicago Palestine Film Festival, Cook, Chicago
Chicago Poetry Center, Cook, Chicago
Chicago Public Art Group, Cook, Chicago
Chicago Review, Cook, Chicago
Chicago South Side Film Festival, Cook, Chicago
Chinatown Museum Foundation, Cook, Chicago
Christian County Coal Mine Museum, Christian, Taylorville
Christian County Historical Society, Christian, Taylorville
Christopher Public Library, Franklin, Christopher
Cicero Independiente, Cook, Chicago
Clarendon Hills Public Library, DuPage, Clarendon Hills
Clark County Historical Society, Clark, Marshall
Clay County Genealogical Society, Clay, Louisville
contratiempo nfp, Cook, Chicago
Crawford County Heritage Foundation, Crawford, Robinson
Danforth Historical Society, Iroquois, Danforth
Daniel Ramos Puerto Rican Festival Committee, Inc, Cook, Chicago
Deer Creek District Library, Tazewell, Deer Creek
Delavan Community Historical Society, Tazewell, Delavan
Dundee Township Historical Society, Kane, West Dundee
Easley Pioneer Museum Foundation, Inc., Fulton, Ipava
East St. Louis Historical Society, St. Clair, East St. Louis
El Griot & Areito Project, Cook, Chicago
eta Creative Arts Foundation, Cook, Chicago
Ethnic Heritage Museum (Heritage Museum Park), Winnebago, Rockford
Fairbury Echoes Museum, Livingston, Fairbury
Fairview Heights Public Library, St. Clair, Fairview Heights
Farmersville-Waggoner Public Library District, Montgomery, Farmersville
Flagg-Rochelle Public Library, Ogle, Rochelle
Flossmoor Public Library, Cook, Flossmoor
Ford County Historical Society, Ford, Paxton
Forest Preserve Friends Foundation/Museum of the Grand Prairie, Champaign, Mahomet
Fox River Grove Memorial Library, McHenry, Fox River Grove
Frankfort Area Historical Society, Franklin, West Frankfort
Free Spirit Media, Cook, Chicago
Friends of The Dr Richard Eells House, Adams, Quincy
Full Spectrum Features NFP, Cook, Chicago
Galena-Jo Daviess County Historical Society, Jo Daviess, Galena
Galesburg Public Library, Knox, Galesburg
Garvey Tubman Cultural Arts and Research Center, Sangamon, Springfield
Georgetown IL. Public Library, Vermilion, Georgetown
Germantown Public Library District, Clinton, Germantown
Glenwood-Lynwood Public Library District, Cook, Lynwood
Greater West Central Public Library District, Hancock, Augusta
Groff Memorial Public Library, White, Grayville
Grundy County Historical Society, Grundy, Morris
Guild Literary Complex, Cook, Chicago
Haitian American Museum of Chicago, Cook, Chicago
Hanover Township Library, Jo Daviess, Hanover
Hardin County Fluorspar Museum, Hardin, Rosiclare
Hauberg Civic Center Foundation, Rock Island, Rock Island
Hegeler Carus Foundation, LaSalle, LaSalle
Henderson County Historical Society Museum, Henderson, Raritan
Herrin City Library, Williamson, Herrin
Hinckley Historical Society, DeKalb, Hinckley
Historic Marbold Farmstead Association, Menard, Greenview
Homer Community Library, Champaign, Homer
Homewood Historical Society, Cook, Homewood
Honey Pot Performance, Cook, Chicago
House of Miles, St. Clair, East St. Louis
Hypertext Magazine & Studio, Cook, Chicago
Illinois Coal Museum At Gillespie, Macoupin, Gillespie
Illinois Rural Heritage Museum, Perryville, Pinckneyville
Illinois State Genealogical Society, Sangamon, Springfield
InterAction Initiative Inc, Cook, Chicago
Iroquois County Historical Society, Iroquois, Watseka
Jackie Joyner-Kersee Foundation, St. Clair, East St. Louis
Jackson County Historical Society, Jackson, Murphysboro
James Millikin Homestead Inc., Macon, Decatur
Jefferson County Historical Society, Jefferson, Mt. Vernon
Katherine Dunham Museum, St. Clair, East St. Louis
Korean Cultural Center of Chicago, Cook, Wheeling
Korean War Educator Foundation, Douglas, Tuscola
LaSalle County Historical Society, LaSalle, Utica
LaSalle Public Library, LaSalle, LaSalle
Lawndale Pop-Up Spot, Cook, Chicago
Lawrence County, Illinois, Historical Society, Lawrence, Lawrenceville
Legacy Training, Inc., Pulaski, Grand Chain
Les Amis du Fort de Chartres, Randolph, Prairie du Rocher
Lewistown Society for Historical Preservation, Fulton, Lewistown
Lincoln Heritage Museum, Logan, Lincoln
Lincoln Highway Interpretive Center, Lee, Franklin Grove
Lincoln Log Cabin Foundation, Coles, Lerna
Lithuanian Archives Project, Cook, Chicago
Logan County Genealogical and Historical Society, Logan, Lincoln
Macomb Public Library, McDonough, Macomb
Magnolia Township Preservation Association, Putnam, Magnolia
Mandala South Asian Performing Arts Inc. DBA Mandala Arts, Cook, Chicago
Marshall Public Library, Clark, Marshall
Mascoutah Public Library, St. Clair, Mascoutah
McDonough County Genealogical Society, McDonough, Macomb
McHenry County Illinois Genealogical Society, McHenry, Crystal Lake
MCHS/Underground Railroad Committee, Morgan, Jacksonville
Metro East Literacy Project, St. Clair, O’Fallon
Metropolis Public Library, Massac, Metropolis
Mexican Folkloric Dance Company of Chicago, Cook, Chicago
Mezcla Media Collective, Cook, Chicago
Midwest SOARRING Foundation, Will, Lockport
Millstadt Library, St. Clair, Millstadt
MindsEye Radio, St. Clair, Belleville
Mississippi Valley Library District, Madison, Collinsville
Mitchell Museum of the American Indian, Cook, Evanston
Morrison Talbott Library, Monroe, Waterloo
Mound City National Cemetery Preservation Commission, Pulaski, Mound City
Mount Olive Illinois Public Library, Macoupin, Mount Olive
Mount Pulaski Township Historical Society Museum and Genealogy Center, Logan, Mount Pulaski
Muslim American Leadership Alliance, Cook, Chicago
NAJWA Dance Corps, Cook, Chicago
National APR Pullman Porter Museum, Cook, Chicago
National Cambodian Heritage Museum & Killing Fields Memorial, Cook, Chicago
National Museum of Gospel Music, Cook, Chicago
National Public Housing Museum, Cook, Chicago
Nauvoo Public Library, Hancock, Nauvoo
Neponset Historical Society, Bureau, Neponset
New Philadelphia Association, Pike, Barry
Old School Museum, Scott, Winchester
OPEN Center for the Arts, Cook, Chicago
Orland Park History Museum, Cook, Orland Park
People’s Center for Cultural and Contemporary Arts, Cook, Chicago
Petersburg Public Library, Menard, Petersburg
Pigment International, Cook, Chicago
Pinckneyville Public Library, Perry, Pinckneyville
Plainfield Historical Society, Will, Plainfield
PlayMakers Laboratory Theatre, Cook, Chicago
Promoting Appreciation of Structural Treasures of Union County, IL, Union, Jonesboro
Public Media Institute, Cook, Chicago
Public Narrative, Cook, Chicago
Ransom Memorial Library Historical Society, Knox, Galesburg
Raymond A. Sapp Memorial Library, Bureau, Wyanet
Reading In Motion, Cook, Chicago
Richton Park Public Library District, Cook, Richton Park
Ridge Historical Society, Cook, Chicago
Robbins Historical Society and Museum, Cook, Robbins
Rochester Public Library District, Sangamon, Rochester
Rohingya Culture Center, Cook, Chicago
Rosiclare Memorial Public Library, Hardin, Rosiclare
Royalton Public Library District, Franklin, Royalton
Sandwich Public Library District, DeKalb, Sandwich
Schuyler Jail Museum, Schuyler, Rushville
Segundo Ruiz Belvis Cultural Center, Cook, Chicago
Sesser Public Library, Franklin, Sesser
Shabbona-Lee-Rollo Historical Museum, DeKalb, Shabbona
Sidell District Library, Vermilion, Sidell
Sixty Inches from Center NFP, Cook, Chicago
Sophia’s Choice aka Asian Pop-Up Cinema, Cook, Chicago
South Side Weekly, Cook, Chicago
Southside Community Art Center, Cook, Chicago
Sparta Public Library, Randolph, Sparta
Spoon River Poetry Association, McLean, Normal
Springfield & Central Illinois African American History Foundation/ Museum (AAHM), Sangamon, Springfield
Stark County Illinois Historical Society, Stark, Toulon
Steeleville Area Public Library District, Randolph, Steeleville
Strategy for Access Foundation NFP, Cook, Chicago
Tazewell County Genealogical & Historical Society, Tazewell, Pekin
The Hoodoie, Wayne, Detroit, MI
The Hub-Arts and Cultural Center, Schuyler, Rushville
The Midwest Writing Center, Rock Island, Rock Island
The Museum of Westclox, LaSalle, Peru
Thebes Historical Society, Alexander, Thebes
Thomson Depot Museum, Carroll, Thomson
Tilden Public Library, Randolph, Tilden
True Star Media & Foundation, Cook, Chicago
Uni-Pres Kindercottage, St. Clair, East St. Louis
Uniting Pride of Champaign County, Champaign, Illinois
Urbana Champaign Independent Media Center, Champaign, Urbana

Vermilion Heritage Foundation, Vermilion, Danville
Vespasian Warner Public Library District, De Witt, Clinton
Visions Blu Institute, Cook, Chicago
Walnut Public Library District, Bureau, Walnut
Washington County Historical Society, Washington, Nashville
Watseka Public Library, Iroquois, Watseka
Weldon Public Library District, De Witt, Weldon
Western Illinois Museum, McDonough, Macomb
Westside Writing Project dba Westside Media Project, Cook, Chicago
Wheels O’ Time Museum, Peoria, Dunlap
Winnebago Community Historical Society (WCHS), Winnebago, Winnebago
Young Chicago Authors, Cook, Chicago
Youth Empowerment Performance Project, Cook, Chicago

Humanities Project Funds
Listed by organization name, county and city

6018North, Cook, Chicago
A Gift of Love Charity, Inc, Jackson, Carbondale
Back of the Yards Neighborhood Council, Cook, Chicago
Barrington History Museum, Lake, Barrington
Brushwood Center at Ryerson Woods, Lake, Riverwoods
Calumet Collaborative, Cook, Chicago
Center for Racial Harmony, St. Clair, Belleville
Chicago Collections Consortium, Cook, Chicago
Chicago Humanities Festival, Cook, Chicago
Chicago Public Library Foundation, Cook, Chicago
ConTextos, Cook, Chicago
Crossing Borders Music, Cook, Chicago
Dreaming Tree Foundation, Rock Island, Rock Island
Edwardsville Public Library, Madison, Edwardsville
Elgin Community College, Kane, Elgin
Front Porch Arts Center, New York, New York, NY
Governors State University, Will, University Park
Heritage Ensemble, Peoria, Peoria
Hyde Park Art Center, Cook, Chicago
Illinois State Museum Society, Sangamon, Springfield
International Children's Media Center, Cook, Chicago
Kuumba Lynx, Cook, Chicago
Lewis University, Will, Romeoville
Looking for Lincoln, Sangamon, Springfield
Lorde, Rustin & Bates, Cook, Chicago
Madison County Historical Society Inc, Madison, Edwardsville
Medinah School District 11, DuPage, Roselle
Millikin University, Macon, Decatur
My True North Artistry, Champaign, Champaign
National Indo-American Museum, Cook, Chicago
Northeastern Illinois University Foundation, Cook, Chicago
Ray Bradbury Experience Museum, a program of Greater Waukegan Development Coalition, Lake, Waukegan
Rockford Art Museum, Winnebago, Rockford
Route History Institute, Sangamon, Springfield
Savanna Historical Society NFP, Carroll, Savanna
Staunton Public Library, Macoupin, Staunton
Stickney-Forest View Public Library, Cook, Stickney
Storycatchers Theatre, Cook, Chicago
The Climate Economy Education Inc, Union, Makanda
The House Theatre of Chicago, Cook, Chicago
The Peoria Art Guild, Peoria, Peoria
The Voices and Faces Project, Cook, Chicago
Ukrainian National Museum, Cook, Chicago
Waukegan Park District, Lake, Waukegan
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