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**MINNESOTA HUMANITIES CENTER
REPORT TO THE MN STATE LEGISLATURE
JULY 1, 2007- JUNE 30, 2008**

REPORTING PER 138.911 MINNESOTA HUMANITIES COMMISSION.

Subdivision 1. Establishment.

The Minnesota Humanities Commission, a nonprofit organization, is established to advance the study of the humanities and enhance the work of schools, colleges, and cultural organizations throughout the state.

Subd. 2. Reports.

The Minnesota Humanities Commission shall report to the legislature by September 1 of each year on the use of state funds appropriated to the commission. The report shall include an itemized account of the programs and projects supported and the source of money for each. The report shall show actual expenditures for the fiscal year ending the preceding June 30 and proposed expenditures for the fiscal year beginning the preceding July 1.

Subd. 3. Humanities center.

(a) The Minnesota Humanities Commission may establish a humanities center to ensure balance in public education and in the cultural life of the state, and to improve humanities education through the establishment of two institutes: the Minnesota Institute for Lifelong Learning and the Minnesota Institute for the Advancement of Teaching.

(b) The humanities center may transport people and resources to small towns, rural communities, and urban settings to provide grants, technical assistance, and high-quality educational and cultural programs to schools and community organizations throughout Minnesota.

(c) The Minnesota Institute for the Advancement of Teaching may conduct seminars and other activities for the recognition of the teaching profession and the advancement of teaching in Minnesota.

**NARRATIVE PROGRAM REPORT
JULY 1, 2007- JUNE 30, 2008**

During the last year, the Minnesota Humanities Center (MHC) programs served more than 130,000 citizens across the state of Minnesota, an increase of 30% over the 2006-2007 program year. With support from the State of Minnesota, the Humanities Center was able to effectively respond to the growing needs of educators, literacy professionals, social service and cultural organizations seeking quality humanities education, training, workshops, and resources. The following is a short summary of the outcome achieved as a result of the important financial support from the Minnesota State Legislature.

Service Statistics

Professional Development. In the last twelve months MHC served more than 1,300 of Minnesota's premier educators, positively impacting the lives of more than 77,000 of Minnesota's children:

- 309 literacy professionals attended MHC-sponsored language and literacy and other early literacy training events impacting 8,174 children and parents;
- 1001 teachers attended professional development seminars, impacting more than 64,000 K-12 students;
- 30 metro area schools used Core Knowledge curriculum, reaching nearly 5,000 students;

Resources.

- Published two Somali folk tales, *Dheghdheer* and *Wiil Waal*, as children's picture books.
- Published educational resources for using these books in classrooms and early literacy settings.
- Donated 3,725 books to immigrant and refugee families throughout Minnesota.
- Created fifteen new web pages that connect to our professional development offerings and make these resources available to teachers across the state.

Community Partnerships. In the last twelve months MHC helped conduct more than 215 events in Minnesota serving more than 53,000 individuals.

- Conducted 65 events with schools and local cultural organizations strengthening classroom instruction in the humanities. These events served more than 5,000 students.
- Conducted 109 Reading with Dad events strengthening the literacy connection between dads and their children. These events served more than 5,000 fathers and children.
- Conducted 5 Smithsonian Museum on Main Street exhibits serving more than 28,000 Minnesotans.
- Conducted 20 author and book discussion programs for more than 2,500 individuals.
- Provided 26 grants totaling \$80,000 to organizations providing public humanities programming statewide, including 20 grants to lifelong learning organizations across the state. These programs will serve people in at least 16 communities totaling more than 13,000 individuals.

State of MN Op Grant

our fund # 2000000

for State FY periods

Expenditures

Reflects portion of the expense categories charged against this grant

	7/1/2007 thru 6/30/08 Total actuals	7/1/2008 thru 6/30/09 Total budget
Salaries-management	\$148,622.64	\$16,514.03
Payroll taxes	\$11,089.88	\$2,427.43
Benefits and HR Administration	\$35,176.26	\$5,529.22
Regrants-to Learning in Retirement Communities	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00
Contract Services	\$3,536.04	\$2,105.00
Staff Development	\$505.00	\$140.00
Insurance	\$0.00	\$7,082.64
Equipment	\$0.00	\$179.16
Facilities Expense (allocation of mortgage principal to grant; building and equipment repairs and maintenance)	\$684.00	\$36,676.39
Legal, audit, accounting fees	\$10,406.25	\$22,700.00
Memberships and subscriptions	\$1,261.00	\$0.00
Utilities	\$0.00	\$1,491.04
Postage	\$511.37	\$25.48
Printing and mailing services	\$12,550.75	\$0.00
Supplies-office, building	\$3,331.84	\$210.79
Telephone	\$25.00	\$0.00
Travel, meals, lodging	\$1,010.35	\$594.96
Interest expense, bank and merchant credit card fees	\$1,188.10	\$5,870.21
Site fees for programs done in greater Minnesota, scholarships	\$2,250.00	\$0.00
internal use of conference center by MHC programs for teacher trainings		\$2,722.00
transfer to conference center fund for funding of operational costs in excess of conference center earned revenue (salaries/benefits)	\$0.00	\$68,634.00
Miscellaneous expenses	\$0.00	\$2,253.66
Depreciation and amortization expenses-both program space and conference center	\$32,684.80	\$10,010.71
TOTALS	\$289,833.28	\$210,166.72

Total operating funds received biennium \$500,000.00