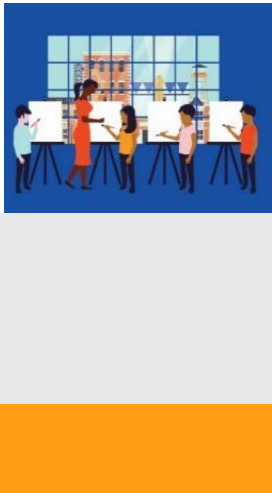




The National Endowment for the Arts is the only funder, public or private, that supports the arts in all **50 States** in the United States.

**In the past 5 years...** The National Endowment for the Arts distributed more than **\$3,783,600** in grants in **Arkansas**.



In one year alone...

- Arts and cultural production in Arkansas added **2.4%**, or **\$2.9 billion** to the state's economy.
- Arkansas's arts and cultural industries employ **33,729** workers. These workers earn wages and benefits totaling **\$1.6 billion**.
- **20.5%** of Arkansas's adults attended live music, theater, or dance performances, while **12.6%** attended art exhibits.

### National Endowment for the Arts Programs from FY16-FY18

The **Blue Star Museums** program provided free admission to thousands of active military personnel and their families at **38 participating museums** in Arkansas.

The **Poetry Out Loud** is a national competition which develops communication skills, presence, and confidence through the study, memorization, and public recitation of poetry. In Arkansas, over **730 students** participated from among **57** high schools.

The **Big Read** program generated **22** community events focused on reading outstanding American literature and involving more than **930** adults and students in Arkansas.

The **Shakespeare in American Communities** program enabled schools in Arkansas to offer **2,800** children the opportunity to see free live professional performances of Shakespeare.

The **Creative Forces** program is expanding access to creative arts therapies and arts engagement opportunities for injured service members, veterans, and their families and caregivers.



### 2019 Agency Calendar of Events

**Blue Star Museums: Armed Forces Day (5/18) - Labor Day (9/2)**

**June Meeting of the National Council on the Arts: 6/19-6/21**

**National Book Festival: 8/31**

**National Heritage Fellows Awards & Concert: 9/18-9/20**

**October Meeting of the National Council on the Arts: 10/24-10/25**





## NOTEWORTHY

### Examples of Schools & Organizations Receiving Past Endowment Support Include:

#### AR-1

*Cedar Ridge High School  
Cherry Memorial Library  
East Arkansas Community College  
Lakeport Plantation  
Star City Library*

#### AR-2

*Acansa Arts Festival  
Christ the King School  
Episcopal Collegiate School  
Methodist Family Health  
St. Luke's Episcopal Church*

#### AR-3

*Bell Academy Home School  
Fort Smith Public Library  
Haas Hall Academy  
Randall Lynch Middle School  
Willowbrook Elementary School*

#### AR-4

*Clarksville High School  
Columbia County Library  
Hot Springs Jazz Society  
Kirby Elementary School  
South Arkansas Symphony*

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