

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 **\$31,349,976** in grants in Illinois.



PC Ryan P. DeWolfe works with Danielle Vetro Kalseth, Music Therapist, HJF, in support of Creative Forces at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson (JBER) in Anchorage, Alaska. Army photo/John Pennell

In one year alone...

- Arts and cultural production in Illinois added **3.4% or \$37.4 billion** to the state's economy.
- Illinois's arts and cultural industries employed **226,407** workers. These workers earned wages and benefits totaling **\$19.9 billion**.
- **38.3%** of Illinois's adults attended live music, theater, or dance performances, while **13%** attended art exhibits.

National Endowment for the Arts Programs



The **Blue Star Museums** program provided free admission to thousands of active military personnel and their families at **154 participating museums** in Illinois.



More than **9,849 students** from **147 high schools** in Illinois participated in Poetry Out Loud.



The **NEA Big Read** program generated community events focused on reading outstanding American literature and involving more than **20,332** adults and students in Illinois.



The **Shakespeare in American Communities** program in Illinois enabled schools to offer **4,644** children the opportunity to see live professional performances of Shakespeare, or to engage in educational programs.



Creative Forces brings creative arts therapies to military personnel and veterans who are experiencing post-traumatic stress, mild traumatic brain injury, and related psychological illnesses. The program also offers community arts programming to improve the well-being and resilience of all military-connected people.

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Various Locations of Arts Endowment-Supported Projects

IL-01

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHICAGO
GLESSNER HOUSE

IL-02

LINCOLN ELEMENTARY
LITTLE BLACK PEARL
SOLSTICE ON THE PARK

IL-03

CHRISTOPHER HOUSE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
CITY LIT BOOKS
HIAWATHA PARK

IL-04

ARTURO VELAZQUEZ INSTITUTE -COMMUNITY COLLEGE
CATHOLIC CHARITIES AT ST. GALL
HEALTHY HOOD

IL-05

ALFRED CALDWELL LILY POOL
THE NEWBERRY LIBRARY
WELLES PARK

IL-06

BUREAU VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL
CHILDREN'S MUSEUM IN OAK LAWN
LEVRADDIGANS STUDIOS

IL-07

ANTIOCH MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
OAK PARK ART LEAGUE
OVERFLOW COFFEE

IL-08

MARQUARDT MIDDLE SCHOOL
NILES WEST HIGH SCHOOL
WOOD LIBRARY-MUSEUM OF ANESTHESIOLOGY

IL-09

HAITIAN COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION
NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY
SPACE EVANSTON

IL-10

CHEROKEE ELEMENTARY
GRAYSLAKE HERITAGE CENTER
MIDWEST YOUNG ARTISTS CONSERVATORY

IL-11

LEWIS UNIVERSITY BOOKSTORE
MARENGO COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL
NAPERVILLE BAND SHELL

IL-12

MASCOUTAH HIGH SCHOOL
POPE COUNTY COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL
SALEM THEATRE

IL-13

JONES WATER PARK
LINCOLN LIBRARY
ROLLING MEADOWS HIGH SCHOOL

IL-14

MENDOTA MUSEUM & HISTORICAL SOCIETY
OSWEGO HIGH SCHOOL
THE MORA FARM

IL-15

CARTHAGE JAIL
HISTORIC NAUVOO
LINCOLN-DOUGLAS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

IL-16

GALENA & U.S. GRANT HISTORY MUSEUM
MARSHALL ELEMENTARY
ROCKY GLEN

IL-17

JEFFERSON HIGH SCHOOL
THE ORPHEUM THEATRE

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