

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 **\$18,524,367** in grants in **New Jersey**.



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 New Jersey added **3.6% or \$29.2 billion** to the state's economy.
- New Jersey's arts and cultural industries employed **148,377** workers. These workers earned wages and benefits totaling **\$14.6 billion**.
- **30.3%** of New Jersey's adults attended live music, theater, or dance performances, while **9.5%** 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 **81 participating museums** in New Jersey.



More than **13,441 students** from **321 high schools** in New Jersey participated in **Poetry Out Loud**.



The **NEA Big Read** program generated community events focused on reading outstanding American literature and involving more than **17,270** adults and students in New Jersey.



The **Shakespeare in American Communities** program in New Jersey enabled schools to offer **5,916** 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

**NJ-01**

FREE BOOKS PROJECT  
RUTGERS-CAMDEN CENTER FOR THE ARTS  
URBANPROMISE  
WEST NEW YORK MIDDLE SCHOOL  
YORKSHIP FAMILY SCHOOL

**NJ-02**

CEDAR CREEK HIGH SCHOOL  
CREATIVITY COLABORATORY CHARTER SCHOOL  
HARRAHS WATERFRONT CONFERENCE CENTER  
MAINLAND REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL  
THE GREATER CAPE MAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

**NJ-03**

BURLINGTON CITY HIGH SCHOOL  
BURLINGTON COUNTY INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY  
HISTORIC BURLINGTON COUNTY PRISON MUSEUM  
MAGOWAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
RANCOCAS VALLEY REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

**NJ-04**

INFOAGE SCIENCE AND HISTORY MUSEUMS  
JENKINSON'S AQUARIUM  
MONMOUTH COUNTY PARKS SYSTEM - THOMPSON PARK  
OAKCREST HIGH SCHOOL  
OCEAN TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL

**NJ-05**

ACI WORLDWIDE EXPRESS  
CICCONE THEATRE  
HACKENSACK HIGH SCHOOL  
PUFFIN FOUNDATION - PUFFIN CULTURAL FORUM  
RIDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

**NJ-06**

FORRESTDAL SCHOOL  
JANE VOORHEES ZIMMERLI ART MUSEUM  
ML BOOKS INC  
NEPTUNE HIGH SCHOOL  
RED BANK REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

**NJ-07**

BRIDGEWATER-RARITAN HIGH SCHOOL  
HOPATCONG HIGH SCHOOL  
WEST MORRIS CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL  
WESTFIELD SENIOR CENTER

**NJ-08**

DR. RONALD E. MCNAIR ACADEMIC HIGH SCHOOL  
FIRST AVENUE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
HOBOKEN HIGH SCHOOL  
KALIEDOSCOPE SOUND STUDIO

**NJ-09**

CENTER FOR HOPE & SAFETY  
INDIAN HILLS HIGH SCHOOL  
ONE RENAISSANCE  
PASSAIC COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
PENNINGTON PARK

**NJ-10**

BARAT FOUNDATION  
DR. E. ALMA FLAGG SCHOOL  
NEWARK MUSEUM  
THE REAL HOUSE-MONTCLAIR

**NJ-11**

DELBARTON SCHOOL  
DIANA C. LOBOSCO STEM ACADEMY  
LACORDAIRE ACADEMY  
MONTCLAIR PUBLIC LIBRARY  
MORRIS COUNTY SCHOOL OF TECHNOLOGY

**NJ-12**

ARTHUR J HOLLAND MIDDLE SCHOOL  
FEA CONFERENCE CENTER  
RUTGERS UNIVERSITY  
THE HUN SCHOOL OF PRINCETON

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**New Jersey State Council on the  
Arts**

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