

THIRD CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

INDIANA HUMANITIES ACTIVITY, 2009-10



 <p>Grant Recipient</p>	 <p>Community Conversation</p>	 <p>Novel Conversations</p>	 <p>Food for Thought</p>
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THIRD CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT SUMMARY REPORT, 2009-2010



FOOD FOR THOUGHT PARTNERS

- **ALLEN COUNTY-FORT WAYNE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, FORT WAYNE**
Buffalo Tro – Miami Indian Food Festival at Chief Richardville House - \$2,000
Event featuring period foods to teach and preserve the legacy of Native American history in northeast Indiana.
- **DOWNTOWN GOSHEN, INC, GOSHEN**
First Friday Restaurant Tour - \$2,000
Special theme program promoted locally owned businesses, artisans and musicians with an emphasis on locally produced foods and restaurants.

NOVEL CONVERSATIONS PARTICIPANTS

Carnegie Public Library of Steuben Co.
Eckhart Public Library (Auburn)
Kendallville Public Library
LaGrange Public Library
Noble County Public Library
North Webster Community Public Library
South Whitley Public Library



COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY

This Indiana Humanities/Bowen Center for Public Affairs facilitated workshop attracted 160 participants for a discussion of community and economic development on June 16, 2010. Speakers included Tom Snyder, president of Ivy Tech Community College and Mitch Roob, CEO of the Indiana Economic Development Corporation and the Indiana Secretary of Commerce, as well as local officials.

WHITLEY COUNTY

This Indiana Humanities/Bowen Center workshop attracted 140 participants for a community dialogue on 21st century education on November 9, 2010. Dr. Dave Dresslar, executive director of CELL at the University of Indianapolis, was the keynote speaker.

RECENT GRANTS AWARDED

HANDS-ON HISTORY: EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING AT THE ECHM Elkhart County Historical Society, Inc., Bristol - \$2,000

Experiential learning programs will help to interpret the museum's exhibits for school tours. The themes of Pioneer Life, American Indians, Waterways and Railroads, and the Gilded Age were chosen to complement the curriculum. (March 2010, debut; school programs, Aug. 2010-May 2011)



LET'S TALK ABOUT IT (TRAINS: PAST AND PRESENT)

Middlebury Community Public Library, Middlebury - \$1,637

A fall lecture/book discussion series on the history of railroads was offered at the Middlebury Community Public Library. Connections to the history of railroading in Elkhart County and the impact of railroads on life in the United States were highlighted in the program. (Sept.-Nov., 2010)

EMBASSY THEATRE STUDY TRIPS

Embassy Theatre Foundation, Inc., Fort Wayne - \$ 2,000

The Embassy Theatre and Indiana Hotel opened in 1928, a movie/vaudeville palace coupled with a businessman's hotel in downtown Fort Wayne. This grant will help to support the Study Trip program, two-hour sessions combining a tour of the theatre with an opportunity for elementary school students to learn about the site's preservation by taking the stage to reenact the story of how the Embassy was saved from destruction. (Aug. 2010, information available to teachers; 2010-11 season, study trips)

HOME OF THE WILDCAT, INSTILLING A SENSE OF PLACE THROUGH THE CHIEF RICHARDVILLE HOUSE

Fort Wayne History Center, Fort Wayne - \$2,000

Constructed in 1827, the home of Miami Indian Chief Jean Baptiste de Richardville is an important Native American dwelling on the National Register of Historic Places. Five monthly editions of the Miami Indian Heritage Days series were held at the Chief Richardville House, featuring three-fold presentations: structural/architectural, cultural/historical and interpretive/interactive. (July-Nov. 2010)