



IMPACT BY THE NUMBERS FOR ILLINOIS

Grants to Illinois Organizations and Individuals from Fiscal Years 2019 through 2023 – \$34,565,730

Total Number of Awards – 220

Award Highlights:

- University of Chicago professors Michele Frieder and Mara Mills are working on a project called The Global Cochlear Implant: Provincializing "Brain Implants" through Disability Technocultures. They will be conducting a humanistic comparative study of cochlear implant technology as an early form of a neural-computer interface.
- The Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum is expanding the online collection of The Papers of Abraham Lincoln. They will be digitally publishing materials from President Lincoln's political campaigns.

NEH also provides annual funding to [Illinois Humanities](#), the designated humanities council in the state, to support a wide array of public programming.

Recent Illinois Humanities Highlights:

- 2023 marked the 25th anniversary of the Road Scholars Speakers Bureau. The program allows Illinois writers, storytellers, historians, folklorists, musicians, and living history actors share their expertise and enthusiasm through free programs at libraries, cultural centers, museums, and other venues that would not otherwise be able to host these world-class presenters.
- The council grew its free reading group and community event series from a Chicago-based to statewide program that is currently partnering with 19 organizations across the state. This year's series explored the theme of Reconsidering the American Dream.

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