



Guiding Principles

The Board of Humanities Montana is guided by the following principles.

We believe ...

- ***Engagement with the humanities is valuable to all Montanans. The humanities have the transformative power to change people's lives in significant ways.***
- ***Connecting people through the power of storytelling is meaningful and strengthens a sense of belonging. We have the capacity to understand others and become more gracious human beings.***
- ***Amplifying unheard voices and perspectives honors people's stories and experiences throughout the state, including urban and rural communities. Montana is a diverse state—geographically, politically, ethnically, experientially, and culturally. All Montanans have stories that deserve to be found and told.***
- ***Supporting and promoting high quality public humanities programming and re-grant opportunities engages communities, encourages lifelong learning, and empowers civic involvement. Compelling humanities programs bring Montanans together and builds personal relationships and a sense of community connection.***
- ***Effective stewardship of our resources, including funding, gifts, staff, board and constituents, establishes trust and integrity with those we serve and furthers the mission of Humanities Montana. Humanities Montana acts strategically and demonstrates its compliance, transparency, and accountability through metrics and stories. We choose to take strategic risks to be more innovative. Our success comes from our willingness to find and support new and unique ways to tell our Montana stories.***
- ***Working together as a board will prepare us to think carefully about Humanities Montana's mission and role. All board members bring their own strengths to the organization. The board functions best when everyone is fully invested in the successful future of the organization. Diversity helps us to be more innovative and solve problems more effectively. We respectfully value everyone's voice.***