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HUMANITIES GRANT WORKSHOPS TO BE HELD

MISSOULA —

The Montana Committee for the Humanities and the National Endowment for the Humanities will offer two workshops featuring humanities funding opportunities for educational and nonprofit cultural institutions in Montana.

The first event will be Friday, Feb. 23, in James Todd Building Room 204 at The University of Montana. From 1 to 2:30 p.m., Mark Sherouse of the Montana Committee for the Humanities and Candace Katz, director of the Division of Education Programs of the NEH, will make presentations on humanities funding opportunities, with a mock panel and question-and-answer session. From 2:30 to 4 p.m., they will be available for proposal consultation, which will be followed by an informal reception from 4 to 5 p.m in the Davidson Honors College lounge.

The second workshop will be Saturday, Feb. 24, also in Todd Building Room 204. It will begin with coffee and doughnuts from 8:30 to 9 a.m. and continue with presentations, questions and answers, and consultations until noon.

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New funding opportunities now are available to educational and cultural organizations in Montana as part of Extending the Reach, a special initiative in education, public programming and preservation in parts of the country that have not benefitted as fully as others from NEH programs. Humanities Scholar-in-Residence Grants worth \$10,000 are aimed at creating partnerships between middle and high schools and local college faculty; Preservation Assistance Grants of up to \$5,000 help libraries, archives, and museums better care for their humanities-related collections; and Consultation Grants of up to \$10,000 provide expert assistance to museums, libraries, and film or radio producers in developing new humanities projects and programming. The deadlines to submit applications to these three programs are coming in April and May.

Information also will be available on NEH fellowships, seminars and institutes, as well as Schools for a New Millennium, Humanities Focus Grants and National Education Projects.

MCH will present information on its array of grants and other programs, including its fellowships, Speakers Bureau, media collection, the "Letters About Literature" program, the Montana Center for Book and the Montana Festival of the Book.

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