

Friends of the Missouri State Archives



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Friends of the Missouri State Archives Awarded Grant by the Missouri Humanities Council

Jefferson City, Mo. — The Missouri Humanities Council (MHC) has awarded a grant of \$2,500 to the Friends of the Missouri State Archives, a support organization for the Missouri State Archives, a division of Missouri Secretary of State Jason Kander's office. This grant supports the 2016 season of *Archives Alive!*, a history-based performance for school children in grades four and five. The MHC is the only statewide agency in Missouri devoted exclusively to humanities education for citizens of all ages. It serves as the state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

This year's interactive *Archives Alive!* performances will bring Missouri's history to life for students across the state. The 27 performances will be attended by more than 5,800 children, making the twelfth season of *Archives Alive!* one of the most well attended seasons ever. Using humor and audience participation, students learn about the founding of Missouri, explorers and immigrant groups in the region, Missouri's role as a border state in the Civil War and the lives of famous Missourians, such as Harry Truman, George Washington Carver, Laura Ingalls Wilder, Jesse James, Virginia Minor and many others. Joining the MHC and Friends of the Missouri State Archives in sponsoring the 2016 season are the Missouri Arts Council, Hawthorn Bank and the Eldon Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

For more information about the grant programs of the Missouri Humanities Council, call (314) 781-9660 or (800) 357-0909 or write to the Missouri Humanities Council at 543 Hanley Industrial Court, Suite 205, St. Louis, Missouri 63144-1905.

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