

Friends of the Missouri State Archives



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Friends of the Missouri State Archives to Receive Missouri Humanities Council Grant

Jefferson City, Mo. — The Missouri Humanities Council (MHC) has awarded a grant of \$2,500.00 to the Friends of the Missouri State Archives in support of *Archives Alive!*, the Missouri State Archives' history-based theatrical performance program for third-, fourth- and fifth-grade students. The MHC is the only state-wide agency in Missouri devoted to humanities education for citizens of all ages. It has served as a state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities since 1971.

Since its inception in spring of 2005, approximately 67,000 students, parents and teachers have attended *Archives Alive!* performances, with many schools making return trips each year. This year's 27 performances, scheduled over 10 days in April and May, will be attended by more than 5,400 students, parents and teachers. Television talk show hosts, played by local Jefferson City actors, will take audiences back in time to the early days of the territory we now know as Missouri. Their characters will tell of the earliest Missourians—the Missouria people—and those who explored and settled the area in the 17th, 18th and 19th centuries, including Father Jacques Marquette, Louis Jolliet, Pierre Laclede and Laura Ingalls Wilder. Also discussed will be Missouri's German immigrants, the outlaw Jesse James and the state's role in the Civil War and both World War I and II.

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

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