



ARTS AND CULTURAL HERITAGE FUND (ACHF)

Completion Report – Executive Summary

State Fiscal Year 2018: July 1, 2017–June 30, 2018

A Completion Report, due 90 days after the completion of state fiscal year 2018 allocation spending, includes three parts – two required and one optional:

Required:

- 1) This completed and signed Executive Summary form. (.pdf)
- 2) A spreadsheet with details about each of the projects paid for with funds from the state fiscal year 2018 allocation. The spreadsheet includes all reporting elements required by the Legislative Coordinating Commission (LCC) and the data is uploaded to the LCC's ACHF website. The total of funds spent should add up to your regional library system's allocation for this fiscal year. The spreadsheet may be created through an export of information entered via the online reporting form created by MDE or through another MDE-approved reporting mechanism. If you do not have access to the MDE-created online reporting form or are having trouble using it, please contact Jennifer Verbrugge at jennifer.verbrugge@state.mn.us. (.xls)

Optional:

- 3) Selected promotional materials and high-resolution event photos in electronic format. The LCC may use these materials to illustrate ACHF projects in public libraries on its website. While optional, these help to convey the value of your work.

Please submit one PDF of the signed Executive Summary and all other components of your Completion Report to Jennifer Verbrugge, jennifer.verbrugge@state.mn.us, at State Library Services by **July 27, 2019**.

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Authorized Signatures

The information in the report documents are true and correct to the best of our knowledge.

Signature _____

Printed Name **Randy H. Winscher**
Chair, Regional Library System Governing Board
Date **July 16, 2019**

Signature _____

Printed Name **Karen Pundsack**
Regional Library System Administrator
Date **July 16, 2109**

FY 2018 ACHF Project Highlights

Summary Data:

Total number of activities, programs, and/or events: 395

Total participation/attendance: 18,797

Total number of partnerships: 109

Total FTE (funded by ACHF): 0

Total value of in-kind contributions: \$0.00

Total administrative costs (funded by ACHF): \$5,203.97

Highlights:

Briefly describe two to three ACHF-funded projects that are models of the work done with ACHF funding by your regional library system. Please list outcomes, partnerships, unique locations, great stories, anecdotes, etc.

In 2018, Great River Regional Library locations hosted many local and regionally-planned programs for various ages and interests. It is always the goal to reach new audiences and inspire attendees to learn more. In 2018, libraries hosted two tours with author and appraisal expert Mark Moran. Moran has appeared on PBS's "Antiques Roadshow" and has written multiple guides to antiques and collectibles. Not only does he give attendees at his programs an idea of the value of their object, but also explores the personal history and invites attendees to tell the stories behind the items they bring in. A total of 560 people attended these 14 events.



Mark Moran presents at the Upsala Public Library, 2018.



Mark Moran at the Upsala Public Library, 2018.

In 2018, libraries also hosted additional programs for children in the summer. Dave Walbridge’s “Big Fun Show” performances that incorporate magic, juggling, and modern vaudeville had kids and their parents amazed and entertained. One attendee wrote, “Learned about history of antiques.” Another wrote, “It was wonderful to see and hear about people’s treasures.” There were 15 events and a total of 1,019 people attended.



Dave Walbridge’s “Big Fun Show” for kids and families at the Buffalo Public Library, 2018.

GRRL worked with Ready Go Art to bring Peter Haakon Thompson’s Mobile Sign Shop to six libraries in the summer of 2018. These events for all ages had attendees design their own sign and have it professionally routed (cut out) for them to finish with paint and other decorative items. These events were very popular, and people loved the completed projects they made. One attendee wrote, “I was able

to be creative and take a piece of art home!” Another wrote, “Love these programs! Keep them coming!” A total of 337 people attended these events.



Mobile Sign Shop set up at the St. Michael Public Library.



Attendees at the St. Michael Library Mobile Sign Shop event.



Two children watch the Mobile Sign Shop router their sign designs, St. Cloud Public Library.



Attendees work on designing their signs at the Mobile Sign Shop, St. Cloud Public Library.

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							<p>Branch staff planned a variety of events for local interest, including art workshops with local artists, author visits and history presentations, concerts, and performers for children and families. A selection of feedback is included.</p> <p>Feedback from patrons</p> <p>Art workshops: "A new opportunity." "[Learned] beading and a bit about the culture." "I learned I can paint and it's fun." "[Learned] blending of colors." "I've always wanted to try painting and it gave me the opportunity!" "Child learned more about crafts with other kids." "Teacher gave great history of the art as well as tips and tricks to make it easier as a beginner." "Art is enriching. Great instructor!" "Love these new arts & crafts! Thank you!" "My children enjoyed expressing their artistic abilities." "I'll be making mosaics on my own time, it was fun!" "Please continue having these events at the really small libraries. They are really important." "My child learned about art, using different items to make a craft." "It's so terrific to have such great creative opportunities in our small, rural libraries." "Awesome class, became more confident with my artistic skills." "Did something I've never done before." "It makes me want to create more things and be open to making art even if not perfect." "I had never done anything like this before, so learned a new skill and it was relaxing." "This was one of my favorite classes I've taken from the library!"</p> <p>Performers for children: "The children were engaged and enjoyed all of the participation opportunities." "We liked it. [Child name] loves music and dancing." "Kids sang, waved, and danced." "Kids loved it!" "Great experience for my granddaughter. Adventure!" "Kids loved it and got to participate." "Got my kids interested in non-screen activities." "Encouragement to read!" "Very funny for both children and adults." "Brought laughter and joy to all."</p> <p>Author visits/history presentations: "Very interesting; I learned about the history of [the] area and how to have a book published." "I've read the book and enjoyed meeting and getting to know [the] author." "Good to meet a delightful author/singer." "Good speaker with good information." "[Learned] historical information about Abercrombie trail." "This is Minnesota history come to life." "Learned to welcome refugees and new Americans." "Meeting and learning from an admired author was fulfilling." "One of the best library programs yet!" "I didn't live in Minnesota until I was 13. I didn't study Minnesota history. I always appreciate whatever I learn." "Was fascinated to learn how the author searched his historical books and came up with the ideas for the next book. He was an excellent, knowledgeable, and engaging speaker." "Learned a lot--too much to mention one thing!"</p> <p>Music: "Great music, light comedy, good harmony. Warms the soul." "These are wonderful for our community!" "I love and appreciate music and vocal talent and composition. Thank you! So much for a wonderful evening." "It's awesome to be able to see such terrific cultural events in our rural areas. Thanks!" "I enjoyed the music and learning a little more about another culture's folk music." "Good to hear songs you haven't heard for a while." "I haven't been to a concert in a long time. It was very enjoyable." "Very enjoyable variety of music--fun evening!" "[Hear] musical instruments from the Andes."</p>
Branch planned programs	Great River Regional Library ACHF Grant SFY 2018-SFY 2019	GRRL will continue to have branch staff plan and implement programs for their individual branches to meet community interests. Each branch will receive funds to hire authors, performers, presenters, or exhibitors which meet the Arts & Cultural Heritage definitions.	2018	2017 Minnesota Special Session Laws, Chapter 91 — HF.No 707, Article 4, Section 2, Subdivision 5	70323	Attendees will be able to identify at least one new idea or concept learned [knowledge] or have a richer cultural life [attitude]. Attendees are asked "If it was an educational program, please identify one thing you learned at this program" and "If it was an entertainment program, was your life enriched because of the program? If so, how?"	

							<p>In 2018, Great River Regional Library had events with a variety of performers and presenters who toured the region to offer events at multiple library locations: Chad Lewis author visits, Jen Anfinson art workshops, Mark Moran author/appraiser presentations, COMPAS programs from Leo and Kathy Lara and Steve Sklar & Johnna Morrow, Marie Olofsdotter writing/art workshops, KidPower with Rachael Kroog performances, author Kevin Lovegreen, Mobile Sign Shop art workshops, Ralph Covert concerts, Pint Size Polkas concerts, Dave Walbridge performances, Andrew Walesch jazz concerts, Dave Walbridge "Big Fun Show" performances, J2J concerts, Patrice Johnson author visits, and Angie Hoeft concerts. A selection of the attendee feedback is below.</p> <p>Events for families with children: "Watching my children so engaged." "Loved bringing my kids and daycare kids to this! Very engaging!" "My kids really enjoyed moving and trying to use new instruments." "Engagement of children was fabulous--watched my daughter dance with other kids." "Culture experience my children haven't experienced yet. Also learned other instruments from India. I brought my two children age 5 and 8. They enjoyed it very much!" "The music complemented the storytelling beautifully." "The whole family left with a smile. Wonderful program! Would love to see them again." "My kids were able to be with their peers having fun dancing and giggling. It is great to have these programs in our community."</p>
							<p>"Learned about different places and people. . .exposure to another music that they really hear. The kids I brought to the program loved it!" "My kids loved this program. Winner!" "Polkas are the best. It was great for the kids to see an accordion up close. So much fun!"</p> <p>Art workshops events: "Love these program! Keep them coming!" "[Learned that] no matter how artistic you are, you can learn to make a sign. Really fun program for all ages." "This was a super great learning experience. The teacher was just wonderful" "I learned I can be artistic. I also learning about different mediums." "Made me realize I am much more artistic than I thought!" "Learned a new way to write poetry." "Learned new ways to draw things." "I love coming to learn new things."</p> <p>Author events: "Enjoyed learning about antiques." "He was a very good presenter and kept your interest--very knowledgeable." "[Learned] Minnesota history of hauntings." "It made me laugh and was very entertaining." "There was fascinating info." "Makes me want to travel to see these locations." "It brought back many fond memories." "[Learned about] differences between current Swedish cooking and our own traditions." "[Had] good conversation about my heritage."</p>
Regionally planned programs	Great River Regional Library ACHF Grant SFY 2018-SFY 2019	Music, art, and history programming planned regionally. Individual branches have the option to be part of regionally-planned tours of performers and presenters on a variety of historical, cultural, and artistic topics, or genres of arts (visual, performance, etc.).	2018	2017 Minnesota Special Session Laws, Chapter 91—HF.No 707, Article 4, Section 2, Subdivision 5	137835.7	Attendees will be able to identify at least one new idea or concept learned [knowledge] or have a richer cultural life [attitude]. Attendees are asked "If it was an educational program, please identify one thing you learned at this program" and "If it was an entertainment program, was your life enriched because of the program? If so, how?"	<p>Concerts: "Very interesting to learn of other cultures." "A whole new area of music I had never heard of." "Listening and making different sounds with instruments made from nature and participating in a song using an instrument." "Great--very enjoyable while learning about different ways of making music." "[Learned about] Ecuador songs, geography, animals. . .Loved the music, dancing/movement was fun. They were awesome! Very interactive!" "Very good--great learning experience." "Enjoyed old jazz tunes." "I learned about the Gershwins and that Irving Berlin had a moving keyboard. Lovely music--Andrew is a gift and he shares it!" "Old memories brought back and renewed. Keep it coming." "Very entertaining. Wonderful."</p>

July 16, 2019



**FRIDAY, AUGUST 3
1:00 TO 2:00 P.M.**

A one-man circus of comedy juggling, magic and audience interaction. Why just have fun, when you can have Big Fun.

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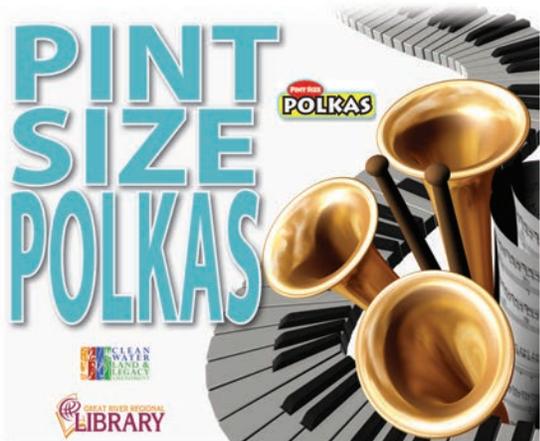
**MONDAY, JUNE 11
10 A.M. TO 1 P.M.**

Come take a stop at the Mobile Sign Shop! Make your own cabin-style, carved sign—you draw your name (or word) on a wooden sign blank, we carve it with a router, and you paint it! Two artists will be on hand to facilitate this three-hour drop-in outdoor event. For all ages—art-making is for grown ups too—young children

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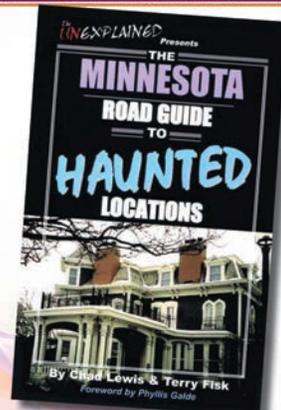


**MONDAY, JULY 30
1:00 TO 2:00 P.M.**

Mike Schneider of Pint Size Polkas brings the happiest music on earth, along with magic and

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**WEDNESDAY, JAN. 17
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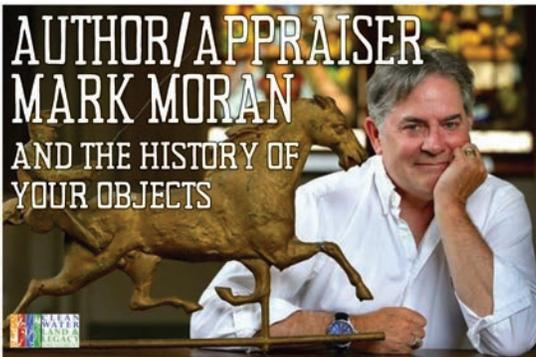
**WEDNESDAY, DEC. 5
6:00 TO 8:00 P.M.**

Singer and pianist Andrew Walesch will present a memorable evening of holiday favorites from the Great American Songbook. Appearing on stages all over the country and on nationally syndicated programs such as Mountain Stage on NPR, Andrew is known for his signature take on American Songbook classics and the stories behind them. For all ages. A Legacy event.



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**AUTHOR/APPRaiser
MARK MORAN
AND THE HISTORY OF
YOUR OBJECTS**



**TUESDAY, SEPT. 11
11:00 A.M. TO 2:00 P.M.**

In this unique event, author and appraiser Mark Moran, who has written over 25 books on antiques and collectibles, will evaluate your items and help you learn more about their history. Limit one object per person, limit 40 items. Please register for a time slot by calling the Cokato Public Library at 320-286-5760. Additional guests are welcome to listen and observe. A Legacy event with additional sponsorships from FOCAL and the Cokato Historical Society.

Excluded items: all weapons, including swords and knives (though folding knives with advertising are accepted); traps (like leg-hold); coins and paper money; Nazi memorabilia; fine jewelry, including precious gems; Beanie Babies.

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