



Applications are due Friday, December 15 for a Spring 2017 program!

Open to any tax-exempt organization in New York State, Humanities New York's [Reading & Discussion Programs for Adults](#) bring together community members for a series of thematically-linked, text-based conversations about important ideas. Thirteen themes are available:

- [American Politics and Citizenship Today](#): NEW! What does it mean to be an American in the 21st century? What does a model American do, and what responsibilities do Americans have to their communities and each other? This theme engages with these questions and others regarding politics and the current state of civic thought, feeling, and participation.
- [Votes for Women!](#) NEW! 2017 marks the centennial of women's suffrage in New York State. As part of the Council's slate of programming marking the centennial, we are proud to offer this Reading & Discussion series focused on the decades-long fight for women's suffrage in New York and beyond.
- [Pulitzer "Campfire" Readings: Reaching for the American Dream](#): NEW! Celebrate the centennial of the Pulitzer Prizes with this reading and discussion theme! Featuring five Pulitzer winning novels with contemporary resonance, this series looks at how authors have depicted the striving to better oneself and achieve the American dream – and how,

despite our efforts, we often end up unfulfilled or clashing with other elements of society.

- [*James Baldwin's America*](#): More than any other American author, James Baldwin speaks to both the promise and failures of American democracy. This R&D series provides citizens throughout New York State the opportunity to engage in substantive conversations about race and American society through Baldwin's writings. NOTE: Facilitators for this theme must attend a day-long training at HNY's Manhattan office. Travel expenses will be paid for those coming from outside New York City.
- [*In Cold Blood: True Crime, An American Genre*](#): Celebrate the 50th anniversary of Truman Capote's *In Cold Blood* by looking at some of the most terrible crimes in American history - and reading the words of those writers who thoughtfully illuminated such acts.
- [*The Serious Side of Food*](#): With books selected by noted restaurant critic and former HNY board member Mimi Sheraton, this series explores the complex, often overlooked personal, social, and cultural relationships we have with food, from the politics of food production to diet fads.
- [*Our World Remade: World War I*](#): Delve into the tragic and transformative events of "war to end all wars" through literature, poetry, and historical documents.
- [*Serving: Standing Down*](#): A special program for veterans, providing space for them to reflect on their service as well as the challenges and opportunities of transitioning from active duty to civilian life.
- [*Growing & Aging*](#): How does our perception of ourselves transform as we grow older? In what ways does aging change how we view others? How has the concept of "age" changed over time?
- [*Lincoln on the Civil War*](#): This series uses *Selected Speeches*, a volume of nine addresses delivered over the course of Lincoln's political career, to explore issues of freedom, civic duty, slavery, and the Constitution.
- [*Making Sense of the Civil War*](#): This series explores different facets of the Civil War experience, informed by reading the words written or spoken by powerful voices from the past and present.
- [*Muslim Journeys*](#): Explore the diverse experiences and perspectives of Muslims around the world through literature and memoir.
- [*Serving*](#): Why and how do we choose to serve others? What is the relationship between those who serve and those who are served? If we serve, what sustains and renews us?

How to Apply

You choose a theme, decide how many sessions to hold, and find a local

scholar to facilitate the discussions. After you're awarded the program, you then select readings from our themed book lists that work best for your community. Sample syllabi can be found on HNY's website.

Applications to host a Spring series are due **Friday, December 15**. Humanities New York trains your scholar-facilitator and pays him or her an honorarium of \$150 per session. Host sites agree to pay a session fee of \$25 per session; a limited number of waivers are available. Sites have the option of borrowing texts from HNY. Spring series must be scheduled between February and June 2017.

You can apply [here](#). Humanities New York now requires registration and application through our online system.

Please note, HNY does not formally pair host organizations with scholar-facilitators. If you are interested in facilitating one of these programs, you are encouraged to reach out to potential host organizations in your community, telling them about the program and how it works. Interested scholar-facilitators are welcome to sign up for one of the informational webinars. Humanities New York only accepts applications from host organizations.

Learn More

Join us for one of these upcoming webinars to learn more about how R&D programs are structured, available themes, and how to apply. Click here to register for an informational webinar on:

- [Friday, November 18 at 3pm.](#)

Take a look at our [Adult R&D Programs webpage](#). If you have questions, call or email Program Officer Adam Capitanio (acapitanio@humanitiesny.org / 212-233-1131).

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