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**PULITZER AWARDS \$66,000 TO NEVADA HUMANITIES
FOR 2016 CENTENNIAL CAMPFIRES INITIATIVE**

(Reno, NV) – The Pulitzer Prize Board has announced the award of \$66,000 to Nevada Humanities for *Campfire Gatherings: A Year of Pulitzer Prize Explorations in Nevada*, a program commemorating the 100th anniversary of the Pulitzer Prize in 2016. Throughout the year, Nevada Humanities *Campfire Gatherings* program will bring Pulitzer Prize-winning authors, poets, and journalists to the Silver State for public programs around the state that focus on a variety of topics.

To prepare for the centennial, the Pulitzer Prize Board announced the *Pulitzer Prize Centennial Campfires Initiative*, in partnership with the Federation of State Humanities Councils, and awarded more than \$1.5 million to 46 state humanities councils. The initiative seeks to illuminate the impact of journalism and the humanities on American life today, to imagine their future, and to inspire new generations to consider the values represented by the body of Pulitzer Prize-winning work.

“Nevada Humanities participation in the national Pulitzer Prize centennial initiative is designed to “spark” ideas, engagement, and connections in communities throughout our state,” commented Christina Barr, Executive Director, Nevada Humanities. “We will be reaching across journalistic, artistic, cultural, and educational platforms to reinforce the value of ideas, journalism, humanities, and creativity in our communities, and to elevate and increase the capacity for reflection and engagement in Nevada’s diverse geographic areas.”

Nevada Humanities will be announcing programs that feature Pulitzer Prize-winning authors and journalists throughout the year, beginning with the following events:

Pop-Up Salon: An Evening with Pulitzer Prize-Winning Journalist John Branch

Friday, March 25 / 6pm

Incline Village Library, 845 Alder Ave, Incline Village

Join Nevada Humanities for an interactive discussion about sports and adventure journalism with Pulitzer Prize Winning Journalist John Branch.

FREE

The Salon: An Evening with US Poet Laureate and Pulitzer Prize winner Kay Ryan

Friday, May 20 / 6pm

Sundance Books & Music, 121 California Ave., Reno

Join Nevada Humanities for a conversation with US Poet Laureate and Pulitzer Prize winner Kay Ryan and Reno’s Poet Laureate Gailmarie Pahmeier with a book signing to follow.

FREE

Nevada Humanities Literary Crawl

Saturday, May 21 / 4 – 9pm

Various locations across downtown Reno

Visit the Downtown Reno Arts Corridor for the 4th Annual Nevada Humanities Literary Crawl celebrating the rich literary talent in our state. US Poet Laureate and Pulitzer Prize winner Kay Ryan will be the closing reading of the event, at Sundance Books and Music.

FREE

To learn more about the Federation of State Humanities Councils, please visit www.statehumanities.org. To learn more about the Pulitzer Prizes Campfires Initiative, please see their March 2015 [announcement](#).

These programs are supported by the Pulitzer Prize Board and the National Endowment for the Humanities, in collaboration with the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, the Ford Foundation, Carnegie Corporation of New York, the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation, Columbia University, and the Federation of State Humanities Councils. For more information about Nevada Humanities visit nevadahumanities.org or call 800-382-5023 in Reno, or 702-800-4670 in Las Vegas.

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Nevada Humanities is one of 56 independent state and territorial humanities councils affiliated with the National Endowment for the Humanities. With offices in Reno and Las Vegas, Nevada Humanities creates public programs and supports public projects statewide that define the Nevada experience and facilitate the exploration of issues that matter to Nevadans and their communities.