

RIHS IN 2015

3,970

RIHS program visitors
under age 18

25,377

visitors to our facilities and
programs

159,949

users of RIHS
free, online resources

22

permanent & temporary
exhibits

19

lectures

1,668

tours given

25,000

students inspired by TAH
grant-trained teachers



SUPPORTING TEACHERS, INSPIRING RI STUDENTS

For more than a decade, the RIHS has been the organizational partner on all Teaching American History (TAH) grants obtained and implemented for **160** K-12 RI teachers, which means we have developed over **\$3.1 million** in professional development programming (**1,500+ hours**) of training for our history teachers. Those teachers share their new knowledge with more than **25,000** students each year.

We received **\$132,000** in 2009 and **\$160,000** in 2011 from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) to host 2-week summer institutes for K-12 teachers from across the U.S. on the topic of New England and the slave trade. In 2014 we received **\$160,000** from the NEH to offer a 2-week institute for community-college faculty to set best practices for student engagement with historical materials. The RIHS has also produced **50** lesson plans and digitized hundreds of primary sources available for free on our website, and has given tours to **41,000+** students at our museums in the past decade.

A DECADE OF IMPACT

41K
students on tours

1,500
hours of teacher
professional
development

160
K-12 teachers served
through TAH

50
free lesson plans
prepared for teachers
aligned to current
Rhode Island
Social Studies
standards

SERVING RHODE ISLANDERS OF ALL ABILITIES

The Museum of Work & Culture is proud to have served individuals of all abilities since its opening in 1997. Beginning in 2011, staff noted a significant increase in tours for all-ability groups, correlating with 119% increase in autism diagnosis over the previous decade. To make the Museum more inclusive and accessible to all visitors, staff has worked with educators and experts in autism and child development to develop supportive tools and special programming.



SMITHSONIAN AFFILIATION



Smithsonian Affiliate

In 2015, we became a Smithsonian Affiliate (the only Affiliate in RI), which means that we are now able to borrow from the Smithsonian, bring in speakers from their 19 museums, receive professional development training for our staff, get research assistance, offer joint memberships, and connect our school districts with Smithsonian educational resources at no charge to them.

Statewide Economic IMPACT

RIHS BY THE NUMBERS

9M
feet of film

102,500
printed volumes

15,000
rare pre-1825 books

194
years ago RIHS founded

2
Museums:
John Brown House
Museum and Museum of
Work & Culture

4
King Philip's
War Protected
Landscapes

1
Research Center

2
National Landmark
Buildings



INVESTING IN THE HISTORY & HERITAGE SECTOR

Did you know that RI has the largest concentration of historic landmarks in the nation?

History and heritage organizations are valuable economic assets that can unify communities, instill civic pride, and provide meaningful engagement. Rhode Island tourism, of which history and heritage is a vital part, supports **66,616** jobs and contributes **\$5.9 billion** to the economy.

By reinforcing and building new connections between schools and local historic sites, we can grow the sector and offer solutions to help solve the crisis in history education.

RI TOURISM SECTOR

66,616
jobs in RI tourism

\$5.9B
RI tourism economic
contribution

#1
concentration of historic
landmarks in U.S.

BRINGING FEDERAL SUPPORT TO RHODE ISLAND

The RIHS uses a combination of private philanthropy, a prudent endowment draw, grant funding, and state support to deliver world-class programs in Rhode Island. In fact, from FY 2007 to FY 2015, the RIHS helped to bring in **\$2,091,927** in federal support that otherwise would not have come to the state.



RIHS AS CONNECTOR & CONVENER

In 2012, we received **\$160,000** from the Mellon Foundation to perform the first ever mapping of the history and heritage sector in Rhode Island called The RHODI Project (more info at www.rihs.org). Through the RHODI Project, we've connected with over **200** historic and heritage organizations, and **352** properties representing each of Rhode Island's **39** cities and towns.

In 2014, with funding support from the Rhode Island Foundation and the Lodestar Foundation, we hired consultants to provide product and service recommendations for the next phase of RHODI. These recommendations included professional development training for the history and heritage sector on topics such as collections care, communication, and digitization, which is currently under way.

RIHS STATS

200+
heritage organizations
connected via RHODI

136
volunteers

32
employed staff

NATIONAL IMPACT OF MUSEUMS

\$2B
museums spend on
education

\$135B
generated by nonprofit
arts & culture industry

400K
Americans employed by
museums

4.1M
full-time jobs supported
by nonprofit
arts & culture activity

\$21B
museums contribute
to American economy
annually

\$22B
returned in local, state,
and federal income taxes

78%

of all U.S. leisure travelers participate in
cultural or heritage activities