



Vermont Humanities Council

Because Ideas Matter

VHC is about education.

Literacy Programs

For the Very Young, Middle Schoolers, and Adults



Early Literacy Programs:
Helping Vermont's youngest
get off to a good start.

Early Literacy Programs

- Trained 353 childcare providers and 460 parents in early literacy techniques and skills
- Reach refugees and incarcerated men and women
- Children gain essential early language and literacy skills

“Reading isn’t just a requirement of life; it can be a passion; it is so important to pass on to our children the power of written words.”

- childcare provider



Humanities Camps:
Inspiring at-risk middle-school
students to develop a love of
learning.



Kids get a jump on
learning at Humanities
Camps.

Humanities Camps

- Help students thrive
- Improve attitudes about school and learning



Humanities Camps shake
things up and inspire
learning!

Humanities Campers

- Look at themselves in new ways
- Create new goals for school
- Have new ideas for future employment and college



All camps include hands-on learning.

“Students absolutely lit up reading a book with peers. They had lively discussions and asked, ‘What are we going to read today?’”

- Humanities Camp teacher

VHC's literacy programs help those who believe "books have nothing to do with me" develop critical thinking and literacy skills.



**“VHC’s literacy programs
are a state treasure.
What a great resource
for educators and
students and the
community.”**

- adult literacy teacher



Correctional centers: helping
offenders develop critical
thinking and literacy skills

“I’ve learned the importance of reading to children; it’s something I never had. I now know it’s not too late for me to read to my children.”

- literacy student,
correctional Facility

VHC served 903 teen and adult literacy participants and their teachers and service providers in 2014.

"The idea of picking yourself up out of a bad situation has improved my outlook and given me the hope and drive to create my life for the better."

- literacy student,
multigenerational poverty

**“I learned that we are not
destined for the same fate and
future that we grow up with
and that we can excel and be
the person we want to be.”**

**- literacy student,
multigenerational poverty**

Professional development
programs train adult
educators at Adult
Education and Literacy
Centers.



VHC distributed 12,526
books in 2014.

Public Humanities

Lifelong Learning for All Vermonters

Public Humanities

- Hundreds of events
- Tens of thousands of the general public served

Lectures and Reading
and Discussion promote
lifelong learning, reading,
and vital libraries.

They foster community building and contribute to Vermont's creative economy and attractive quality of life.



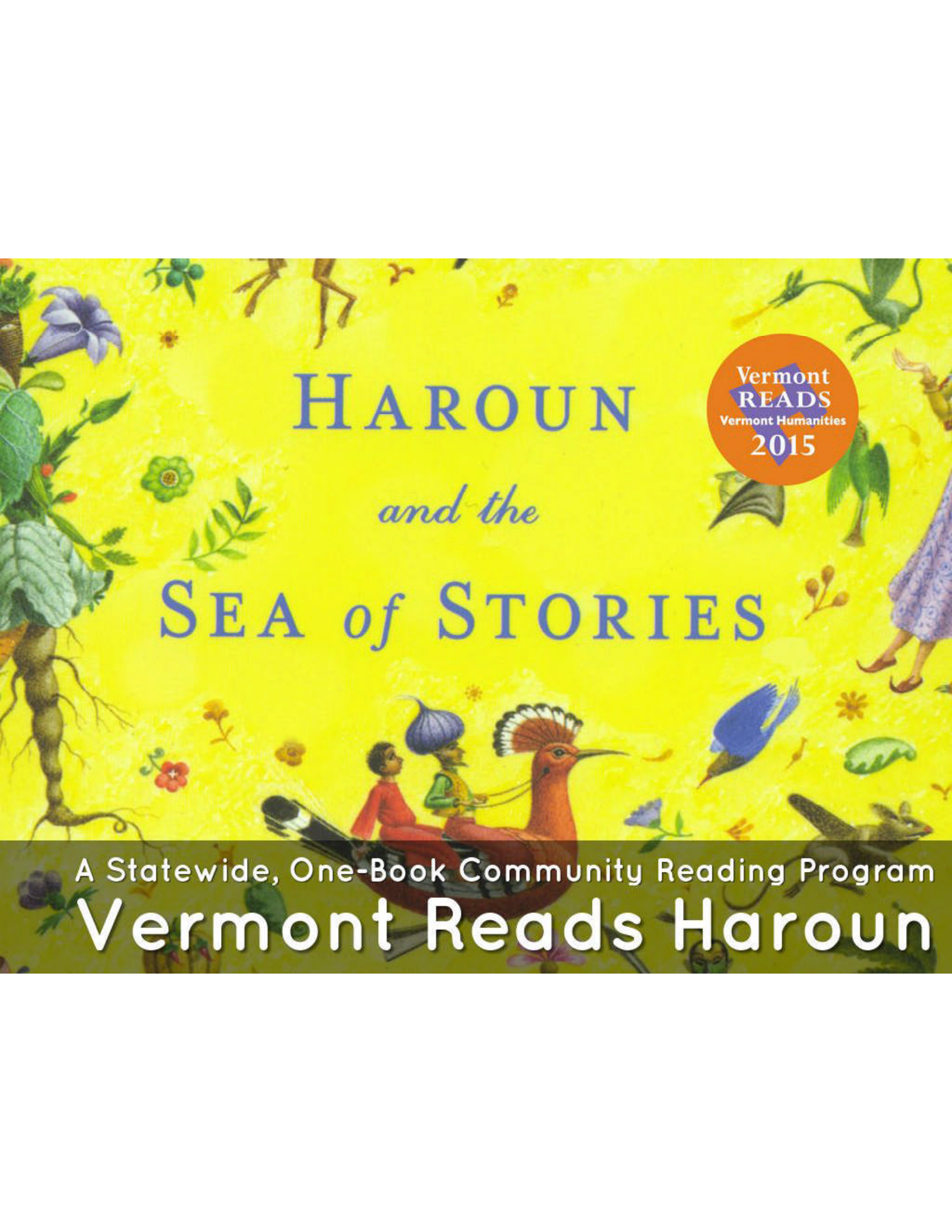
Wonder

A Statewide, One-Book Community Reading Program

Vermont Reads Wonder



119 communities took
part in Vermont Reads
Wonder.



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A Statewide, One-Book Community Reading Program

Vermont Reads Haroun

A photograph of Salman Rushdie speaking at a podium. He is wearing glasses and a dark jacket, gesturing with his hands. The podium has a logo on the front. The background is a warm, reddish-brown color.

Salman Rushdie's talk
brought 931 people to
UVM.

A photograph of a large audience seated in a hall, facing a stage. The hall has a high, vaulted ceiling with exposed wooden beams and several large, round pendant lights. The audience is seated in rows of chairs, and the floor is covered with a patterned carpet. On the stage, a large presentation screen displays the text "Vermont Humanities".

The fall conference drew 315 people to learn about and discuss how the Civil War affects the US today.



Conference Partners

- Vermont's Civil War Sesquicentennial Commission
- National Park Service
- Billings Farm and Museum
- Fleming Museum
- University of Vermont
- C-SPAN



First Wednesdays

An Eclectic Lecture Series in Nine Communities

"First Wednesdays is a terrific example of how the Vermont Humanities Council brings what matters to Vermonters."

- program attendee

Collaboration is at the
Core of VHC's work.

In 2014 VHC worked with 373 organizations, state agencies, social service groups, and other nonprofits.

Public Humanities Partners

- Libraries
- Schools
- Historical Societies
- Museums
- Hospitals

Literacy Partners

- Agency of Education
- Department of Children and Families
- Department of Corrections
- Community High School of Vermont
- Adult Education and Literacy Centers
- Vermont Childcare Resource and Referral Agencies

We are reaching more people via the Web by putting talks online and by partnering with VPR, Vermont PBS, and local cable access.

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