

Talking Points



What it is- Beyond the Page is a permanent endowment held by the Madison Community Foundation that annually funds humanities programming in all Dane County libraries- *forever*.

History- In 2011, the Beyond the Page Endowment Fund began through the collaboration of Dane County libraries and the Madison Community Foundation, with the goal of increasing program funding for the libraries. A 3:1 challenge grant of \$350,000 was awarded by the National Endowment for the Humanities, matched by Dane County libraries and the Madison Community Foundation.

The First in the Nation- For the first time, Dane County libraries share a growing pool of programming money to propose, plan and promote new projects. Every library, either alone or in partnership with each other, will have access to these funds. This unique endowment enables and extends collaborative and innovative humanities projects in every library's community.