

Mass Humanities presents

All Hands On Deck:

A day of storytelling about
climate and resilience



The Board of Directors of Mass Humanities and Executive Director Brian Boyles invite you to celebrate the essential role of community storytelling at our inaugural Story Summit gathering.

This new event series will kick off in New Bedford, with a focus on storytelling as a means of combating climate change. We have the pleasure of presenting the inaugural Massachusetts Storyteller Award to the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe represented by David Weeden.

**Celebrating together,
inspiring action, and
shaping the future of
storytelling.**

NEW BEDFORD, MA

Wednesday, June 11

5:00 pm

New Bedford Whaling Museum
18 Johnny Cake Hill
New Bedford, MA 02740

[Event website](#)



"The stories and wisdom generated through public engagement with the humanities offer essential data as we calculate risks and develop mitigation strategies. We need more opportunities to talk about what may be lost, what must be saved, and how our lives will change."

**- Brian Boyles, Executive Director,
Mass Humanities**

MASSACHUSETTS STORYTELLER AWARD

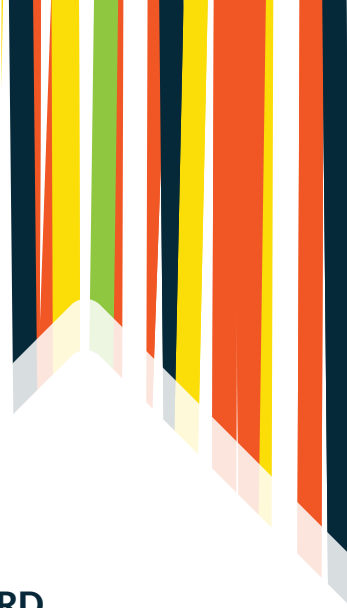
Join us for a special evening as we present the inaugural Massachusetts Storyteller Award, which honors an outstanding individual or group that is using the humanities and the power of the narrative to tackle the commonwealth's most pressing challenges.

This year's awardee is the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe, represented by David Weeden, whose work weaves together storytelling and the urgency of climate action.

The Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe

is a vital part of the Wampanoag Nation, dedicated to preserving its culture, language, and heritage. It actively participates in governance, advocating for Indigenous rights on the Cape Cod Commission, and plays a key role in historic preservation and community development.

David Weeden, a leader with over 20 years of experience in construction and project management, serves as a Tribal Councilman, Mashpee Selectboard member, and Native American Representative on the Cape Cod Commission. He is known for his dedication, including his recent project, "Across Generations: Mashpee Wampanoag Hunting and Fishing", funded by a Mass Humanities grant.



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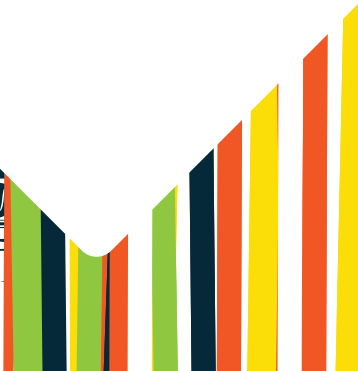
New Bedford is the frontline for coastal energy in Massachusetts. It's also a humanities city with diverse cultures, institutions, and stories, making it the ideal place to connect the people in libraries, museums, and cultural spaces across the state with people in the climate sector to galvanize support for this challenge.

THE HUMANITIES & CLIMATE CHANGE

The humanities belong at the center of climate change policies and decisions. Together, we must imagine, evaluate, and choose ethical solutions for our communities.

Mass Humanities is creating spaces to discuss what's at stake and how climate change will impact us. In 2024, we awarded over \$206,000 in grants to twelve climate-focused projects through our Expand Massachusetts Stories initiative.

\$206,000 *in climate change grants awarded.*



Massachusetts Storyteller Awards

SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

PRESENTING \$50,000

*Recognition as a funder of
Mass Humanities' 2026
Climate Stories grantmaking*

- ◆ Featured **headline ad** in online event program
- ◆ **20 tickets** to the New Bedford event
- ◆ Promotional booth and/or **branded materials** at tables
- ◆ Included in **all press releases**, print and radio ads
- ◆ Opportunity for company **representative to speak** during the program
- ◆ Company **name and logo featured** alongside event name in all materials and communications
- ◆ **10 social media** posts
- ◆ **Shout outs** by event speakers from the podium
- ◆ **Recognition** at the next Story Summit event in September 2025 in Boston

VISIONARY \$20,000

- ◆ Name and logo featured prominently in all materials and communications
- ◆ **Included in all press releases**
- ◆ Shout out by event speakers from the podium
- ◆ **10 tickets to the New Bedford event**
- ◆ 7 social media posts
- ◆ **Featured ad in online event program**
- ◆ Recognition at the next Story Summit event in September 2025 in Boston

LUMINARY \$10,000

- ◆ Name and logo featured in all materials and communications
- ◆ **5 tickets to New Bedford event**
- ◆ 5 social media posts
- ◆ **Ad in online event program**
- ◆ Recognition at the next Story Summit event in September 2025 in Boston

NARRATOR \$5,000

- ◆ Name and logo featured in all materials and communications
- ◆ **5 tickets to the New Bedford event**
- ◆ 3 social media posts
- ◆ **Ad in online event program**
- ◆ Recognition at the next Story Summit event in September 2025 in Boston

PATRON \$2,500

- ◆ Name featured in all materials and communications
- ◆ **3 tickets to the New Bedford event**
- ◆ 1 social media post
- ◆ **Name listed in online event program**
- ◆ Recognition at the next Story Summit event in September 2025 in Boston

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A DAY OF IMPACT

10am

Workshops and tours
for climate storytellers

5pm

Social hour
Grantee performances

6pm

Speaking program and
award presentation

7pm

Reception

Tackling the climate crisis will require all hands on deck, and we look forward to celebrating our collective accomplishments and having you on board with us to prepare for all that lies ahead.



We create opportunities for the people of Massachusetts to transform their lives and build a more equitable commonwealth through the humanities.

[Learn more about our programs.](#)

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