

Development and Literary Outreach Intern
Stories Project of Iowa City

Background:

Stories Project revives a 2008 effort to build a national museum, celebrating storytelling in all its forms, with the goal of inspiring our visitors to read.

For decades, residents and local organizations have dreamt of a museum for writing and literature, here in Iowa City. It almost happened in 2008. Under the working title “Stories Project,” a coalition of local organizations made tremendous progress toward this goal. But their work came to an untimely end with the floods of that same year.

A one-time home to Flannery O’Connor, Kurt Vonnegut, Tennessee Williams, John Irving, Louise Glück, James Alan McPherson, Marilynne Robinson, Joy Harjo – and so many more – Iowa City was the first community in the United States to be named a UNESCO City of Literature. Stories Project will celebrate this heritage, draw new visitors to our city, and boost our local arts efforts for years to come.

Intern responsibilities include:

- The intern will work on a project to raise awareness of Stories Project among literary figures in the United States and beyond. Outreach will largely happen digitally to author agents, but will also include in-person outreach to authors visiting the eastern Iowa area.
- The intern will also work on expanding our donor database through systematic research of potential givers in Eastern Iowa and beyond, as well as using donor prospecting software to identify potential givers.
- The intern may also be asked to assist in event planning and other PR efforts.

Time commitment: 10 – 15 hours per week; Internship position available immediately as of August, 2024

Compensation: This is an unpaid position. Position offers an excellent opportunity to work on substantive projects for building a resume and gaining a great reference.

To apply: E-mail cover letter and resume to Brent Stinski: brent@stories-project.org