

Development and Content Creation 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:

- Creating social media content to promote the Stories Project concept
- Joining 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.
- Helping expand 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