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California State Library announces California Civil Liberties Public Education Program grant application cycle

SACRAMENTO – State Librarian of California Susan Hildreth has announced the release of the 2008-2009 grant application for the California State Library’s California Civil Liberties Public Education Program (CCLPEP). The deadline for receipt of grant applications is 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 17. There is \$450,000 available for grant awards for this cycle.

CCLPEP is the result of the 1998 California Civil Liberties Public Education Act, an initiative sponsored by Assembly Member Mike Honda. According to the act, “The purpose of the California Civil Liberties Public Education Act is to sponsor public educational activities and development of educational materials to ensure that the events surrounding the exclusion, forced removal, and internment of civilians and permanent resident aliens of Japanese ancestry will be remembered, and so that causes and circumstance of this and similar events may be illuminated and understood.”

Grant categories for this cycle include Nisei oral history; gathering and safekeeping of written document, art, photographs, etc.; and preserving internment camps, assembly centers, and other endangered resources. The maximum grant amount is set at \$25,000.

Two workshops, including a brief presentation followed by a question and answer session, will be held for prospective applicants. The first workshop will be on Tuesday, January 27, from 10:00 a.m.-noon at the African American Museum and Library of Oakland, 659 Fourteenth Street in Oakland 94612. The second will be on Thursday, January 29, from 1:00-3:00 p.m. on the second floor of the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center, 244 South San Pedro Street in Los Angeles 90012. Two toll-free call-in sessions will also be held: Wednesday, January 28, from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. and Friday, January 30, from 9:00-11:00 a.m. Call (916) 653-5217 for information about participating in a call-in session.

Grant applications are available online at the CCLPEP webpage: <http://CivilLiberties.library.ca.gov>. Those without internet access may obtain printed copies of the application.

For more information about the California Civil Liberties Public Education Program, please contact Linda Springer or Christopher Berger at (916) 653-5217 or CivilLiberties@library.ca.gov.

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