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California State Library Announces California Civil Liberties Public Education Program Grant Priorities

SACRAMENTO – State Librarian of California Stacey A. Aldrich has announced the funding priorities for 2009-2010 grant applications for the California Civil Liberties Public Education Program (CCLPEP), a state-funded program administered by the California State Library.

Applications in three categories will be accepted this year. The categories are: Gathering Nisei Stories – capturing and preserving the stories of internees; Preserving and Sharing the Experience – expanding access to information about the Japanese-American internment experience and/or collecting and preserving internee documents and works; and Site Preservation – preserving internment camps, assembly centers, and other similar endangered resources. The maximum grant amounts vary by grant category. Details are available on the CCLPEP webpage: <http://CivilLiberties.library.ca.gov>.

The deadline for receipt of grant applications will be announced in January. \$450,000 is available for this cycle of grants.

CCLPEP was created as the result of the passage 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.” For more information about CCLPEP, contact Linda Springer at (916) 651-6509 or CivilLiberties@library.ca.gov.

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