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California State Library Announces California Civil Liberties Public Education Program Grant Application Cycle

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

Grants awarded by CCLPEP support public education activities and materials about the U.S. internment of persons of Japanese ancestry during World War II. \$450,000 is available for grant awards this cycle; maximum grant amounts vary by category. This year's categories are: Gathering Nisei Stories – capturing and preserving the stories of World War II internees; Preserving and Sharing the Experience – expanding access to information about the Japanese American World War II internment experience and/or collecting and preserving internee documents and works; and Site Preservation – preserving internment camps, assembly centers, and other similar endangered resources.

Workshops for prospective applicants will explain the grant program and answer individual questions. The first workshop will be on Friday, January 22 from 1:00-3:00 p.m. at the Japanese American National Museum at 369 East First Street in Los Angeles. Other workshops will be on Monday, January 25 from 1:00-3:00 p.m. at the Mission Valley Branch Library at 2123 Fenton Parkway in San Diego; Wednesday, January 27 from 10:00 a.m.-noon at the Lafayette Library at 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd. in Lafayette; and on Friday, January 29 from 10:00 a.m. to noon at the Woodward Park Regional Library at 944 East Perrin Avenue in Fresno. A toll-free call-in session will be held on Monday, February 1, from 10:00 a.m.-noon. Call (916) 653-5217 for details about participating in the call-in session.

Deadline for receipt of grant applications is 4:30 p.m. on Friday, February 26, 2010. Details and 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, please contact Linda Springer (916) 653-5217 or e-mail CivilLiberties@library.ca.gov

CCLPEP was created as a 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."

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