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Grant Recipients Announced for California Civil Liberties Public Education Program

Sacramento – State Librarian of California Stacey A. Aldrich has announced the FY 2010-2011 grant recipients for the California Civil Liberties Public Education Program (CCLPEP), a program administered by the State Librarian.

Twenty-one projects were selected for grant awards. Sixteen of the 21 grants were awarded to projects that focus on the first priority for grant funding this year – gathering oral histories of Japanese Americans who were forcibly relocated to internment camps during World War II. In addition to documenting more than 100 oral histories, this year's projects include several books and documentary film projects, as well as website materials and pre-planning for the restoration of a Japanese school.

A complete listing of the 2010-2011 grant recipients and their projects appears below and will soon be available on the CCLPEP webpage at CivilLiberties.library.ca.gov

In all, CCLPEP received 44 grant applications that totaled slightly over \$1 million for the FY 2010-2011 grant round. The amount available for distribution was \$450,000.

CCLPEP is the result of the 1998 California Civil Liberties Public Education Act, an initiative sponsored by Assembly Member Mike Honda. The purpose of the Act is to provide funding for public education activities and educational materials surrounding the internment of Japanese Americans and permanent resident aliens of Japanese ancestry. The intention is to illuminate and create understanding of the causes and circumstances of the internment and similar events. Including this year's grant awards, over 370 CCLPEP grants have been awarded since the program's inception in 1998, resulting in educational projects in a variety of formats, many with curriculum guides.

"Each year the CCLPEP projects add to the growing body of work that fulfills the original purpose of the Act," said Aldrich. "The 2010-2011 projects will continue to capture and preserve the untold stories of the Japanese American experience during World War II."

For more information about the program, please visit the CCLPEP webpage, CivilLiberties.library.ca.gov, or contact Linda Springer at (916) 651-6509 or lpringer@library.ca.gov.

About the California State Library: Founded in 1850, the California State Library serves as the central reference and research library for the Governor's office, legislature, state employees, and the general public. The State Library administers federal and state grants for programs in areas such as historical preservation, digital preservation, library construction, civil liberties education, literacy, volunteering, homework assistance, and high-speed Internet connectivity in public libraries. For more information, please visit www.library.ca.gov.

<i>Grant Recipient*</i>	<i>Project Name</i>
Alameda Free Library Jane Chisaki, Library Director	<i>The Alameda Japanese American Internee Experience</i>
California Japanese American Community Leadership Council Alan Nishio, Chairperson	The Clarksburg Japanese School: Cultivating a Farming Community
The California Museum for History, Women and the Arts Claudia French	Part Two: Uprooted! Oral History Project: Japanese Americans Remember World War II Internment
Amelia Chua	<i>Being Human, Being True</i>
Brian Komei Dempster	Collecting Nisei Stories: Writing Reflections on Incarceration and Resettlement
Densho: The Japanese American Legacy Project Tom Ikeda, Executive Director	Online Encyclopedia of the Japanese American Incarceration
Densho: The Japanese American Legacy Project Tom Ikeda, Executive Director	Stories Less Told – California Japanese Americans During World War II
Elk Grove Unified School District Rich Fagan	Time of Remembrance Oral Histories Project
Dr. Satsuki Ina	<i>From a Silk Cocoon: A Book of Letters, Diaries, and Poetry of a Nisei Couple During World War II</i>
Japanese American Historical Society of San Diego Linda Canada, President	A Border, an Island and Japanese American Internment
Japanese American National Museum Akemi Kikumura Yano, President & CEO	<i>Farewell to Manzanar: Restoration, Release and Renewal</i>
Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Northern California Paul Osaki, Executive Director	Nikkei Family Legacy Project – The Legacy Continues
Christine Toy Johnson	From Topaz to Peace Plaza
KEET-TV Redwood Empire Television Ronald Schoenherr, Executive Director	<i>JA Jive! Jazz Music in the Japanese American Internment Camps</i>
Lewis Kawahara	An Afternoon Matinee with CCLPEP Films
Jennifer M. Kroot	<i>Beyond Sulu</i>
Little Tokyo Service Center Bill Watanabe, Executive Director	<i>The Little Tokyo Reporter</i> Film
Karen Matsumoto	<i>Honor and Sacrifice: Nisei Patriots in the MIS</i>
National Japanese-American Historical Society, Inc. Francis Wong, Director of Development & Communications	Secrets Revealed: The Presidio Project
San Leandro Pubic Library Nancy Fong, Library Services Manager	Legacy of the Nisei
Hank Umemoto and Brian Niiya	<i>Adventures of a Nisei Hiker</i>

* Listed alphabetically by grant recipient