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**Peggy Fish Appointed Program Manager for
California Civil Liberties Public Education Program**

Sacramento - State Librarian of California Stacey A. Aldrich has announced the appointment of Peggy Fish as Program Manager of the California Civil Liberties Public Education Program (CCLPEP), effective August 15, 2011. Fish replaces Linda Springer, who is retiring mid-August.

Fish brings valuable experience to her new role as Program Manager, with a long customer service history predating her work at the California State Library. Most recently, she was responsible for an innovative State Library affiliate program with the Department of Mental Health, where she acquired and ensured easy access to specialized mental health resources. Facilitating access to hundreds of completed grant projects is central to an ongoing CCLPEP database project, and Fish is well suited to the task.

"Peggy is an ideal 'next person' to be CCLPEP Program Manager for a number of reasons," said Aldrich, and we welcome her to the program."

About CCLPEP: CCLPEP is the result of the California Civil Liberties Public Education Act. The Act funds public education activities and educational materials about the World War II internment of Japanese Americans and permanent resident aliens of Japanese ancestry, to illuminate and create understanding of the causes and circumstances of the internment and similar events. Over 350 CCLPEP grants have been awarded since the program's inception in 1998. For more information, visit the CCLPEP webpage at <http://CivilLiberties.library.ca.gov>, or contact Peggy Fish at (916) 651-6509 or pfish@library.ca.gov.

About the California State Library: Founded in 1850, the California State Library is 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, civil liberties education, literacy, volunteering, early childhood reading, and high-speed Internet connectivity for California's public libraries. For more information, please visit www.library.ca.gov.

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