

The California Civil Liberties
Public Education Program

A Little-known Goldmine @
the California State Library

A brief overview
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What is the California Civil Liberties Public Education Program?

- A grant program for educational activities & materials related to...
- ...the treatment of civilians & permanent resident aliens of Japanese ancestry so that ...
- ...the causes & circumstances will be illuminated and understood.

A little history...

- AB 1915 was introduced by Assembly Member Mike Honda in 1998
- Legislation was passed – the California Civil Liberties Public Education Program
- Initially \$1 million
- \$450,000 available for FY 08/09
- Close to 300 projects awarded to date

What types of projects are they?

- Books
- Documentary films
- Oral histories
- Websites
- Research
- Art exhibits
- Monument
- Curricula & study guides
- Educational programs & workshops
- Conference programs
- Plays & performances
- Even a hip-hop song

How are grants awarded?

- Competitive grant process
- Applications are reviewed by a panel
 - CSL staff +
 - Outside reviewers knowledgeable about the Japanese American internment
- CCLPEP Advisory Committee makes recommendations
- State Librarian awards the grants

Can libraries apply for a grant?

- Yes!
- Partner with a community organization?
- Digital story station?
- Help to gather & preserve a piece of history?
- ???

Or you can use the “products” for

- Programs at the library
- Book discussions
- Contacting grant recipients as guest speakers
- Resources for students
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What's next for the Civil Liberties Program?

- Getting the word out about the valuable content available
- Making some “products” accessible on the web – in the planning stage
- Developing a searchable database -- also in the planning stage
 - by subject
 - media format
 - other?

Who ya gonna call?

■ Library Development Services!

- ✓ Linda Springer
- Or
- ✓ Chris Berger

Please pick up a business card as you leave!



??Questions??