

Dear CA Reads Project Directors,

Thanks for your participation in the orientation webinars on Feb. 2 & 8. Again, we hope the information presented will be useful to you as you implement your programs. We encourage those of you who were unable to attend to listen to a recorded webinar at <https://www.yousendit.com/download/T2djZUN1K3h0QT1aWNUQw> as soon as possible, as some of the information we presented is time-sensitive.

**Grant Augmentations:** We want to reiterate that a limited amount of grant augmentation funds are being made available to current CA Reads grantees through a competitive application process. Funds can only be used for author honoraria/travel expenses, book purchases, and/or printing of program resource and/or publicity materials. The maximum award is \$2,500 and all supplemental funds must be matched at least 1:1 with non-federally sourced cash or in-kind contributions. Funds are limited and we have already received many expressions of interest.

If your library would like to be considered for a supplemental award, complete and return the form – downloadable from the CA Reads resources page, [http://www.calhum.org/guidelines/dem\\_CAREads\\_resources.htm](http://www.calhum.org/guidelines/dem_CAREads_resources.htm) – **as soon as possible, but no later than March 30**. Be sure to provide all the information requested. If you are applying for funds for an author visit, please confirm that the author is available and willing to come to your library within a specified timeframe or on a specific date. If you wish, you may attach confirmation in the form of an email or letter to your application.

Applications will be reviewed as received (some applications are very time sensitive) and awards will be made on an on-going basis until funds are no longer available. All current grantees are eligible to request funding, though we will give special consideration to those who received smaller grants, have no other recourse to secure an author, and are located in generally underserved areas. Please limit your request to items you absolutely cannot support through other means, so we can make funds as widely available as possible.

Completed applications should be emailed to Lucy Nguyen, Grants and Contracts Manager at CCH, at [lnguyen@calhum.org](mailto:lnguyen@calhum.org). If you have any questions about the application requirements or process, feel free to contact Lucy or myself.

**Other Support Opportunities:** As announced in the webinars, in addition to grant augmentations, we are offering some additional training and programming opportunities. Additional information about these is also on the CA Reads resource webpage. If you would like to take advantage of any of these, and have not already informed us, **please send me a reply indicating which program(s) you are interested in ASAP as we will schedule these (or not) based on your expressions of interest.**

\_\_\_ K-12 Teacher Curriculum Guide workshop (webinar for library staff and school partners)

\_\_\_ Now We're Talking dialogue facilitation training (two-day training for library staff)

\_\_\_ Constitution Café (1.5-2 hour public activity)

\_\_\_ Wherever There's A Fight traveling banner exhibit on the history of civil liberties in CA

Thanks so much for your cooperation and for all you are doing. We'll be back in touch very soon with more information and updates,

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The California Council for the Humanities presents a Forum on *Democracy and the Culture of Civic Conversation* on Friday, March 4<sup>th</sup>. BE A PART OF THE CONVERSATION. Join top scholars, policy experts, journalists, and authors in a day-long conversation on the state of our democracy. Watch live webcasts of the sessions, submit questions for speakers, and discuss—all online at [www.searchingfordemocracy.org](http://www.searchingfordemocracy.org)