January 08, 2013

Representative Leonard Lance  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Lance:

I am pleased to announce that the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) has awarded grants to libraries in your 7th district for the Bridging Cultures Bookshelf: Muslim Journeys, a project of NEH's Bridging Cultures special initiative. The Bookshelf is a collection of books, films, and other resources that will introduce the American public to the complex history and culture of Muslim societies in the United States and around the world. NEH and the American Library Association compiled the Bookshelf based on the advice of scholars, librarians, and other public programming experts. Support for the development and distribution of the Muslim Journeys Bookshelf was provided by a grant from the Carnegie Corporation of New York, with additional support for the arts and media components from the Doris Duke Foundation for Islamic Art.

To learn more about the Muslim Journeys Bookshelf, please visit the project's description (http://www.neh.gov/divisions/bridging-cultures/featured-project/neh-announces-bridging-cultures-programs-libraries) or the list of books (http://www.neh.gov/files/divisions/bridging-cultures/muslim_journeys_booklet.pdf) on our website.

The libraries that will receive the Muslim Journeys Bookshelf in your 7th district are:

Bernards Township Library  
Jacquelyn Ridzy, (908) 204-3031

Bernardsville Public Library  
Michaele Casey, (908) 766-0659

Springfield Free Public Library  
Susan Permahos, (973) 376-4930

We notify you of the award prior to notifying the grant recipient because in the past, some members of Congress have personally informed and congratulated project directors. NEH grants are highly competitive and involve a rigorous review and selection process to ensure that the project represents the highest level of humanities research and public engagement. We hope that you will take the time today or tomorrow to contact the grant recipients listed above. Tomorrow, our staff will contact all successful applicants and publish the list of grantees on our website, www.neh.gov. (http://www.neh.gov/)
If you have any questions or would like further information on this program, please contact NEH’s Director of Congressional Affairs, Courtney Chapin at (202) 606-8298, or cchapin@neh.gov.

Sincerely,

James A. Leach
Chairman
May 08, 2013

Representative Leonard Lance
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Lance:

I am pleased to announce that the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) has awarded grants to libraries in your 7th district as part of NEH's Bridging Cultures Bookshelf: Muslim Journeys program. The NEH, in collaboration with the American Library Association (ALA), has awarded grants of up to $4,500 to 125 libraries and state humanities councils to host a "Let's Talk About It" reading and discussion series featuring materials included in the Bookshelf. Learn more about this grant here (http://www.neh.gov/news/press-release/2013-01-15).

The Bookshelf is a collection of books, films, and other resources that will introduce the American public to the complex history and culture of Muslim societies in the United States and around the world. NEH and the American Library Association compiled the Bookshelf based on the advice of scholars, librarians, and other public programming experts. Support for the development and distribution of the Muslim Journeys Bookshelf was provided by a grant from the Carnegie Corporation of New York, with additional support for the arts and media components from the Doris Duke Foundation for Islamic Art.

The institutions that will receive the programming grant in your 7th district are:

Bernards Township Library
Jacquelyn Ridzy, (908) 043-3038

We notify you of the award prior to notifying the recipients because, in the past, members of Congress have personally informed and congratulated project directors. NEH grants are highly competitive and involve a rigorous review and selection process to ensure that the project represents the highest level of humanities research and public engagement. We hope that you will take the time today or tomorrow to contact the grant recipients listed above. On May 14th our staff will issue a press release and publish the list of grantees on our website, www.neh.gov (http://www.neh.gov).

If you have any questions or would like further information on this program, please contact NEH's Director of Congressional Affairs, Courtney Chapin at (202) 606-8298 or cchapin@neh.gov (mailto:ccchapin@neh.gov).

Sincerely,

Dr. Carole Watson
Acting Chairman
Dear Representative Leonard Lance,

The National Endowment for the Humanities is very proud to inform you that the Springfield Free Republic library will be opening the NEH funded “Lincoln: The Constitution and the Civil War” exhibit on June 12th. This interactive multimedia exhibition highlights how Lincoln used his constitutional vision to steer the nation through the turbulent years of the Civil War. The exhibition uses the Constitution as a cohesive thread to tie together 5 themes: The Civil War as a Constitutional Crisis, Secession, Slavery, Civil Liberties, and the Legacy of Lincoln. The NEH awarded a major grant to the National Constitution Center to create this exhibit.

The traveling exhibition is visiting more than 50 libraries, colleges, and cultural centers through a collaboration between the American Library Association and the National Constitution Center. The Tunica Museum will host the exhibit through July 26th, 2013.

Although local partners may inform you of this opening, we here at the NEH wanted to be sure you and your staff were aware of this exhibition. If you are interested in visiting the exhibition, or would like more information, please contact the Springfield Free Republic Library at 973-376-4930.

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June 10, 2015

Dear Representative Lance:

I am pleased to announce that the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) has awarded grants to organizations in your 7th district as part of Latino Americans: 500 Years of History. With support from NEH and the American Library Association (ALA), more than 200 sites will receive funding to host public programs that support the American public's exploration of the rich and varied history and experiences of Latinos Americans. The cornerstone of the project is the six-part, NEH-supported documentary film, Latino Americans, created for PBS in 2013 by the WETA public television station.

The organizations that will receive Latino Americans: 500 Years of History in your 7th district are:

Somerset County Library System, North Plainfield Library Branch
$3,000
Jessica Trujillo, (908) 557-7909, jtrujill@sclibnj.org

NEH notifies Congressional offices of grant awards before notifying the awardees, so that Members of Congress or their staff have the opportunity to contact the project directors to inform and congratulate them on their grant awards. If you call the grantees today, you will be the first to notify them of their award.

Many Congressional offices work with the grant awardees to create press releases either jointly or separately. Please let us know if you would like additional information from NEH for your press release. On June 11 (tomorrow), ALA staff will contact all successful applicants directly and NEH will publicly announce the grants on NEH's website, www.neh.gov (http://www.neh.gov).

If you have any questions or would like further information on any of these grants, please contact NEH's Director of Congressional Affairs, Tim Aiken at (202) 606-8273, or taiken@neh.gov.

Sincerely,

William D. Adams
Chairman
December 8, 2016

The Honorable Leonard Lance
Ranking Member
2352 Rayburn House Office Building
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Rep. Lance:

Thank you for meeting with me yesterday to discuss the National Endowment for the Humanities and the future of the humanities in general.

I am extremely grateful for all that you have done on behalf of the humanities. Through your leadership, the Congressional Humanities Caucus has become more active and increased the level of support in Congress for the humanities. Michael Taggart's competence and professionalism supporting the work of the caucus reflect the best in what congressional staff should be. I attribute the agency's $2 million funding increase in the House-passed Interior and Environment Appropriations bill and the absence of any hostile amendments during the bill's floor debate to the work of the caucus. You are a true friend and champion of the humanities.

Your candid assessment of the current political environment and your insightful analysis of the election were extremely helpful. Should you wish to put pen to paper and publish a book, I would eagerly read your work. As you note, there will always be uncertainties that come with any presidential transition. But, I remain hopeful that with the help of our friends in Congress, the agency will continue to touch the lives of Americans in meaningful and substantial ways.

Thank you again and best wishes this holiday season.

Sincerely,

William D. Adams
January 26, 2015

The Honorable Leonard Lance
2352 Rayburn Office Building
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Lance:

Thank you again for meeting with me this past Wednesday and for your commitment to the humanities. I am so pleased that you will be co-chairing the Humanities Caucus with Representative Price. Please count on me and the services of the National Endowment for the Humanities to support you in any way we can.

I enjoyed our discussion about history. In so many circumstances our interest in history begins with a personal experience. I am proud of the endowment’s work preserving the oral history of thousands of Americans.

I have made a few inquiries to track down some background information on Eleanor Roosevelt’s commencement speech you attended with your father and will let you know what I can uncover. Over the years, NEH has supported the preservation and publication of Eleanor Roosevelt’s papers. I trust we will find something of interest.

I look forward to working with you in the coming months.

Sincerely,

William D. Adams