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Subject: National Endowment for the Humanities Grant Notification

Office of the Chairman
1100 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, D.C. 20506

January 08, 2013

Representative David G. Valadao
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Valadao:

I am pleased to announce that the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) has awarded grants to libraries in your 21st 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 21st district are:

Coalinga-Huron Library District
Mary Leal, (559) 935-1676

Delano Branch Library
Carol Saunders, (661) 725-1078

Eleanor Wilson Branch Library
Heather Eddy, (661) 834-4044

Huron Public Library
Melba McHaney, (559) 935-1676

Pleasant Valley State Prison
Brandy Buenafe, (559) 935-4900

PVSP Facility B Library
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 (mailto:ccchapin@neh.gov).

Sincerely,

James A. Leach
Chairman