

FIRST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

INDIANA HUMANITIES ACTIVITY, 2009-10



Grant Recipient



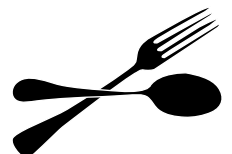
Grant Workshop



Board Member



Novel Conversations



Food for Thought

FIRST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT SUMMARY REPORT, 2009-2010



BOARD MEMBERS

Dr. Elizabeth Lynn, Valparaiso
Mr. Mark T. Maassel, Portage

FOOD FOR THOUGHT PARTNERS

- **PIEROGI FESTIVAL, WHITING**
Host site for Food For Thought traveling exhibit, July 2010.
- **PRAIRIE WRITERS GUILD, RENSSELAER**
From the Edge of the Praire - \$2,000
Publication of annual literary anthology with food related theme; readings in Rensselaer, Dyer, DeMotte, Morocco and Remington, February – April 2011.



NOVEL CONVERSATIONS PARTICIPANTS

Hammond Public Library
Jasper County Public Library
Whiting Public Library



Think. Read. Talk.

GRANT AND INFORMATION WORKSHOP

June 2, 2010, Lake County Public Library, Merrillville

Free workshop to inform and dialogue with community leaders, nonprofit and local government personnel, library directors and program staff, and other citizens about our programs and services.

RECENT GRANTS AWARDED

COMING TOGETHER, THEN AND NOW: A STORY OF TWO UNSUNG HEROES

Purdue University Calumet, Hammond - \$1,300

Performances of a play about Irena Sendler, who saved 2,500 children from the Nazis in Warsaw, Poland, were presented to student and public audiences in Northwest Indiana. Teachers' workshops on the Holocaust were also sponsored. (Oct. 14-16, 2009)

IF WALLS COULD TALK – MYSTERY AT THE MUSEUM

Historical Society of Porter County, Valparaiso - \$2,000

The Porter County Museum, an Italianate structure originally built as a residence in 1860, was the setting and subject of a learning experience for K-12 students. A Gothic Revival style jail was added to the structure in 1871 after it was purchased as the Sheriff's residence. (Fall 2009)

RENSSELAER POST OFFICE MURAL

Prairie Arts Council, Rensselaer - \$1,650

A brochure and lecture program told the story of the Rensselaer Post Office's historic depression era mural, painted by John E. Costigan and installed in 1939. Grant funds helped to support research, printing and the public presentation. (Nov. 2009)

WALKABLE, RIDEABLE WHITING-ROBERTSDALE**Whiting-Robertsdale Community Improvement Corp., Whiting - \$2,000**

A booklet highlighting historic sites, buildings and locations in Whiting-Robertsdale will guide visitors around the city, inform residents and educate local high school and middle school students. (Fall 2010)

HOW WE CAME – WHERE WE'RE GOING: YOUTH AND ELDER ETHNOGRAPHIES OF MIGRATION AND COMING OF AGE IN THE "CITY OF THE CENTURY"- GARY, INDIANA**South Shore Dance Alliance, Gary - \$2,000**

This intergenerational project will provide guidance for youth in Gary to preserve oral histories of community elders and present their stories through narrative and dance. The project will bring out the larger historical context of African American migration to the north, the rise and fall of the U.S. steel industry and the current push for redevelopment of America's urban cores. (Nov. 2010 – Mar. 2011, research and training; Apr. - June, 2011, interviews; Sept. 2011, youth showcase)

EXPLORE HISTORIC CROWN POINT WALKING TOUR GUIDE**Crown Point Historic Preservation Commission, Crown Point - \$1,850**

A new brochure will serve as a tool for self-guided walking tours of Crown Point's four locally designated historic districts: the Courthouse Square, Holley Residential, Sunnyside Residential and Eastside Residential Historic Districts. The brochure, with an overview of each district's historic development and architectural styles, will also be available for download from the City of Crown Point's website. (Fall 2010)

YOUTH EMPOWERMENT ZONE – ST. JOHN'S HOSPITAL HISTORIC RESTORATION PROJECT**Gary, East Chicago, Hammond Empowerment Zone, Gary - \$2,000**

An educational two-minute DVD documentary and brochure on the history of St. John's Hospital will be created in conjunction with a recently launched Youth Empowerment Zone (YEZ) project. Located in Gary's Historic Midtown District, St. John's was the city's only African American hospital from 1929 until the mid-1940. YEZ students will research and produce the DVD. (Dec. 2010, training workshop; spring 2011, documentary production)