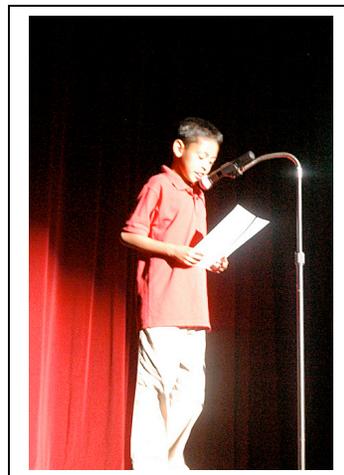


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poetryXchange Receives Grant Award From California Council For The Humanities.

(Orange County, California) – The California Council for the Humanities has recently announced the 2011 California Story Fund grantees. poetryXchange has been awarded \$10,000 for its project entitled “Poetry for Democracy.”

The California Story Fund (CSF) is a competitive grant program of the California Council for the Humanities (CCH). The purpose of CSF is to capture genuine and compelling stories from and about California’s diverse communities, and to ensure that those stories can be shared widely.

poetryXchange will offer a poetry workshop themed on democracy for middle school students at El Sol Academy in Santa Ana. Poetry discussed and created in these workshops will be shared with the community through an engaging poetry blog and a

series of public events throughout the county. “This project couldn’t be taking place at a better time,” says poetryXchange Founding Director and UCI poet Sue Cronmiller,

“when citizens for a vital democracy are raising their voices across the globe. Poetry is a powerful and essential form of comprehension, integration, and communication, yet the literary arts are, for the most part, underrepresented here in OC.”

“With our state’s incredible diversity, fostering communication and connecting people to a range of ideas is vital for our general welfare,” said Ralph Lewin, president and CEO of the California Council for the Humanities. “Our grant enables awardees to pursue the important work of engaging new audiences in conversations around stories of significance to Californians.”

Through its California Story Fund, the Council has granted over \$2.2 million to projects since 2003. The California Council for the Humanities is an independent non-profit organization and a state partner of the National Endowment for the Humanities. For more information on the Council please visit www.calhum.org.

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