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HOME GARDENS LIBRARY RECEIVES GRANT AWARD FROM CALIFORNIA HUMANITIES

Corona, CA (September 2022) – Home Gardens Library, a branch of the Riverside County Library System, has been awarded \$5000 for its project entitled “*Home Gardens: Photographic Discovery*” by California Humanities, as part of their Humanities For All Quick Grant awards.

The Humanities For All Quick Grant is a competitive grant program of California Humanities that supports locally-initiated public humanities projects that respond to the needs and interests of Californians, encourage greater public participation in humanities programming, particularly by new and/or underserved audiences, and promotes understanding and empathy among all our state’s peoples in order to cultivate a thriving democracy.

The *Photographic discovery* project is designed for Home Garden’s teens to take inspiration from local multiple award-winning author Isabel Quintero’s graphic biography *Photographic: The Life of Graciela Iturbide*. Through the author’s talk, a professional photography workshop led by UCR ARTS, a photography exhibit that will be mounted at the library, and a chapbook publication by Inlandia Institute, the project aims to preserve and share the image of the Home Gardens neighborhood as seen by the diverse group of young people who live here.

Photographic Discovery programs will take place at the Home Gardens library in September 2022 and the exhibit will be on display starting October. It will increase the visibility of Home Gardens teens’ perspectives within the local context of Riverside County.

As the iconic Mexican photographer Graciela Iturbide famously said “Photography is a pretext to know the world, to know life. To know yourself”. By exploring their neighborhood through photography, teens will take part in community building, learn to better articulate their sense of self, and move towards finding their original voice.

“These projects will bring the complexity and diversity of California to light in new ways that will engage Californians from every part of our state, and, will help us all understand each other better,” said Julie Fry, President & CEO of California Humanities. “We congratulate the grantees whose projects will promote understanding and provide insight into a wide range of topics, issues, and experiences.”

A complete list of all Humanities For All Quick Grants can be found on the calhum.org website. California Humanities, a nonprofit partner of the National Endowment of the Humanities, promotes the humanities – focused on ideas, conversation, and learning – as relevant, meaningful ways to understand the human condition and connect us to each other in order to help strengthen California. California

Humanities has provided grants and programs across the state since 1975. To learn more visit calhum.org, or follow California Humanities on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

The Riverside County Library System is a division of the Office of Economic Development. For more information, please contact the Riverside County Library System at (951) 369-3003 or visit www.rivlib.net.

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