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Dear Dr. Sartisky and Board Members,

We are excited about the Civilian Conservation Corps program that the Friends of the James C. Bolton Library at LSUA and the Historical Association of Central Louisiana are planning. The Friends group have been collecting oral history tapes of men who were in the CCC and their accounts reveal an era that the present generation hardly knows about except the words "Great Depression."

Fortunately, there are a number of CCC veterans still around, and this public discussion program "CCC: The Great Depression Fighter" will provide an opportunity to honor these men and inform the public about the depression era and President Franklin D. Roosevelt's New Deal program. FDR's rivalry with Huey Long here in Louisiana will also be discussed.

Since the work of the CCC forestry camps is actually the foundation of Louisiana's present timber industry, the Friends of the Bolton Library will ask the Supervisor of Kisatchie National Forest and the State Forester of the Louisiana Office of Forestry to present the CCC veterans with certificates honoring their important work.

I am looking forward to serving as project director and one of the scholars for the public program on November 3, 2001. I will discuss my research into the devastation of Louisiana's forests when the virgin timber was cut out and the establishment of CCC camps. My part on the program will also discuss the role that the CCC played in preparations for World War II.

We thank you for considering this application for an Outreach Grant, and hope that it is approved.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Anna C. Burns".

Anna C. Burns, Ph.D.
Director of Library and Learning Resources