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Final Report - Ideas to Action 2023

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Number of people involved in or impacted by the project since Ideas to Action funding:

We had 3 adults and 1 high school student in the planning part of the project. I would say a few hundred were able to see the displays.

Do you anticipate that your project will continue after Ideas to Action funding?

Yes.

Did your project encourage partnerships and collaborations with any community partners or other WiLS members? Who did you connect with during this process and how might you sustain those connections?

Yes, we were able to work with members of the Clear Lake Museum. Our student working on the project met with the museum president monthly to exchange ideas and artifacts for the display. The student that is helping with the project is interested in volunteering at the museum this summer to learn more about the items there as well as a possible future with working in a museum.

Thinking about your project, what was the most innovative part? What can you, or your community, do now that it couldn't before?

We are able to share items with our students that would otherwise be locked up for 9 months of the year. We were also able to make a digital slide show to share with students in all areas of the school to educate them on items that were being displayed in the library. I feel that this will be a fun part of the project in the future that the museum is also hoping to share with the public (guess the item).

How do you think other WiLS members could use what you learned and accomplished at their own organizations?

I think that many communities have hidden historical items that can be shared if they had the right storage units to safely share them with the community. I hope to share this idea with other libraries in the area and start a display sharing network.

Project product(s):

N/A