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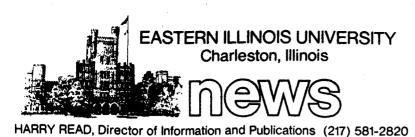
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CHARLESTON, IL--Eastern Illinois University's History Departments.

CHARLESTON, IL--Eastern Illinois University's History Department, Office of Continuing Education and the Coles County Historical Society recently received a \$7000 grant from the Illinois Humanities Council to fund a joint project "When I was a Child: Growing Up in Illinois, 1820-1980."

The grant will fund two public conferences and an upcoming Greenwood School Museum exhibit.

The first of the two conferences will be held on April 5 entitled "The Things of a Child: Toys to Tombstones". It will investigate the material culture of childhood.

The other forum will take place September 26, "Thinking Like a Child: Kids and History", by involving young people with working with the past.

The grant will also partially fund the museum exhibit "A Child's World, 1820-1980" which opens to the public on March 23.

"The confidence the Council demonstrated in us by awarding this grant is pleasing," said Dr. Carol Holden, director of EIU's Office of Continuing Education.

"The Illinois Humanities Council is primarily concerned with taking the humanities to the people through public forums and exhibits which is precisely what our request proposed doing."