



Forum Announcement

NSU Creole Heritage Center
Northwestern State University
is pleased to invite you to the following forum

Creole Language for Creole People *“we know what we speak”*

Friday, October 9, 2009
Noon – 3:00 PM
St. Anthony Church Hall
911 5th Street – Natchitoches, LA

The Creole Heritage Center announces the **first ever** symposium featuring the Creole people’s demand for documentation and training of the Creole language. This forum comes as a result of the **overwhelming** responses received from the recent Creole Language Survey. The survey represented the first time that a measure of this kind has focused on the Creole people and their opinion regarding the preservation and importance of this endangered language.

The results of this survey brought out some very imperative issues, most importantly is the **number** of responses. Another issue emphasized is the high percentages of those that are not aware of any previous studies or their results. **Over 90%** responded to wanting tools to learn. Responses were received from over 25 different states. This forum will look at these results along with other issues such as,

- Identification of Creole speakers - nationally
- Training sessions for Creole Researchers
- **PAID** Creole Researchers (speakers, interviewers, technicians, etc.)
- Call for already developed Creole Language tools

Forum will be **open to everyone** and all suggestions and comments are welcomed. We are especially interested in meeting and hearing from those that submitted all of the wonderful comments on the survey. This is **your** chance to be recognized and acknowledged.

Lunches will be available for purchase, \$10/each. Proceeds will go to St. Anthony Catholic Church.

Enjoy live Zydeco performance during lunch

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