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J.Y. JOYNER LIBRARY OPENS HERITAGE OF AFRICAN AMERICANS EXHIBIT

The exhibit introduces more than two dozen African American North Carolinians who have contributed in the arts, science, education, literature, and sports, and some "firsts" in African American history.

Greenville, NC, September 29, 2005: J.Y. Joyner Library on the campus of East Carolina University has recently opened "The Rich Heritage of African Americans in North Carolina" exhibit. The exhibit, currently open to the public in The Verona Joyner Langford North Carolina Collection, located on the third floor of Joyner Library, will be open until December 22, 2005. This fascinating look at our rich culture and history includes samples of artwork by John Biggers, Minnie Evans, Malvin Johnson, and Ruth Russell Williams; a poem by slave George Moses Horton printed from an 1828 Raleigh Register; and books by Dr. John Hope Franklin. The North Carolina Collection is open Monday through Thursday, 8:00 am to 10:00 p.m.; Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; Saturday, 10:00 am to 6:00 p.m.; and Sunday, 1:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Professor Elizabeth Smith, a librarian in the North Carolina Collection, emphasizes that "the exhibit is a guide for further study and that the North Carolina Collection has information about all of the African Americans featured in the exhibit." Resources for students, genealogists, and other researchers selected from the North Carolina Collection are displayed along with images of African-American Quilts from the Farmer-James Collection, which is currently on display at the North Carolina Museum of History. Area patrons are encouraged to visit the exhibit.

The Verona Joyner Langford North Carolina Collection is one of the state's major repositories dedicated to the study of North Carolina, its culture, and its people and is the only one to emphasize the Eastern region of the state. The department procures, preserves and provides access to current and historical information about North Carolina in all subject areas and in a variety of formats, including books, pamphlets, maps, microforms, electronic media, prints and ephemera.

J.Y. Joyner Library, and its branch Music Library in A.J. Fletcher Music Center, is the largest library east of Raleigh and offers state-of-the-art research services including significant collections of government documents, microforms, media resources, and North Carolina materials. It holds an impressive manuscript collection and the university archive, and is known for its extensive special collections and rare materials.

Individuals requesting accommodation under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) should contact the Department of Disability Support Services at least forty-eight hours prior to the event at (252) 737-1016 (Voice/TTY).

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