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"From Prejudice to Pride: An African American Journey" exhibit to debut at the Presidential Library

Collection of books, photos and more depicting African American history

SPRINGFIELD, IL: In celebration of Black History Month, the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library will display its own collection of hundreds of items that share African American history. "From Prejudice to Pride: An African American Journey" highlights the struggle and achievements of African-Americans from slavery to present day. From the arrival of Africans packed in slave ships destined for Virginia, to the election of the first African American to serve in the Illinois General Assembly, and beyond, this exhibit chronicles the strides that have been made by African Americans, not only in Illinois, but across the nation.

Many items in the collection include slavery photos, photos of the Springfield Race Riot of 1908, and photos of African Americans engaged in family, military, labor, sports and the arts.

The exhibit will be on display on the first and second floors of the Library. "From Prejudice to Pride" will open to the public January 26, and runs through February 28, 2006. Admission is free.

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