

# News Release

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### **World War II Exhibit on Display at Main Library**

The African American Resource Center (AARC) of the New Orleans Public Library has created a 12-panel exhibit on African Americans during World War II, entitled, *The Double Victory—African Americans in World War II: Fighting on Two Fronts*. The exhibit will be on display on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Main Library from June 24 through July 31, 2002, and can be viewed, free of charge, during the library's normal hours of operation: Monday – Thursday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Friday and Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The exhibit highlights the struggle African Americans endured to gain equal rights in the Armed Forces while strengthening the groundwork for future civil rights legislation. Featured in the display are an authentic War Ration Book and information and photos of the Tuskegee Airmen, the 761<sup>st</sup> Tank Battalion, the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps (WAAC), American pilots of the P-51 Mustang 332<sup>nd</sup> Fighter Group and more.

The AARC offers patrons access to information on African Americans and people of the African Diaspora. Located on the second floor of the Main Library, the AARC offers a variety of materials for research in African studies in print, electronic and microfilm formats, and include collections for scholarly use as well as books for children. The materials in the AARC are for in house use only and cannot be checked out.

For more information about the exhibit or the AARC, call 504/596-2597.

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