



Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library

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WHAT:

Americans and the Holocaust traveling exhibition coming to Bismarck Library

Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library is one of 50 U.S. libraries selected to host *Americans and the Holocaust*, a traveling exhibition from the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum that examines the motives, pressures, and fears that shaped Americans' responses to Nazism, war, and genocide in Europe during the 1930s and 1940s. The touring library exhibition — based on the special exhibition of the same name at the Museum in Washington, D.C. — will travel to U.S. libraries from 2022 to 2024.

"We are honored to be selected from a pool of more than 250 applicants and chosen as the only library in North Dakota to host *Americans and the Holocaust*," said Library Director Christine Kujawa. "We encourage citizens to experience this powerful exhibit. We are eager to connect with community partners to offer informative programs, as well. The exhibit will challenge people not only to ask 'what would I have done?' but also, 'what will I do?'" *Americans and the Holocaust* will be on display at the Library along with a series of related special events through May 3, 2022.

This exhibition focuses on stories of individuals and groups of Americans who took action in response to Nazism by drawing on a remarkable collection of primary sources from the 1930s and '40s. It will challenge visitors to consider the responsibilities and obstacles faced by individuals — from President Franklin Delano Roosevelt to ordinary Americans — who made difficult choices, sought to effect change, and, in a few cases, took significant risks to help victims of Nazism even as rescue never became a government priority.

For more information about *Americans and the Holocaust* and related programming at the Library, visit bismarcklibrary.org/146/Americans-and-the-Holocaust. To learn more about the exhibition, visit ushmm.org/americans-ala.

The *Americans and the Holocaust: A Traveling Exhibition for Libraries* is an educational initiative of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum and the American Library Association.

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WHEN:

April 1 through May 3, 2022

WHERE:

Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library

WHO:

The exhibition and programs are free and open to all. Media is invited to attend.

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