

PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

For More Information, Contact:

October 13, 2010

Sandra Pierson
Wicomico Public Library
410-749-3612 ext. 155
410-548-2968 (fax)
spierson@wicomico.org
www.wicomicolibrary.org

Friends Co-Sponsor Library Program

WHAT: Held on the Homefront: German POWs in the U.S., 1943-46, a traveling exhibit

WHO: Everyone is welcome to attend.

WHEN: Tuesday, November 9th, noon – 4 p.m.

WHERE: Wicomico Public Library, outside on Circle Ave.

SALISBURY, MD – October 13, 2010 – The Friends of Wicomico Public Library are co-sponsoring, along with the Historical Society, **Held on the Homefront** at the Main Library on November 9th from 12-4 p.m.

Sixty-five years ago Allied forces defeated Nazism in Europe—while almost half a million Axis POWs sat on U.S. soil! From Labor Day 2010 through Memorial Day 2011 TRACES Center for History and Culture is featuring **Held on the Homefront: German POWs in the U.S., 1943-46**, a traveling exhibit touring the East Coast from North Carolina to Maine; passing through Salisbury in November!

Held on the Homefront is an unusual, rich story brought to life in the **BUS-eum**, a 40-foot school bus converted into a mobile classroom and museum. The exhibit consists of 15 narrative display panels illustrated with dozens of photographs and documents, DVD documentaries, artifacts and much more.

Although few people know the story today, almost 380,000 German POWs were held in 660 camps, in almost each of the then-48 states and in the Territory of Alaska. They worked side by side with their American "hosts" and in the process formed relationships, some lasting decades. Their experiences embody ageless and timely themes of war and peace, justice under arms, and issues regarding human rights, international reconciliation and future conflict avoidance.

There were 12 camps in Maryland alone! Irving Kellman, our BUS Driver/Docent Extraordinaire, will be conversant about your state's local POW stories; some of them included: Odenton – Gaithersburg – Frederick – Pikesville – Cambridge – Salisbury – Westminster - Berlin - Hurlock – Westover.

For more information on this event or other library services, visit us on the web at www.wicomicolibrary.org or call 410-749-3612. Programs are free and open to the public.

The Friends are dedicated to strengthening support for the library, enriching resources and services in partnership with the staff and trustees and promoting awareness of library services and needs.

Wicomico Public Library: Supporting Learning, Building Community, Enriching Lives

###