**School Desegregation Exhibit at Perry Library**

Old Dominion University Libraries and DOVE (Desegregation of Virginia Education), a collaborative history project, formed a partnership with AARP Virginia, Virginia Conference NAACP and the Urban League of Virginia to collect stories and historic documents detailing Virginia’s historic journey toward the desegregation of its schools.

The initiative held a series of events entitled “School Desegregation: Learn, Preserve and Empower” in Hampton, Portsmouth, Richmond, Farmville, Lynchburg, Alexandria, the Eastern Shore of Virginia, and Roanoke during the spring and summer. The event included an audio-visual exhibition that includes photographs of those involved in the struggle for school equality, such as Oliver W. Hill, Thurgood Marshall and others, along with a timeline of key events. Visitors to the traveling exhibit were encouraged to share their community’s experience through the donation of photographs, letters, fliers or posters, or by telling their own personal experiences through oral histories.

The exhibit will be on display in the Learning Commons at the Patricia W. and J. Douglas Perry Library of Old Dominion University from January 15 to February 14, 2013.

Oral history interviews will be conducted on Sunday, February 3, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Please contact Sonia Yaco, Special Collections Librarian and University Archivist, at 757-683-4483 or at syaco@odu.edu to make an appointment.

Old Dominion University and Sonia Yaco have been awarded the AARP 2012 Community Partner of the Year Award for their collaboration on the traveling DOVE exhibit.

The DOVE project, hosted at Old Dominion University Libraries, seeks to identify and preserve materials relating to school desegregation. A growing catalog and other information are available at the DOVE website, <http://www.lib.odu.edu/specialcollections/dove/>

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