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WISCONSIN GERMAN EXPERIENCE TRAVELING EXHIBIT ON DISPLAY AT THE GERMANTOWN COMMUNITY LIBRARY THROUGH THE END OF MARCH

The Germantown Community Library is pleased to display “Neighbors Past and Present: The Wisconsin German Experience” through March 31, 2021. This traveling exhibit from the Max Kade Institute for German-American Studies includes fourteen large display panels focusing on the history of German immigrants in Wisconsin. The display contains images and resources from the Max Kade Institute Library and Archives. The exhibit covers topics such as the German migration and settlement in Wisconsin, identity in new communities, and the cohesiveness of these areas over the decades, especially in the times of economic crisis or war (Max Kade Institute). Panels are spaced around the library to create social distancing.

The two library display cases in March will also feature items from the Pommersche Verein Freistadt and the Thiensville Historical Society focusing on German history in the area.

The Germantown Community Library frequently features programs on German history and heritage. “With in-person programming limited due to COVID-19 restrictions, we are excited to display this wonderful collection of information in a way that the public can view at their own pace anytime the library is open,” said Trisha Smith, Library Director.

A few years ago, the library created a partnership with the German language courses at the Germantown High School and added a small collection of children’s books in German. These items are available for checkout to the public.

Viewers of the exhibit are encouraged to fill out the evaluation form available at the end of the exhibit or online at https://mki.wisc.edu/exhibits/npp/.

The traveling exhibit is on loan from the Max Kade Institute for German-American Studies at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and was made possible by a grant from the Wisconsin Humanities Council. The Max Kade Institute website also includes links for each panel along with additional information and resources.

For more information on The Wisconsin German Experience Traveling Exhibit visit https://www.germantowncommunitylibrary.org or https://mki.wisc.edu/exhibits/npp/