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WORLD WAR I AND AMERICA TRAVELS TO THE BAY COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

(Panama City, Fla.) Throughout the month of August, there will be a traveling exhibit and a series of World War I programming at the Bay County Public Library. This year marks the 100th year anniversary of U.S. involvement in World War I. The programs are part of **World War I and America**, a two-year national initiative of Library of America presented in partnership with The Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History, the National World War I Museum and Memorial, and other organizations, with generous support from The National Endowment for the Humanities. The World War I and America programs are free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be provided at the programs.

The traveling exhibit will be on display from August 1 – 24th, 2017. In addition to the traveling exhibit, there will be a series of World War I photographs, memorabilia and artifacts.

World War I and America Program Schedule

World War I and America Book Club

Tuesday, August 8 @ 10:00 a.m.

Book: *World War I and America* edited by A. Scott Berg. Join us for the book discussion with guest Veterans panel.

Teen Program: “Grizzled” Card Game

Tuesday, August 8 @ 4:00 p.m.

Learn how to play the World War I themed, cooperative card game “Grizzled.” Program held in the Youth Services department. Geared for teens between 13 -19 years of age.

Archives Come Alive: Letters from poet and WWI Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae

Saturday, August 12 @ 2:00 p.m.

Jason Hedden will present a theatrical performance based on the letters of John McCrae, which are housed in the Bay County Public Library Local History archives. McCrae wrote the *In Flanders Fields* poem in 1915 after his friend died in the Second Battle of Ypres. The poppy became the symbol of remembrance after the poem was released. After the performance, there will be a **Poppy Art Makerspace** for everyone to make their own poppy to take home.

On the Homefront: Bay County during World War I

Monday, August 14 @ 6:00 p.m.

Local Historian, Dr. Glenda Walters, will present several fascinating stories of what Bay County was like during World War I.

Beyond the Lens: Book and Film Series

Tuesday, August 15 @ 5:30 p.m.

The book will be *Paths of Glory* by Humphrey Cobb paired with the film by the same name. There will be an engaging post-film discussion.

Bay County Public Library is located at 898 W. 11th Street, Panama City, FL 32401. Call 850-522-2100 or visit www.nwrls.com for more information.

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