The African American Library at the Gregory School officially opened its doors on Saturday, November 14, 2009. Located in the historic Freeman’s Town, the library is housed in the Edgar M. Gregory School, which served as the first public school for African Americans in Houston. As the first library of its kind in Houston and one of the few African American libraries in the country, the Gregory School serves as a resource to preserve, promote, and celebrate the rich history and culture of African Americans in Houston, the surrounding region, and the African Diaspora.

DECEMBER EVENTS

The African American Library at the Gregory School
1300 Victor Street, 77019
832-393-1440

If you have a special physical or communication need that may impact your participation in any of these activities, please contact the library staff prior to the program to discuss accommodations. We cannot ensure the availability of appropriate accommodations without prior notification of need.

Please see other side for programs.
Exhibit: *It Shall Be Done: Recent Acquisitions from the Gregory School Collection*
*On view Saturday, November 14, 2015 through Saturday, April 30, 2016*

Archival collections provide important documentation for African American culture and history. Photographs, documents and artifacts can give form to history, bridging past and present with explorations of emotions and experience. This exhibition brings together a selection of works from the collection that have rarely been shown. Represented will be important documents including a Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. funeral program, documentation for the inception of Houston College for Negroes (now Texas Southern University), rare artwork by John Biggers and Elizabeth Catlett, and oral histories from notable African Americans in Houston.

**Texas Southern University (TSU) Student Research Presentations**
*Wednesday, December 2, 2015 | 3 PM*
Students from Dr. Jesse Esparza’s Texas History course at TSU conducted research at the African American Library at the Gregory School this semester. Each student was assigned a specific archival collection from which they were to select an item representative of Houston’s history and write an essay. This opportunity for hands-on archival research has culminated in a digital exhibit showcasing African American history in Texas. A select group of students will share their work.

**University of Houston - Downtown (UHD) Student Curriculum Presentations**
*Monday, December 7, 2015 | 10 AM*
In partnership with UHD’s Department of Urban Education, students in Dr. Bernardo Pohl’s Social Studies Methods course have been working this semester to create learning activities based on the African American Library at the Gregory School’ permanent galleries. These next generation educators will present their group curriculum projects. Their materials will be available to K-12 teachers and student groups who would like to incorporate our resources into their lesson plans.

These events are free and open to the public. Events are subject to change or cancellation.