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Lunar landing exhibit launches

Exhibit celebrates 50th anniversary of lunar landing

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CHARLESTON – Booth Library on the campus of Eastern Illinois University will commemorate the 50th anniversary of the moon landing, as well as examine current and future space exploration, in a new exhibit, “On the Shoulders of Giants: The Moon and Beyond.” The exhibit is open from Jan. 17 through May 31.

“On the Shoulders of Giants” includes a look at several of the Apollo missions, with a focus on Apollo 11 which had the first lunar landing July 20, 1969; EIU alumni connections to the space program; biographies of specific astronauts; space exploration today and in the future; female contributions to space exploration; and more.

An opening program to kick off the exhibit is 5:30 p.m. Jan. 24 in the library’s West Reading Room.

The event features the debut of the documentary “To

the Moon and Back: An Oral History of the Lunar Landing.”

The one-hour film features several local residents sharing their memories of the moon landing 50 years ago.

The film is the result of a collaboration between Booth Library, WEIU-TV and the EIU History Department. WEIU-TV will air the film at 8 p.m. Feb. 5.

The exhibit and the opening program are free and open to the public.

Additional programs related to the exhibit are being

planned. For more information, visit the exhibit website, <https://library.eiu.edu/exhibits/space>; or follow Booth Library on Facebook or Twitter.

Schools and other groups who would like to tour the exhibit are encouraged to contact Andy Cougill, aacougill@eiu.edu, or call 217-581-6072 to schedule a visit.

Booth Library’s regular hours are 8 a.m. to midnight Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and noon to 1 a.m. Sunday.