

Welcome

Dear Friends,

Booth Library welcomes you to our latest exhibition and program series, *Revolutionary Decade: Reflections on the 1960s*. This comprehensive project is the culmination of months of planning, research and implementation by all levels of library staff.

The series is designed to provide students and citizens of our region with insights into a wide range of aspects of life in the United States during this eventful, turbulent decade. The library is filled with staff-produced exhibits on topics including visual arts, literature, fashion, music, science and technology, political and social movements, and other broad themes. In addition, a wide range of programs will be presented, including scholarly presentations, discussion panels, film screenings, performances and a fashion show.

Revolutionary Decade came about thanks to grants provided by the Illinois State Library and the Illinois Humanities Council. The Illinois State Library awarded Booth Library a Back to Books grant, which allowed us to purchase a wide range of library materials from and about the 1960s to strengthen existing collections. The Illinois Humanities Council supplemented our programming by bringing a member of its Road Scholars Speakers Bureau to Eastern's campus.

We are proud to work with our community partners, the Mattoon Arts Council and the Mattoon High School Art Department, to bring 1960s programs to an audience beyond our campus. Special thanks also to our other sponsors: Tarble Arts Center, WEIU Radio, EIU Center for the Humanities, Coles County Arts Council, and the Charleston and Mattoon public libraries.

Best wishes,



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