



dallaspubliclibrary

Press Release

For Immediate Release

Oct. 27, 2006

Library exhibit is snapshot of Dallas ethnic communities

Confluence of Cultures exhibit celebrates Dallas diversity

(DALLAS, TX, Oct. 27, 2006) - Who were the first African-American police officers? The first Hispanic council member? How do Native Americans and Asians in Dallas preserve their customs and heritage?

Visitors to the seventh floor of the Dallas Public Library will find the answers to those questions, and many more at *People of Dallas: A Confluence of Cultures*. The exhibit explores the unique experiences and cultures of the many different ethnic groups who call Dallas home, telling their stories through photographs, newspapers, books, government publications, campaign materials and more.

"It is the people of a city who shape its government and cultural landscape," said Dallas Public Library Archivist Brian Collins. "The different groups that converged on Dallas over many years have created new and vibrant communities and forever changed the makeup of our city."

The exhibit is on display in the seventh floor reading room of the Texas/Dallas History and Archives Division through Nov. 30.