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Proposals for future collaborations between the Library of Virginia and the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Commission

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The Library of Virginia is partnering with the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Commission on an exhibition on Emancipation in Virginia in 2015. The exhibition is tentatively entitled *Remaking Virginia: Transformation through Emancipation*. The exhibition will be enhanced by a variety of programs and digital projects.

- During the period of commemorating emancipation, the Library of Virginia and MLK Commission would organize a 2015 program that would bring together descendants of 19th Century African American legislators.
- As a component of commemorating emancipation, the Library and the MLK Commission would organize and plan the scanning of historical documents across the state related to 19th Century African American legislators.

- The Library and the Commission would work jointly with the clerks of the House of Delegates and the Senate of Virginia to develop an exhibition commemorating emancipation at the state Capitol in Richmond.
- A request that the MLK Commission fund a paid graduate internship in the amount of \$3,956.25 in the summer 2014 to help the Library develop the online exhibition, *Remaking Virginia: Transformation through Emancipation*.

Specifically, in partnership with the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Commission, the Library of Virginia would offer an internship for a graduate student from the University of Virginia's Institute for Public History program to develop a prototype companion online exhibition to the artifactual exhibition *Remaking Virginia: Transformation through Emancipation*, scheduled to open July 6, 2015. Part of the LVA's Virginia Memory Web site, the online exhibition may consist of images, documents, didactic texts, transcriptions, audio, and video elements. The online *Remaking Virginia* exhibition would content to be shared with the MLK Commission and include a link to the Commission's website.

The intern will work with LVA staff, including the exhibition project director, the social media coordinator, graphic designers, education department, and editorial staff of the *Dictionary of Virginia Biography*, as well as other members of the project team. The intern will participate in project team meetings. By the end of the internship period, in the summer of 2014, the intern will present a preview of the online exhibition to the Brown Teachers Institute, held at the Library of Virginia.

The prospective intern under this Institute for Public History Program is a paid position internship. The graduate student level intern receives \$12.50/hour for 300 hours for their work, resulting in a total payment of \$3,956.25. This is the amount we are requesting from the Commission to partner on the online exhibition *Remaking Virginia: Transformation through Emancipation*.