

**Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Commission
Special Subcommittee on the 50th Anniversary of Public School Closings in Virginia**

**Desegregation of Virginia Education (DOVE) project
Partnership Activities Report**

June 17, 2011

Summary:

Monies from the MLK/DOVE partnership were used for training and presentations in five communities that were attended by approximately 65 people. The attendees were DOVE regional taskforce members, university faculty, K-12 educators, librarians, archivists and volunteers from the general public.

Description of grant activities:

An interactive tutorial, "[How to Conduct a Records Survey](http://www.lib.odu.edu/specialcollections/dove/training/player.html)" was developed by ODU Libraries and the ODU Center for Learning Technologies. This curriculum was used to teach the training sessions and was distributed to attendees in DVD format. It is also available online, <http://www.lib.odu.edu/specialcollections/dove/training/player.html>. The tutorial provides a historical background of DOVE and school desegregation and teaches records surveying techniques. Each training session consisted of classroom training and active surveying of a repository. Old Dominion University Libraries cataloging staff entered ten surveys completed by training attendees into the online DOVE catalog.

Training sessions were held in Norfolk, Petersburg, Arlington and Blacksburg. Additionally a presentation and demonstration was done in Lexington Virginia.

December 13, 2010 Norfolk – Norfolk State University hosted a training session and a hands on surveying session was done at Norfolk Public Library.

March 25, 2011 Lexington Virginia – A presentation "Teaching Historical Research Methodology by Utilizing the Desegregation of Virginia Education (DOVE) Project in Your Classroom" was given at the Virginia Forum (conference) at Washington and Lee University. The interactive training tutorial was demonstrated and distributed to participants.

May 25, 2011 Petersburg – Virginia State University hosted a training and surveying session.

May 27, 2011 Arlington – George Mason University organized a training and surveying session held at Fairfax Public Library.

May 27, 2011 Blacksburg – Virginia Tech hosted a training and surveying session

The trainers were:

Sonia Yaco, Old Dominion University, Special Collections Librarian and University Archivist, co-chair of DOVE

Jefferson Moak, National Archives and Records Administration

Robert Vay, George Mason University, DOVE Regional Taskforce Chair for Northern Virginia

Local coordinators were DOVE Regional Taskforce Chairs:

Dr. Charles H. Ford, Norfolk State University

Dr. Aaron Purcell, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

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Publicity for the training sessions consisted of announcements to local faculty, conference participants, and listserv/email lists for archivists, librarians and historians. Sessions were also publicized on DOVE blog and website. The Martin Luther King Jr. Commission was listed on publicity as well as acknowledged in the tutorial.

Future activities:

Equipped with surveying skills, attendees have made plans to survey additional repositories in the following months. ODU Libraries and the ODU Center for Learning Technologies are creating a Podcast and iTunes U version of the tutorial. Professors have made plans to use the tutorial to train their students to survey collections for the DOVE project. Planning is underway to add a map and timeline interface to the DOVE catalog using the Library of Congress's recollection tool.

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