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East Central Illinois veterans and their service-related tattoos will be displayed in Booth Library's latest exhibit, "Designs of Duty."

This exhibit can be seen at the library from Jan. 22 through May 11.

According to a press release, "Designs of Duty" tell the stories of seven military veterans who served over a 45-year period throughout Asia and Europe. Veterans featured in the exhibit are from Charleston, Newman, Nokomis, Olney, Shelbyville and Towanda.

"Tattoos are a common symbol among the military, and this exhibit aims to explore the inspiration and meanings behind them, as well as the stories of the veterans themselves," the press release states.

Some themes in the artwork chosen by the veterans include pride, patriotism and honor.

Also on display are military flags, "Symbols of Service," featuring University of Illinois student veterans; aircraft nose art from World War II to today; Vietnam War helmet graffiti and literature and poetry during wartime.

"Designs of Duty" is free and open to the public. For more information those interested can visit <http://library.eiu.edu/exhibits/designsofduty/>.



Qian Cheng

Rodney Rote Jr., a senior music performance major, sets up the exhibit "Designs of Duty" in Booth Library Monday afternoon. "Designs of Duty" is an exhibit featuring East Central Illinois veterans and their service-related tattoos, this will be on display at Booth Library from Jan. 22 through May 11.

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