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For Immediate Release:

TEACHERS LEARN HOW TO BRING LIBRARY OF CONGRESS TO THEIR CLASSROOMS

CHARLESTON –Teachers from several area school districts have learned how to bring the Library of Congress' wealth of information into their classrooms, and they've earned free hardware and software for their schools in the process.

The educators completed "An Adventure of the American Mind," a grant-funded program operated by Eastern Illinois University's College of Education and Professional Studies in Charleston.

The focus of the project is to raise the comfort level of teachers in the use of technology and the use of primary resources, including historic documents and photos, found at the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C., as well as the digitized resources of the Library of Congress American Memory Collection.

A variety of workshops are offered through the program at EIU, starting with the basics of how to access and use materials from the Library of Congress American Memory Web site. Workshops are offered for teachers at every grade level, covering all curricular subjects.

After the teachers completed the workshop series, their school districts received equipment for use in their classrooms.

The program is being operated at EIU to benefit east-central Illinois teachers, thanks to a grant secured by U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill. For more information, see the Web site at www.eiu.edu/~eiu_aam.

Participating teachers from area school districts are listed:

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Charleston: Amy Niemerg, Julia Stranz, Kathy Miller, Lou Conwell, Pam Storm, Sandy Evans, Angie Niebrugge, Dottie Shepherd, Janice Barger, Jody Smith, Judy Chapman, Judy Hutti, Kathy Clark, Kelly Rice, Linda Kirby, Lisa Goldacker, Maureen Ankenbrand, Michael Mellott, Rick Cohoon, Ron Easter, Russe Ann Weber, Sandy Johnson, Tina Winings, Arlene Quast, Bonnie Zovoral, Dana Hunter, Gene Nance, Jennifer Eiserle, Karen Garrett, Karen Murphy, Kim Schaefer, Molly Craig, Patti Murphy, Chad Burgett, Julie Cramer, Karen Maris, Laura St. Gemme, Nancy Garman, Paula Pogue and Vicki Martinez.

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Mattoon: Amber Blevins, Cindy Mindenhall, Dawn Paulson, Jeri Baird, Marianna Moffett, Marta Lamkin, Sabrina Dycus, Shelby Smith, Anna Boyd, Beverly Edwards, William Burger, Cheryl Beverage, Chris Bough, Glenda Fitzgerald, Janet Ronchetti, Jennifer Fouts, Jennifer Muzzy, Judi Heckel, Kimberly Lane, Nancy Conlon, Peggy Salmon, Sara Gergeni and Tasha Hollingsworth.

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