

## Madison County Exhibit

Exhibit Name: From There to Here: Modern Meaning in Madison's African American History

Exhibit Dates: Saturday, February 17, 2018

"Speak and Scan" Dates: February 17, February 23-24, Mar 2-3 and by appointment

### "Speak and Scan" During Exhibit in Madison Library

In a celebration of Black History Month, the Madison Public Library will host an exhibit and oral history project titled **From There to Here: Modern Meaning in Madison's African American History**. The exhibit, on view from February 19-March 3, 2018, links the past and present and celebrates the strength of Madison County because of its interconnectedness.

Exhibit curator, Terry Miller, is inviting the public to be part of a "Speak and Scan" oral history program that will result in a pictorial that includes our county's African American past. "Photo albums are full of precious, unique pictures and snippets of memories waiting to be shared," says Miller. "If we truly believe that each person has value, that one life touches another and ripples through time, then bring your favorite old black and white photographs of your family members and friends." **Speak and Scan** dates are February 17, 23-24, and March 2-3 during regular library hours.

Photographs will be scanned on the spot and returned to their owners. Cameras and tape recorders will be available for the public to share a story about the person(s) in the photographs. The book, tentatively titled *African Americans of Upper Piedmont*, is scheduled for release in October, 2018, and will feature approximately 200 vintage black and white photographs with accompanying captions of people of color from Madison, Rappahannock, Orange and Culpeper.

Last year, the Madison Public Library hosted Miller's exhibit, **Their Sacrifice-Our Freedom: Madison-Born Union Civil War African American Soldiers**. This native Texan is a resident of rural Suffolk, an author of several history-themed books, and founding curator of two museums – the John J. Wright Museum in Spotsylvania and the Lawrence Graves Museum of Dunbar History in Washington, D.C. You may contact her at [ljm4608@gmail.com](mailto:ljm4608@gmail.com) and visit her on the web at [www.mexhibits.com](http://www.mexhibits.com). The Madison Public Library is located at 402 N. Main Street. The telephone number is (540) 948-4720.