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History Unfolded: U.S. Newspapers & the Holocaust

Library of Virginia seeks online volunteers for a series of research sprints

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RICHMOND, VIRGINIA – What did Virginia newspapers report about Nazi persecution during the 1930s and 1940s? Volunteer participants can help answer this question using Library of Virginia digital collections. A project of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C., History Unfolded asks students, teachers, and history buffs throughout the United States what was possible for Americans to have known about the Holocaust as it was happening and how they responded to it. Participants will look in local newspapers for news and opinion about Holocaust-era events that took place in the United States and Europe, and submit articles they find to a national database.

In partnership with the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum and the Virginia Holocaust Museum, the Library offers three virtual “research sprints” into our online collection of Virginia newspapers. By identifying Holocaust-related articles, we will begin to understand what the average Virginian could have known during WWII, based on the information to which they had access locally. An orientation to the History Unfolded project and overview of specific historical events will be given by Holocaust Memorial Museum staff members. Local historical context will be given by the Virginia Holocaust Museum. Staff members from the Library’s Virginia Newspaper Project will demonstrate how to use online resources to access historical newspapers. Participants will then work in virtual break-out rooms on targeted research assignments. Assistance using online resources will be available. Volunteers may register for any or all three of the online events held on Saturday mornings in July, September, and November. See details below.

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History Unfolded: U.S. Newspapers & the Holocaust

Saturdays: July 25, September 26, & November 21, 2020 | 10:00–11:30 AM

Place: Online | Cost: Free

Registration required via HandsOn Greater Richmond at bit.ly/LVAhistoryunfolded.

Minimum age is 16 (12 with an adult). For more information, contact Sonya Coleman at makinghistory@virginiamemory.com or call HandsOn Greater Richmond at 804.330.7400.

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